

# Sarasota Authors Connection



## Newsletter - January 2018

**Fellow Authors:** Here is information on our next meeting.

**When:** Monday, January 22 (6:00pm)

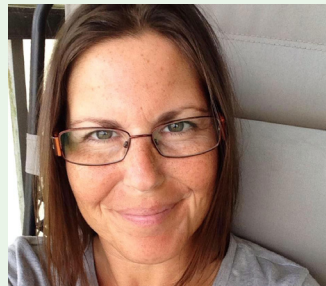
**Where:** Fruitville Library

100 Coburn Rd. (half mile east of I-75 on the corner of Fruitville and Coburn Rd.)

**Guest Speakers:** D.D. Scott (left), International Bestselling Author and writing and publishing coach and Michelle DeNio, an amazing marketing guru will offer tips on how to build new audiences in 2018.

**Topic:** "Using Social Media to Market Your Work."

**D.D.:** Connect with her on Twitter: [@ddscottromcom](https://twitter.com/ddscottromcom), Facebook [D.D Scott's ABC's of Writing and Publishing](#), Goodreads [DD Scott](#), [Pinterest ddscott1](#), Instagram [ddscottromcom](#)



**Michelle:** Her [website](#).

From there, you can see reviews from her satisfied clients.

## Got Something to Include in the Next Newsletter?

Please feel free to contact me for information you'd like included in a future newsletter. My email address is [barryzed@gmail.com](mailto:barryzed@gmail.com). Shameless self-promotion is encouraged. Would you like to see your name and associated work appearing in a directory in this newsletter? We can't do it without your okay. If you like the idea, please provide us with your name (or *nom de plume*), your latest work, and a link to where you or your book can be found.

It is the Club's policy that we do not use our membership email list to send out individual or private announcements.

Please join our Facebook group and post information on your book and upcoming events.



[www.authors.wordpress.com](http://www.authors.wordpress.com)

## Works by Our Members

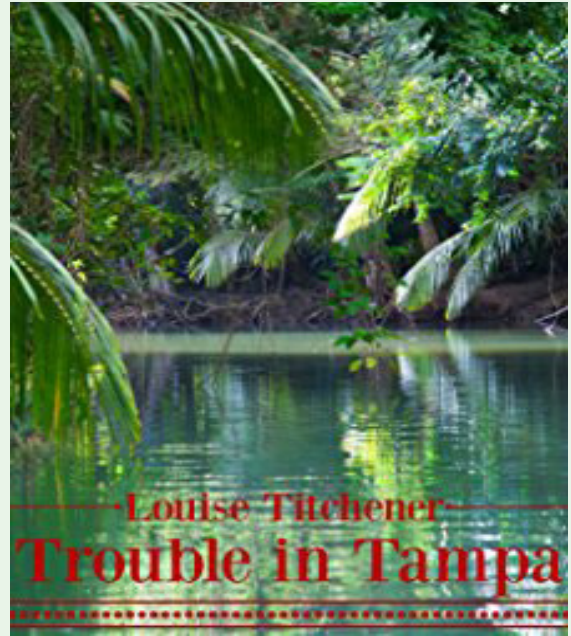
Member Louise Tichener has a new book from her Redcastle Mystery series. Its title, *Trouble in Tampa*. If you act quickly, you can nominate this title for the Kindle Scout program. You might even win a free book.

### Synopsis:

1885 Florida: Wild pigs, wild men, and peril!

The Wild West had nothing on Florida in 1885. An easy assignment for sharpshooter and ex-Pinkerton investigator, Oliver Redcastle, turns deadly. Betrayed by a passionate woman, he's railroaded into one of old Florida's infamous turpentine camps. Escape means a journey through miles of menacing animals, threatening people, and treacherous intrigue. Will Oliver survive the trouble in Tampa to see home again?

Click on the cover for more information.



*Flying Blind* is the debut novel by member and former pilot, Howard Hammerman.

### Synopsis:

What would you do if you were offered \$200,000 for a few days' work? What would it take for you, a law-abiding citizen, to step over the line? When is it excusable or even okay to commit adultery? These and other questions are explored in a gripping and sometimes humorous novel by former college professor, consultant and pilot.



Dan, like the author, is a private pilot. He is having marital and money troubles and contemplates the necessity of selling the love of his life, a thirty-year-old single-engine airplane when he is given an offer he finds hard to refuse. That starts a chain of events that will forever change his life.

