

A community event celebrating local Virginia Authors

Program

Saturday, June 22, 2019 10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M. Lancaster Community Library Kilmarnock, Virginia 22482



Author Talks

All Author Talks will be held in the downstairs conference room

Living the Successful Life (10:30 a.m.)

Jim Gordon has over 30 years of public speaking background and has trained executives, medical professionals, attorneys, therapists, and sales specialists. He has developed custom audio visualization trainings which have produced fantastic results for all walks of life and will share his insights on how all of us can enrich our lives.

Set in the Neck (11:30 a.m.)

Ever thought you recognized a character or a place in a novel? Awardwinning writer Ann Eichenmuller will talk about where ideas come from, why tidewater towns are her settings of choice, and how much of a writer's fiction is derived from "real life." A great workshop for aspiring writers and curious readers, with plenty of opportunity for Q & A.

The Christian Fiction Author (12:30 p.m.)

J.L. Canfield, whose debut mystery *What Hides Within* won the Pencraft award for Best Christian Fiction 2019, will talk about how she develops her own ideas for stories, as well as the rewards and challenges of writing Christian fiction in today's market.

Giving Back (1:30 p.m.)

Local author Gwen Keane and the Northern Neck Partnership for Pets will talk about how we can all use our creativity and talents to support organizations in our community.

Keynote Speaker Craig Shirley. 2:30 p.m. Downstairs conference room



Mr. Shirley is an American author, lecturer, historian and public affairs consultant.

He has written four bestsellers on Ronald Reagan: *Rendezvous with Destiny: Ronald Reagan and the Campaign that Changed America (2014), Reagan's Revolution: The Untold Story of the Campaign That Started*

It All (2005), Last Act: The Final Years and Emerging Legacy of Ronald Reagan (2015), and Reagan Rising: The Decisive Years, 1976-1980 (2017).

He is also the author of *Citizen Newt: The Making of a Reagan Conservative (2017)*, the only authorized biography of former Speaker of the House Newt Gingrich's early career.

Shirley is now at work on two new books on Reagan and his book, *Honored Madam*, a definitive biography about George Washington's mother, Mary Ball Washington, launched on Mother's Day in 2019.

Welcome to the second annual Writers Expo. Discover your next favorite author!

Self-Help

David Cariens Ann Eichenmuller Susan Williamson Roger McIntire Sue Johnson J. Blackwell Gordon

Memoir

Sharon Canfield Dorsey Gwen Keane Peggy Newcomb

History

Nathan Madison Mary Montague Sikes David Cariens Gwen Keane Thea Marshall

Spiritual

Joyce Stedelbauer Mary Montague Sikes Edward Vinson Marilyn Marsden

Fiction

Ann Eichenmuller Cindy L. Freeman Susan Williamson Mary Montague Sikes Julie Canfield Eileen Haavik McIntire Sara Fujimara Lenette Howard

Poetry

Sharon Canfield Dorsey Janice Hoffman Renée Olander J. Blackwell Gordon

Children's Literature

Sharon Canfield Dorsey Mary Montague Sikes Joyce Stedelbauer Susan Williamson Gwen Keane

Open Mic - Join our open mic participants in the fireplace room at the library beginning at 10:30 a.m. Our open mic features poets or spoken word artists, and audience members.

Sponsors - Please support the businesses and organizations that help us bring this free community event to you. They are listed in this program.

Calvary Baptist Church has meals for purchase available on the second floor. We have set aside the large room upstairs for you to enjoy your lunch or a beverage. J.L.CANFIELD is author of both Detective Mystery and Women's Fiction. Her debut mystery *What Hides Within*, won the Pencraft award for Best Christian Fiction 2019. The next book in this series should be released next year. Her Women's Fiction, *Icy Roads*, was released in May. When not writing, she's either mentoring new writers, editing works for others, or teaching writing at workshops. Julie is also an award-winning photographer whose



text artwork will be online soon. Visit her website: www.jlcanfield.com.

DAVID CARIENS is a retired CIA political analyst. He wrote finished intelligence for all levels of consumers including the president and members of the intelligence and policymaking communities. Cariens continues to teach intelligence and crime analysis. He is a victims' rights advocate and the author of *A Question* of Accountability: The Murder of Angela Dales about the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Virginia, and Virginia Tech: Make Sure

It Doesn't Get Out, an analysis of that rampage. Visit his website: www. DaveCariens.com.

SHARON DORSEY is the author of three children's books, a memoir, and a book of poetry. She has received awards from the CNU Writer's Conference, Poetry Society of Virginia, Gulf Coast Writer's Association and Chesapeake Bay Writers. Her poems are also included in an anthology by the James City Poets, titled, *Captured Moments*. She is a Senior Sales Director of thirty-eight years with Mary Kay Cosmetics.

Visit her website: www.SharonCanfieldDorsey.com.





ANN EICHENMULLER is the author of the non-fiction book *The Writing Rx* as well as three novels: *Kind Lies, The Lies We Are*, and *The Lies Beneath*. She is an award-winning essayist and travel writer whose work has been featured in *All at Sea, Chesapeake Style, Chesapeake Bay*, and *Motorhome* magazines. Visit her website at www.AnnEichenmuller.com.



