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April Guest Newsletter

Dear Judy,



COMING ATTRACTIONS:

If you want to learn about effective selling techniques, plan on attending our **April 11** meeting, from 6 - 8 p.m. It packs a punch so don't be late. A panel of authors, Rich Goldhaber, Dolores Burton, and Roseanne Pawlec will discuss **How to Sell yourself and your books in Thirty Seconds!** Our very own members who sell at the Farmer's Market and elsewhere will be divulging their tried and proven techniques for selling.

The second half of the meeting will be discussing the new guidelines for the anthology, getting members opinions and ideas so we can get

this moving.



Marco Island Poets

Poets will also meet Tuesday, April 24 from 3-5 p.m. at Liz Noyes condo. Come and bring something to read, & share; critique yours or another's. Please RSVP beforehand as we like to know how many to plan on, and I will give you directions, They met March 27 at the Arts Center to see "Art as Commentary" and discuss "Commentary as Art" with Donald Sunshine. [Sara Medeiros](#) 239-394-1728

MEMBERS IN THE NEWS



Jan Marin Tramanonto was a featured poet at the Celebration of Women's Poetry on March 20 in Bonita Springs.

Congrats Jan



Dr. Dolores Burton did a book signing at P J Boox in Fort Myers with her book, ***Bully Billy is Back*** on March 27.