One reviewer wrote, "If you like page turners, airplanes, some drug and sex related excitement, and the human predicament (can a good guy be bad and a bad guy good?) this is the book for you!"

For more information, click on the book's cover.

Our own Gabrielle Lennon, author of two books: [After Midnight](#), (a book of poetry) and [Touch Me Real](#) (a book of short stories) will be appearing at the SaraSola Theater Festival on Feb. 13, 2018 at 3:00 pm. She stars in a one-woman show (she also wrote the script). The play is also titled, *Touch Me Real*.

### Synopsis:

A revelation, someone who seemed in the past to be funny, loving and gentle, later shows a deeply

disturbing side in this humorous, sexy and heart-breakingly tragic dramatic play. Learn more by clicking on the logo below.



## Stuff for Writers SAC does not guarantee that it's the right stuff

### Authors: Get Noticed by the Herald-Tribune

Attention authors, book groups and book clubs.

Send announcements of your public signings, readings and meetings to be included in the Sarasota Herald-Tribune's weekly Book Events calendar, published each Sunday in the Arts section and online.

Items should be brief, include names, dates, times



and contact information for the public.

All items should be submitted at least two weeks before expected publica-

tion to Herald-Tribune Arts Editor Jay Handelman at [jay.handelman@heraldtribune.com](mailto:jay.handelman@heraldtribune.com).

You may also submit information for the online calendar at [heraldtribune.com/submit](http://heraldtribune.com/submit).

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### Book Stores

**Books-A-Million** (Gulf Gate Pavilion).  
6591 S Tamiami Trail, Sarasota, FL 34231  
Hours: 10AM-10PM  
Phone: (941) 922-7804

**Bookstore1** - 12 S Palm Ave, Sarasota, FL 34236  
Hrs 10am -7pm (Sunday 10an -4pm)

**Copperfish Books** - 1205 Elizabeth St., Punta Gorda, FL 33950, 941-205-2560

**Parker's Books** - 1488 Main St. Sarasota, the first and third Saturday of every month all year long.

Please remember do not block entrance to store.

Keep tables on one side. Contact:

Carole Stevens Bibisi ([caroleart@hotmail.com](mailto:caroleart@hotmail.com))

**Sandman Book Store** - Punta Gorda, will do book signings and take books on consignment. Please check this one out as they are really promoting local authors.

**Village Voices** - 1010 10th Ave W, Bradenton, FL 34205 · (941) 748-6865, can arrange book signings on the first.

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### Authors for Radio Show Interviews

For more than 13 years, The Radio Ear Network Project has brought radio listeners some of the most interesting people in the world. Our hosts, guests and shows have been written up in major national publications like Health, Time, Family Circle, O the Oprah Magazine, Entrepreneur, People, INC., Parents and the New York Times. Journalists and producers from many top national TV shows and radio programs listen to the Radio Ear Network Project with the possibility of discovering the next unique person or topic.

With 5 stations broadcasting and 3 new stations in development this year we are offering authors a unique chance to get more publicity in one of America's fastest growing media outlets. Currently we are looking for submissions for possible interviews for the Fall season.

If you are interested in being a guest on one of our programs, please send a 1 page bio and description of your book to [ExecutiveProducer@radio-earnetwork.com](mailto:ExecutiveProducer@radio-earnetwork.com). There is no cost for interviews.

Make sure you include an email and phone number for us to contact you if needed. Your submission will be directed to the program that suits your book topic the best.

Do you know how to maximize your interview on top TV shows like CNN, 48 Hours, ABC's The View, Fox News and the Today Show? If interested, drop us an email.

Joseph Dobzynski Sr.

Executive Producer

The Radio Ear Network Project

<http://www.RadioEarNetwork.com>

CEO - Amanatee Group LLC



## Local Groups (Author, Writing, Critique, and Book Lovers)

**SRQ Spec and Mystery Writers** Calling all mystery, horror, science fiction, and fantasy writers. This critique workshop is for people who are serious about critiquing, getting critiqued, and being published. Each meeting features the work of two writers. These members e-mail their manuscripts to me at least a week in advance of the meeting. I send them to the other members, who put their comments on the manuscripts. Attendees share

their comments with the group, and then give the manuscripts to the featured writers.

Each meeting includes information sharing on topics such as markets, conferences, and writing instruction. Members are encouraged to suggest books they've enjoyed. I'm also looking forward to giving lectures and having guest speakers.

