

The Tallahassee Festival of Books Schedule

March 19-20, 2010

“Books Make a Difference”

The book festival takes place in the FSU Conference Center on Pensacola St. (next to the Civic Center). Parking is free in the attached garage during evenings and on weekends. Book festival events are free and open to the public. Fee and registration required for writers conference sessions. *Times and sessions are subject to change.

Friday, March 19, Kickoff

6:30 – 9 p.m. Rm 208 The Power of Books to Shape American Life

Moderator: Helen Moeller, Director of the LeRoy Collins Leon County Public Library System.

- John Cole, founding director of the Center for the Book at the Library of Congress
- John Fenstermaker, Fred L. Standley Professor of English, Emeritus, at Florida State University
- Wayne Wiegand, the F. William Summers Professor of Library and Information Studies and Professor of American Studies at Florida State University

Light hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar

*This panel is sponsored by the Florida Humanities Council with funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Saturday, March 20

Note: Throughout the day, The House of Flying Cards, a troupe of creative street magicians will perform unique tricks in the corridors. Watch them pull smoke through solid glass, change the color of leaves, bend silverware into sculptures, and more! They are playing for tips, so be appreciative to these young performers from Orlando!

6:30–7:40 a.m. Vendor Set Up

Crafts – First Floor Hallway

Barnes and Noble (selling traditionally published books) – First Floor Foyer

FSU Used Book Sale – Second Floor Atrium

Independent and Small Press Authors – Second Floor Hallway

Nonprofits – Second Floor Hallway

Printers, Publishers – Second Floor Hallway

8-8:45 Rm 214 Book Festival Authors

Authors Michelle Beaudin (8:00), Richard Noble (8:10), Patricia Stephens (8:20), Michael Whitehead (8:30) Ted Simmons (8:40)

9-10 Rm 214 Young Children's Storyfest

Puppet show (9:00), Mark Fletcher (9:35), Regina Lewis (9:40), Carol Hair Moore (9:45), Jan Annino (9:50) Winning Essays (9:55)

10-10:45 Rm 214 Tween Time

Winning Essays (10:00) Jessica Burkhart (10:15) Susan Womble (10:30), M.R. Street (10:40), Anne Holt (10:50)

11-11:45 Rm 214 This Is My Best

Robert Olen Butler (11:00), Claudia Hunter Johnson (11:10), Rhett Devane (11:20), Michael Lister (11:30), Anne Petty (11:40)

1:25-2:15 Rm 208 In the Front Lines of Journalism Today—Michael Grunwald

Time Magazine senior correspondent and former Washington Post reporter Mike Grunwald will talk about the biggest stories of his career, including his recent story on the Time Magazine Man of the Year, Ben Bernanke.

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2:20-3:15 Rm 208 Environment Panel

Writing the Murky Waters: How Our Water and Waterways Are in Trouble

Moderator: Nancy Caire Miller of Tallahassee's TAPP (Think About Personal Pollution)

- Mike Grunwald, author of *The Swamp: The Everglades, Florida, and the Politics of Paradise*, which received the gold medal for nonfiction at the Florida Book Awards. He is a Time Magazine senior correspondent and former Washington Post reporter.

- Cynthia Barnett, author of *Mirage: Florida and the Vanishing Water of the Eastern U.S.*, gold medal winner in the Florida Book Awards. Barnett is a senior writer for Florida Trend magazine.
- Doug Alderson, author of *New Dawn for the Kissimmee River: Orlando to Lake Okeechobee by Kayak and Waters Less Traveled*.

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3:15-3:25 Rm 214 Sustainable Gardening in Florida

Community columnist for Jacksonville's Times Union, Ginny Stibolt is a naturalist with a master's degree in botany. She will talk about her new book, *Sustainable Gardening in Florida*.

3:25-3:35 Rm 214 50 Great Walks in Florida

Lucy Tobias will present a slide show "Looking at Florida with Fresh Eyes." Tobias is an award-winning reporter, environmental writer, and photographer, and author of *50 Great Walks in Florida*.

3:35-4:20 Rm 214 Poetryfest

President of Big Bend Poets Roberta Burton will lead a brief memorial in honor of Michael Carducci, a local champion of the literary arts. Hal Shows will entertain with his guitar. Poems read by Rick Campbell, Mark Fletcher, Barbara Hamby, Mary Jane Ryals, and Michael Trammel, followed by an open mike.

4:30-5:15 Rm 214 Panel on Seminole Culture

- Leading ethnohistorian and FSU anthropology graduate Patsy West, who has lived among tribal peoples for 37 years and written about them extensively, will kickoff this series of speakers. (4:30-4:45)
- Kiki Belmonte-Schaller (Cherokee/Seminole) uses her heritage to create unique characters. (4:45-4:55)
- Jan Godown Annino will make a presentation related to her picture book biography, *She Sang Promise: The Story of Betty Mae Jumper, Seminole Indian Leader*. (4:55-5:05)
- Lucia Robson, who has been called "Best Living Western Historical Novelist," will talk about one of her early books, *Light a Distant Fire*, about the Seminole Indian War leader Osceola. (5:05-5:15)

5:30-6:15 Rm 214 Book Festival Authors

Lucia Robson (5:20), Dee Merian (5:30), Don Yaeger (5:40), Glynn Marsh Alam (5:50), Bob Beard (6:00)

6:15-6:45 Rm 214 The House of Flying Cards Magic Show

6:45- 9 p.m. Rm 208 Telling It Like It Was: Writing About Historical Conflicts

- Moderator: Neil Jumonville, the William Warren Rogers Professor of History at Florida State University.
- Rodney Hurst, author of *It Was Never About a Hotdog and a Coke*. Hurst is a Civil Rights leader who at age 15 led a lunch counter demonstration in Jacksonville.
- Claudia Hunter Johnson, author of numerous award-winning plays, TV and screenplays, essays and novels, including *Stifled Laughter: One Woman's Story About Fighting Censorship*.
- Jeff Shaara, the NY Times best-selling author of nine military fiction novels, covering the Civil War, WWI, and WWII.

Hors d'oeuvres and cash bar followed by a panel discussion

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