Congrats Dolores

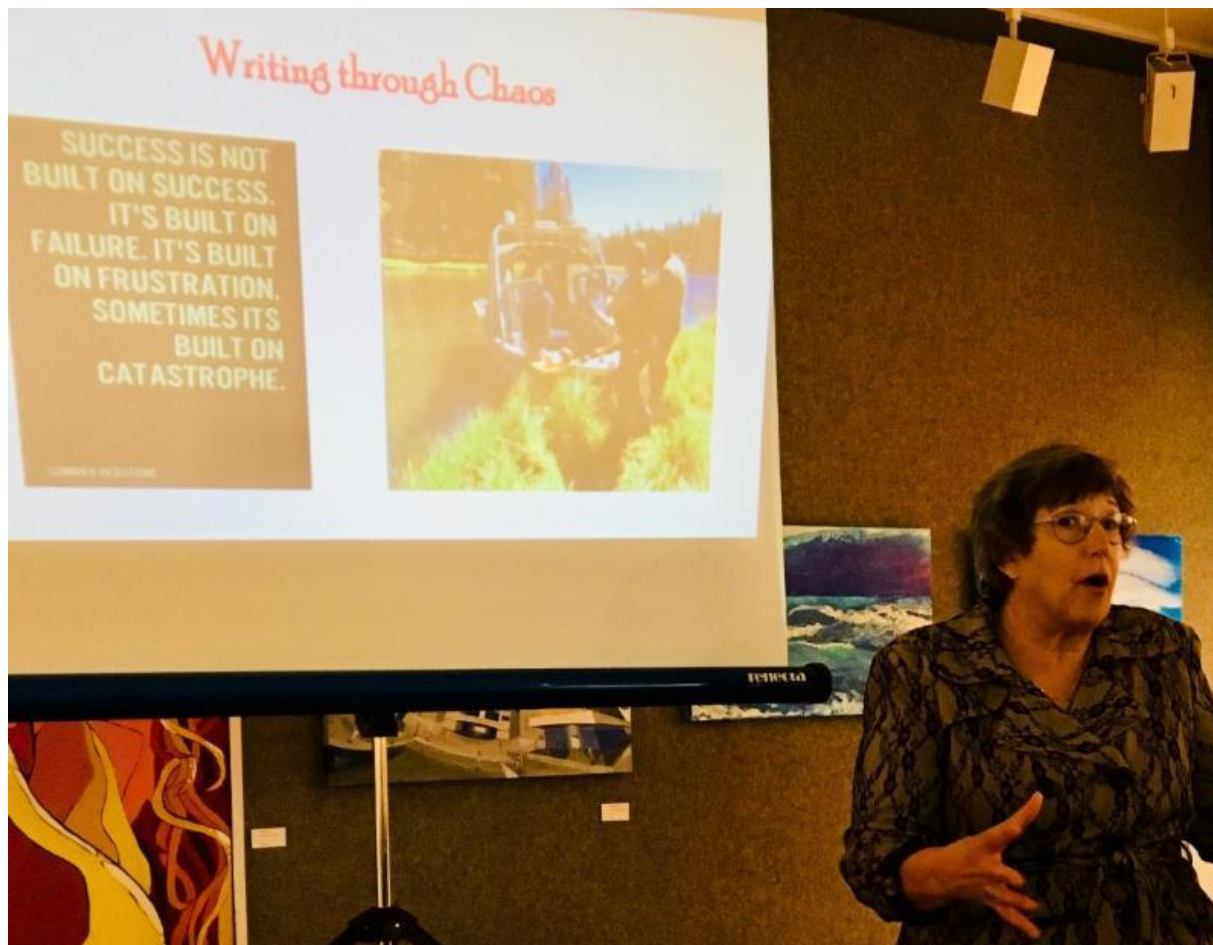


Mike Eckers, spoke to the Literary Volunteers of Naples on March 29. He spoke about his historical non-fiction books.

Congrats Mike

Florida Writer's Retreat - Sat. May 19, 2018
Sixth Annual Sandhill Writer's Retreat
Saint Leo University, 35 miles north of Tampa
[Retreat Details](#)

MARCH MEETING SPEAKER
AWARD WINNING AUTHOR LAURA DRAKE



We offer a special thank you, and an encore applause, to award winning author Laura Drake who spoke to us at the March meeting.

[Laura Drake Website](#)

What did you learn? If you missed the meeting and are a member, or just want to review her talk, check our meeting minutes for details. Among other things, she let us know about a very impressive blog to visit with great hands-on editing examples and writing insight. You will find the address in the Member's Corner.

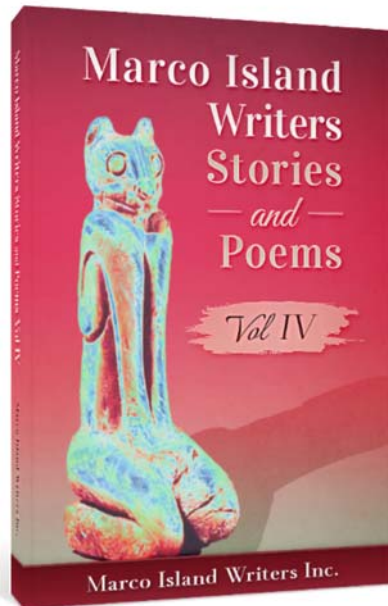
Marco Center For the Arts
Meet and greet with lots of locals.
2nd Tuesday of every Month

Don't let this chance pass you by! This is a well attended affair and we need authors to take advantage of this great, free opportunity to

promote their books. Spots for 2018 are still open at this time. The events create a ready-made and receptive audience with our visually artistic brethren. Don't miss it. Email Joanne at Joanne.tailele@gmail.com and let her know what month you want. Marco Arts Schedule so far:

So far, the following are booked:

April 10 - Pauline Hayton June 12 - Jan Tramontano
 May 8 - Philip Reid Nov. 13 - Pauline Hayton



Marco Island Writers Stories and Poems Vol. IV

Available for sale at every meeting
 & available at the Farmer's Market.

Members Price \$8.00 Or a set of all four books for \$29.00 See Pauline for purchase

DON'T FORGET TO SUBMIT FOR NEXT YEARS ANTHOLOGY.

A rubric & submission rules available soon. The Anthology team will discuss the ideas they have compiled, so far, at the April meeting. Be there to give your input on how the process should proceed.



**LAST MONTH!
 FARMER'S MARKET
 MAKE USE OF THIS
 OPPORTUNITY**

Rich Goldhaber chairing again (Thanks Rich!). Interested ? please contact R.J.Goldhaber@gmail.com There are still a couple of opportunities remaining.