Contact: Patricia La Barbera  
([editor@patricialabarbera.com](mailto:editor@patricialabarbera.com)) [Meet Up](#)

### Englewood Authors

**Englewood Authors** - (Englewood/Venice)  
Contact Edwin Ellis at [edellis20@gmail.com](mailto:edellis20@gmail.com) or call 941-662-6867. Visit their blogspot at [englewoodauthors.blogspot.com](http://englewoodauthors.blogspot.com)

**Florida Writers Association/Sarasota Branch** – (Nokomis) Contact George Mindling, [myakka@embarqmail.com](mailto:myakka@embarqmail.com).  
FWA blogspot [www.fwasarasota.blogspot.com](http://www.fwasarasota.blogspot.com)  
The group meets on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, at the Nokomis Fire Station. Click [here](#) for directions.

**Florida Writers Association/Manatee Branch** – (Bradenton) Contact Dona Lee at 748-6865 or email [DGould497@aol.com](mailto:DGould497@aol.com)

### THE FLORIDA BIBLIOPHILE SOCIETY (FBS)

For membership details, click on the [FBS Logo](#).



(Venice) Contact Roger Sakowski, Facilitator, at [roger@acuitygroup.org](mailto:roger@acuitygroup.org). Their [website](#)

**Suncoast Writers Guild** (Englewood/Venice)  
Contact Kari Burgess [K45burgess@gmail.com](mailto:K45burgess@gmail.com) and visit their website at [suncoastwriters.com](http://suncoastwriters.com)

**Creative Writers Meetup** Meets every other Tuesday at the Alliance Church, 7221 Bee Ridge Rd, Sarasota, FL 34241

Meetings: Jan. 2nd and 16th. Events begin at 6:30pm. Click [here](#) for directions.

### Heartwood Writers Collective

This group is for aspiring writers & artists who long to explore their inner world through self expression on the page. Heartwood is a retreat center designed to promote personal growth, healing, and creative inspiration.

Next meeting: Wed., Jan 17 (6:00 - 9:00pm)  
More information [here](#).



**Wordier Than Thou Storytelling & Prose** holds open mic sessions every 3rd Wednesday at the [Sarasota Brewing Company](#), 6607 Gateway Ave, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. Next session is Jan 17. The featured author will be followed by 10-minute-long open mic slots for prose and storytelling only. Writers of all levels are welcome to share their stories.

More info about the next open mic here:  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1700890786596627/>

**Writers Club of Stoneybrook** Meetings are held on the 2nd Thursday of each month (5:45pm). For more information, contact Cynthia Fabian ([fabianwriter@gmail.com](mailto:fabianwriter@gmail.com)), (or 917-340-5001), This is a compact group and invites new writers. For a map to the location, please click [here](#).

More Groups - See next page.

## Local Groups (continued from previous page)

**Sarasota Fiction Writers** Meets on the 1st Tues. of each month at 6:00pm at the Selby Library. Next meeting: Jan. 2, 2018.

According to award-winning Sarasota author and editor Liz Coursen, “Commas are, hands down, the most abused mark of punctuation — bar none.” Coursen, author of 10 books about American

English punctuation and grammar, will present an hour-long comma workshop, “Comma Common Sense.”

Sarasota Fiction Writers meetings are free and open to the public. For more information, please visit [thequillguild1.wixsite.com/sfwriters](http://thequillguild1.wixsite.com/sfwriters).

### ABC-Artisans of Books

(for Children and Adults) is made up of professional and aspiring authors, illustrators, publishers, and editors. They meet at the Selby Library, Sarasota on the third Wednesday of each month from 1:00pm - 3:00pm. They welcome all writers and illustrators to network and share information. Their mission is to form a networking alliance of



independently published, self-marketing, and aspiring artisans in the fields of children’s and mainstream books, to exchange knowledge, share experiences, assist in marketing, and promote

literacy wherever possible. (More by clicking on the logo.)

Contact - Brenda Spalding: [bpspalding@msn.com](mailto:bpspalding@msn.com)

**Charlotte Writers Workshop** 1st Monday of each month (1pm) at Charlotte Mid-County Library ([directions](#)). Addresses all aspects of writing, one-on-one help available, Q and A, hands-on writing prompts for fun. Bring ongoing projects and bounce ideas off others.

No “publishers” hawking their services, although information on how to self publish, get a literary agent in your field, and publishing houses that are currently accepting work.