CINDY FREEMAN is author of three novels: *Unrevealed, The Dark Room,* and *I Want to Go Home,* a novella, *Diary in the Attic,* and three award-winning short stories. She began writing fiction after a forty-five-year career in music education and music ministry. Currently, she is finishing her childhood memoir about growing up on a dairy farm in central New York. Cindy also edits for High Tide Publications and writes regular

blog posts: www.cindylfreeman.blogspot.com Website: www.cindy@ cindylfreeman.com



SARA FUJIMURA writes for teens and the young at heart. She is the American half of her Japanese-American family and spends a month each summer in rural Japan with her children. She's written about Japanese culture and raising bicultural kids for such magazine as *Learning Through History* and *Mothering*. Her first YA novel *Tanabata Wish* is set in Japan. Her second book *Breathe* is YA historical fiction set in 1918 Philadelphia. For

more information, check out her website at www.sarafujimura.com.

J. BLACKWELL GORDON Captain Jim resides in a Mill Creek cottage on Virginia's Chesapeake Bay enjoying boating, sailing and kayaking. A love of the sea enriches his unique approach. He is the author of Songbook From My Soul, Notes of the Sea, Gutsy Tales Off the Rails, Living Out Loud, and Who Let the Crabs Out, Navigating the Waters of Life. For more information, go to www. SuccessfulLifeSailing.com



"Within each person is the seed of greatness"

JANICE HOFFMAN holds bachelor's and master's degrees from Indiana University and has taught creative writing, expository writing, and literature in Indiana and Kentucky. Currently, she teaches at the Historic Triangle Campus of Thomas Nelson Community College in Virginia and co-hosts a monthly poetry reading. She was runner-up for poet laurate of Hampton Roads. She is the author of *Soul Cookies*, a collection of poems. Contact her at: janhoffpoetry@gmail.com.



LENETTE HOWARD claims to have a checkered past. While she is "crazy nuts" about her grandkids, someone other than a grandmother lurks inside her: the heart of a rebel. A pursuer of many jobs, she ended up an adult student, eventually obtaining a master's degree at the age of forty. While searching for the right occupation, her writing hobby morphed into something approaching an addiction, and eventually, she



succumbed to the only career she ever secretly wanted.



SUE JOHNSON, her daughter-in-law, and daughter, wrote *Grandloving: Making Memories with Your Grandchildren*. Sue knew grandparents wanted more ideas when her initial query to 150 friends snowballed into 350 responses. An honors graduate of Wheaton College, and a contemporary grandparenting expert, she has served as a judge for the Mom's Choice Award. Sue and her husband of 58 years, live on the Northern Neck of VA.

www.grandloving.com.



GWEN KEANE was born and raised in the Northern Neck of Virginia. She has a Master's Degree from Georgetown University in Public Administration. She retired from her federal career as a civilian employee with the U.S. Navy, with ten years as the Deputy Inspector General for the Naval Sea Systems Command. She has written three books: *Swan Wait, Local Color,* and *How Cowboy Found His Forever Home.*

www.GwenKeane.com



daughter.

TIMOTHY J. LOCKHART is a lawyer and former U.S. Navy officer who worked with the CIA, DIA, and Office of Naval Intelligence. He has published articles and book reviews in a variety of publications, including *Naval Intelligence Quarterly, Naval War College Review*, and *The Virginian-Pilot*. Stark House Press published his first novel, *Smith*, in 2017, and his second novel, *Pirates*, in 2019. He lives in Norfolk, Virginia, with his wife and

Photo: Margaret E.G. Lockhart

NATHAN VERNON MADISON is an industrial and popular culture historian and author. His first book, Anti-Foreign Imagery in American Pulps and Comic Books, 1920-1960), was nominated for the Will Eisner Comic Industry Award for Best Scholarly Book. His new book Tredegar Iron Works: Richmond's Foundry on the James, is about one of Richmond's most famous landmarks. He has consulted for C-SPAN, the BBC, and AMC. He co-produced a PBS documentary



detailing the parallel histories of Tredegar and its Welsh namesake.

MARILYN MATHENY MARSDEN began writing essays for therapeutic reasons after her husband was diagnosed with dementia. She needed something to help her cope with the frustration (for both of them) and stress one has as a caregiver. Her deepest desire is to communicate with others the joy that comes when a person has an ongoing relationship with Christ dear Jesus. She "praises and thanks God for his amazing grace."



THEA MARSHALL is a radio personality, actress, and author. Her interview radio programs were carried over NPR in New York, Washington, and Richmond. Among her credits are the lead role in Tennessee Williams' *The Milk Train Doesn't Stop Here Anymore*. She is the author of *Neck Tales*, a collection of stories about Virginia's Northern Neck.