90TH TAMiami TRAIL ANNIVERSARY 20TH MUSEUM BIRTHDAY



SATURDAY, APRIL 28

Museum of the Everglades
105 West Broadway, Everglades City, FL, 34139



Celebrate with us
in Historic Everglades City

- 10:00am: Booths Open, Coffee & Bake Sale**
McLeod Park on the Circle
- 10:00am: Walking Tour of Historic Buildings**
- 11:00am: Opening Ceremony**
Welcome & Introduction of Dignitaries
Collier speech read by Barron Collier III
- 11:30am: Parade around the City**
- 11:30am - 1:30pm: BBQ (\$10), Sons of the Confederacy**
McLeod Park on the Circle
- 12:00nn: Naples Dixieland Jazz Band Performance**
- 1:00pm: Marco Island Historical Re-Enactors**
- 2:00pm: Guest Speaker Jonathan Ullman**
- 3:00pm: Old-Timers' Story-Telling**
- 4:00pm: Afternoon Tea at Historic Rod & Gun Club**
reservations requested
RSVP to FME_98@hotmail.com

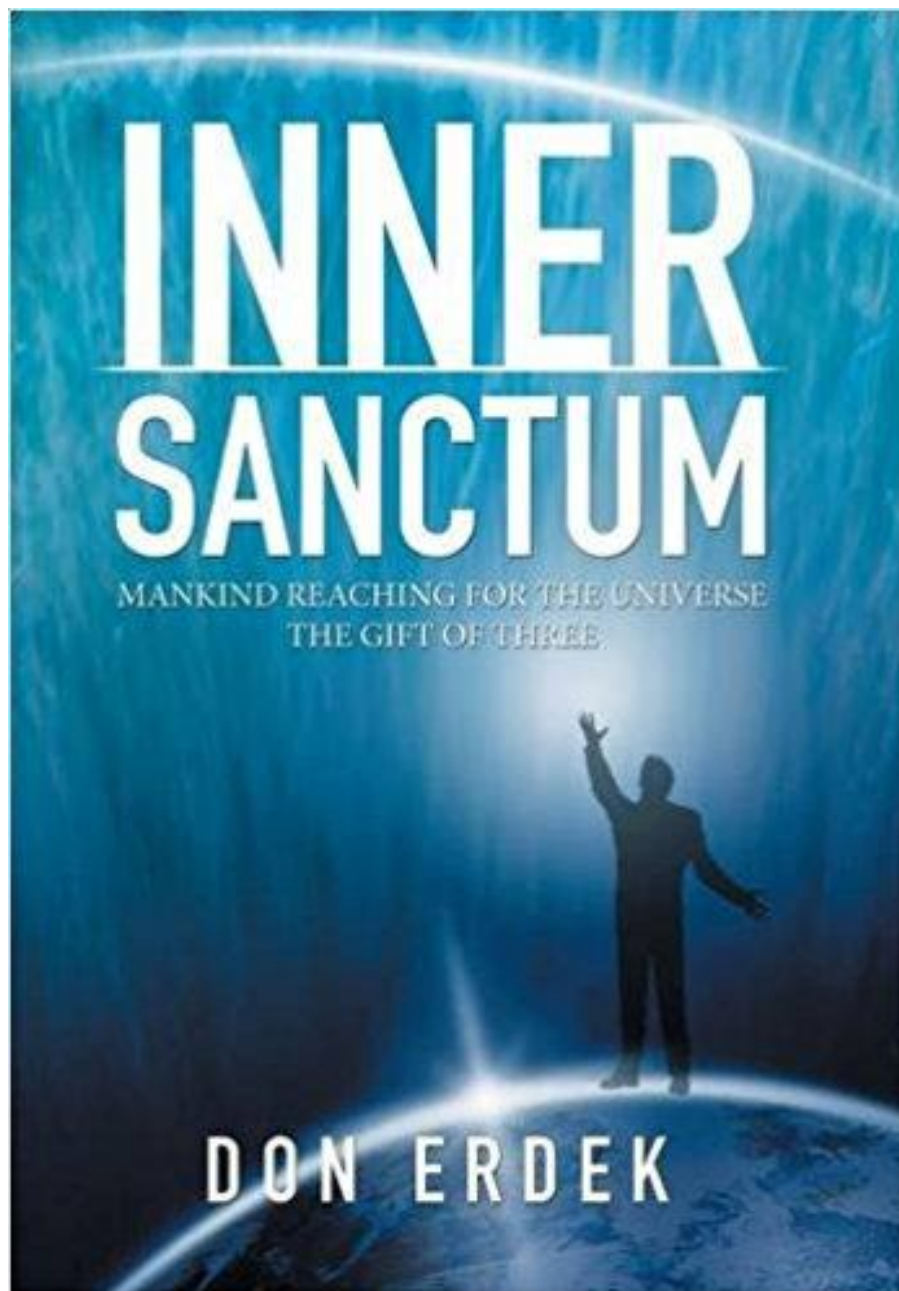
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BOOK OF THE MONTH