Come for fun and learning.

Email: [tamiamifl@comcast.net](mailto:tamiamifl@comcast.net) for information.

## Sarasota Public Library Events

### Cirque D’ Book at Selby Library

Monday, Jan. 8, 10:30am. to Noon  
Conference Room - 2nd Floor  
Book: Gentlemen in Moscow,  
by Amor Towles

Selby’s new Librarian is Laura Hampton. To contact Laura for events you think might be of interest, [here is her email address](#).

### Other Sarasota Library Events

Events	Date and Time
One Book Author- Daniel Bergman reads from <i>Sing For Your Life</i> .	Fri, Jan. 26 (10:30am- and also 7pm) <b>Location.</b>

For all Sarasota Library Branches events:  
[Click here](#)

### Online Book Clubs (click on any club for more information)

[Audio](#)

[Fiction](#)

[Business](#)

[Good News](#)

[Classic](#)

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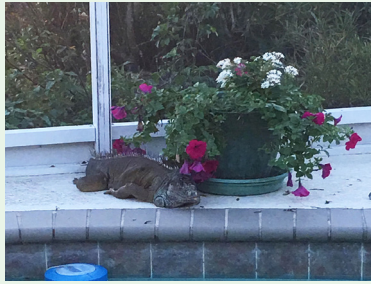


## SAC Party Pics

If you were unable to attend our Christmas party at Susan Klaus' Matrix Ranch, you missed out on a great time.

There were dozens of attendees, not to mention the horses and Al the iguana (right), the lanai guard.

The food was delicious and the conversation was non-stop. Susan Klaus



did a great job. The outside temperature was brisk, but Burning Man was hot, as usual.

The drawing produced a winner - Maryann Burchell - who won the big prize: a bag of goodies that included a 1st Edition, signed copy of a David Baldacci novel.



## Upcoming Events

### Children's Book Fair and Family Fun Day

**Where:** Bradenton Farmers Market (Old Main St.)

**When:** Sat., April 14, 2018 (9:00 am - 2:00 pm)

All children's authors and illustrators welcome.

Cost: \$35 for a 10 x 10 space.

To register, please email tp:

[market@reliziebradenton.com](mailto:market@reliziebradenton.com)

Peg Haynes

Realize Bradenton | Farmers' Market Manager

(941) 932-1154 | BradentonFarmersMarket.com



### 37th Annual Fla. Antiquarian Book Fair

The Florida Antiquarian Book Fair is the oldest and largest fair of its kind in the Southeastern U.S. Presented in St. Petersburg's historic coliseum, it will feature dealers specializing in books of every age and subject matter, antique maps, ephemera and other paper collectibles.

**When:** April 20 - 22, 2018

For more about this event, click [here](#).

### Venice Writer's Fest & Book Fair

**Where:** Centennial Park, Venice

**When:** Sat. March 24, 2018

Register by Feb. 1 and save money on your table.

For details please click [here](#).

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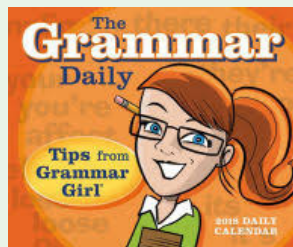
## Writers Take Notice

### Grammar Girl Daily Calendar

If you're perplexed by troublesome grammar rules, the memory tricks and clear explanations in this new daily calendar will make you a better and more successful writer.

12-month format (January - December 2018). Daily tear-off sheets.

Click on the image for more.



**SelfPublishedAuthor™**  
by Bowker

### Stop Promoting and Start Communicating

Book marketers spend hours and significant sums of money promoting their books, but experience little results. They do not understand that the impact of promotion is not the number of press releases, emails and media appearances that they conduct. It is the lack of communication and engagement with the recipients.

Read the full article by clicking [here](#).

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## Of Possible Interest to Local Authors

Are you an author (or soon to be one)? If you'd like to join Sarasota Authors Connection and receive our monthly newsletter, please email our editor Barry Zack at [barryzed@gmail.com](mailto:barryzed@gmail.com). Simply submit your name and email address.

There are no dues.

Our purpose is to enlighten authors about book promotion, publishing, and other related activities — authors helping authors. Members are en-

couraged to submit their book information: new releases, signings, publishing options, awards, as well as conferences, events, writing contests, and articles. Please send your information for the newsletter to Barry by the 24th of the previous month.

### Caveat emptor!

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## SAC Who's Who

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