EILEEN HAAVIK MCINTIRE writes the 90s Club mystery series featuring the able, alert, and active 90-year-old amateur detectives at Whisperwood Retirement Village. She also writes historical adventures. She is president of the Maryland Writers' Association and an enthusiastic member of Sisters in Crime. About her latest book, *The Two-Sided Set-Up*, Kirkus Reviews says, "McIntire does a fine job of capturing the rhythm of its small-town life.

An engaging tale for aficionados of psychological suspense."



DR. ROGER MCINTIRE is professor emeritus of psychology at the University of Maryland. Father and grandfather, he is the author of practical books for parents, including *Teenagers and Parents* and *Staying Cool and In Control.* His books have been published in eight other countries, and reviewers describe them as "reassuring and enjoyable." His latest book, *Grandma, Can We Talk*, offers practical suggestions for grandparents.



the James City Poets.

PEGGY NEWCOMB is an artist, author and award-winning poet from Gloucester, Virginia. She has a BS degree in chemistry from Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia. She taught chemistry and science at York High School, Yorktown, Virginia. She has written for several newspapers and has been published in many venues including the *Poet's Domain*. She is a member of the National League of American Pen Women and **RENÉE OLANDER** was born on US Naval Base Corpus Christi, and raised in a large military family. She spent her childhood in Massachusetts, Honolulu, Michigan, and Southeastern Virginia, where she now lives amid the greatest concentration of military bases in the world. Her work is included in many other anthologies, journals, blogs and podcasts. She is Associate Vice President for Regional Higher Education Centers at



Old Dominion U., and leads a regional task force on sea-level rise & recurrent flooding.

MONTI SIKES is an author/artist who divides her attention between painting and writing. A former correspondent for The Newport News Daily Press and the Richmond News Leader, Sikes is the author of hundreds of published feature articles and photographs. Her paintings are in public and private collections in the United States, Canada and the Caribbean. Her "Passenger to Paradise" series is being rereleased in 2019. http://marymontaguesikes.blogspot.com

JOYCE CARR STEDELBAUER is an author and poet who lives in Williamsburg, Virginia. In addition, she is the author of four popular inspirational books on biblical people: *Have You Met Eve?*, *Have You Seen the Star?*, *Who Rolled the Stone?*, and *Where are you Adam?* She has written two children's books: *The Awesome Alphabet Animal's Party* and *The Angels Birthday Celebration.*







ED VINSON has written seven books of inspirational poetry. His inspiration comes from his experiences as an international chaplain, pastoral counselor, MSW, songwriter, and Chesapeake sailor. He has been a deep sea diver and voyager of "the wine-dark" seas of the Atlantic, Pacific, Caribbean and Mediterranean who has finally been fortunate enough to settle in Lancaster, Virginia, "almost Heaven".



SUSAN WILLIAMSON is a horse person, gardener, writer, and reader. She has worked as an extension agent, a newspaper editor, a community and adult education coordinator, a riding instructor, trainer, barn manager, adjunct professor, and manager of a local farm-to-table cooperative. The University of Kentucky and the University of California, Davis are her alma maters. She has written a children's book, three mysteries, and two

"how to" books.



JUDY ZUMMO was born in Denver, Colorado. She attended college in Salisbury, North Carolina and transferred to William & Mary where she graduated in 1966 with a degree in English, and a minor in math. She taught both English and math for 30 years. She writes the children's book series Henry and Hinky. Judy and her husband, Michael, live in Locust Grove, Virginia with their two dogs. They enjoy sailing, reading, and riding

horses.

Our Host - Lancaster Community Library

Established in 1961 with the financial and material support of private citizens in the Northern Neck, the Library has undergone many changes over the years. From the small white cottage on School Street to a new building in 1975 with subsequent expansions, the addition of the Storymobile, and the move to our newest facility on Town Centre Drive in 2016, the Library continues to support new technology and the demands of growing patronage. Governed by a board of directors elected by the membership, the Library is managed by a full-time library director who oversees a staff of 12 and a corps of more than 80 volunteers. It is the combined efforts of these individuals that contribute to the success of the Library.

The mission of the Lancaster Community Library is to provide access and programming to children, youth and adults through print and electronic resources, and through technological services in an environment that is open and welcoming. Visit our website at https://www.lancasterlibrary.org



The Writers Guild of Virginia

The Writers Guild of Virginia is a 501(c)(3) non-profit group. Like the guilds of old, our mission is to nurture writers of all abilities, in all stages of their writing journey. Our purpose-to help writers become authors, market their work, and be recognized for their talents. We're proud of all we do for the community through our classes, and the annual Authors Expo in Lancaster County, Virginia.

Founded by authors David Cariens, Gwen Keane, Ann Eichenmuller, Elizabeth Stokes, and Jeanne Johansen in 2015, The Writers Guild's first project was *The Journal*, an anthology of work by writers and poets. *The Journal* was dedicated to Elizabeth and her poem appears on the cover. Please visit our website at http://writersguildva.com



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Stan Scott is an Army veteran, business owner, and Hanover County resident running for Virginia's State Senate in the 4th District. He thinks it's time to give 4th District voters a choice when they go to the polls and choose representation in the General Assembly. Thanks for your support!

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