by Don Erdek



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INNER SANCTUM introduces a mysterious voice which, when recognized, is an individual's connection to the Universe. There are two threads which run the course of **INNER SANCTUM**, namely, individuality and evolution. The book is nonfiction -the collected thoughts and wisdom of a man who's lived a full life and has much to say about the world we live in. While **INNER SANCTUM** isn't a pulse-pounding page-turner, it's told with wit and wisdom, a tongue-in-cheek droll. The poetry, the prose, the dialogue, the writing style is unique and unusual. **INNER SANCTUM** is a story written to explain a pair of life's eternal exclamation marks:

In the big scheme of things, mankind is insignificant!

DON ERDEK was born in Manville, New Jersey, in 1935 during the height of the Great Depression, just a few years before Pearl Harbor. Much later, when

the 1963 economic recession set in and the work-study position with Franklin Institute fell through, he took a position with Bell Telephone Labs in Murray Hill, New Jersey. Changing his career direction to engineering and making money, he continued with an education doing graduate study at Brooklyn Institute of Technology. Abruptly, his career objectives turned to travel and to see the world. He moved to Miami and shortly thereafter, took a job on Eniwetok Atoll in the South Pacific followed by one in Tripoli, Libya, then 18 years in Saudi Arabia for Arabian American Oil Company. Don retired in May 1991 at the age of fifty-six, but later, as a lark, took another position with Johnson Controls at Cape Canaveral. The position was a challenge to work on the space program's launch towers. He returned to Texas in 1996 and bought a seventy-three-acre ranch on one of the most beautiful pieces of God's green earth in Colmesneil, deep in the east Texas piney woods. He was a successful rancher for over 20 years before he sold the ranch in December 2016. It was then that he decided it was time to write a book. Currently he lives in Naples.

POST SCRIPTS:

Marco Island Writers extends a heartfelt handshake and thank you for your membership and support. Membership entitles you to all the regular meetings, promotion of your books, short stories and poetry on the website, also member rates to any event requiring admission. Membership also gives you reciprocity with Gulf Coast Writers to attend their meetings at their member rates.

With your support, we are moving forward with our goals of encouragement and help to budding writers. We hope that, even if you can't attend every meeting, or serve on a committee, you know your participation has made a difference in the writing community. We continually strive to bring quality speakers and workshops to our members.

Interested in starting a new sub-group? Talk to our President about what sub-groups you would like to help develop. joanne.tailele@gmail.com

HAVE NEWS? - Won a reward or contest? Doing a book signing or promotion? Let us know before the 1st of each month so it can be included in our monthly newsletter. Send news to Jennie Weckelman, Secretary at jweckelman@embarqmail.com

If you have a newly published book, or are a new member to MIW, we would like to feature your book on the "Book of the Month." Send .jpg of book front cover, a short synopsis, short bio and where the book can be purchased to marcoislandwritersinc@gmail.com. Please put "Book of the Month" in the subject line. If we do not have any new books, we will rotate promoting previously published books of MIW members.

Sincerely,

Joanne Tailele, President

Jennie Weckelman, Secretary

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