

## August 2020 SCWG Meeting

Saturday, August 15, 2020  
Eau Gallie Public Library  
1521 Pineapple Ave  
Melbourne, FL 32935



### August Guest Speaker:

*There will be no guest speaker  
There will be no speaker this  
month. We will present the winners  
of our Short Story Contest!, who  
will read samples of their  
masterpieces!*

The meeting will be streamed via Zoom,  
at <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79214203741?pwd=a2JiWHpHSTlLU2NwaFJLOC9oWmlqZz09>. For security, we are not posting the  
login information here. Please refer to the email sent out by  
Joanne to all members.

# New! Hot!

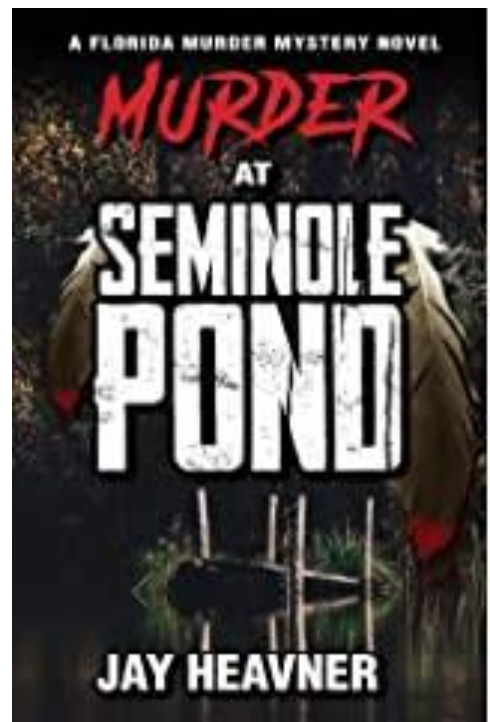
## Murder at Seminole Pond

Jay Heavner

Roger Pyles, forensic expert and part-time crime investigator, is frustrated at finding the wrong bodies just as he's finally getting his long-awaited archaeological dig started. But unexpected corpses will be the least of the problems he'll soon face, professional and personal. "These are the times that will try men's souls," Thomas Paine said. Will Roger succeed against his newest challenges?

Great trials can have the seeds of good hidden deep in them. Little can Roger realize how these untimely troubles will lead to his next great adventure.

***Murder at Seminole Pond***, my newest in the Florida Murder Mystery Series, is now available for pre-order on Amazon, e-book, and paperback. Target date for availability is Aug. 17. Happy camper, here! Send an email address to be added to his author's email list for notifications.



The Space Coast Writers' Guild (SCWG) is a network of writers dedicated to the same goal: helping authors realize their writing ambitions. Since 1982, the SCWG has provided activities to educate, develop, and promote its members. Visit [scwg.org](https://scwg.org/) for more information.

## 2020 SCWG Anthology

**Submission Guidelines:** All SCWG members in good standing are allowed **TWO** submissions (fiction, nonfiction, poetry, essays), no longer than 5,000 words. Submissions must be sent as an email attachment in **MS Word format** (.doc or .docx) to [bod@scwg.org](mailto:bod@scwg.org).

Center the title in all upper case and center the Author's name, in upper and lower case, below the title.

**Genre:** general/literary fiction, romance, historical, sci-fi, mystery/suspense. Children's stories, explicit foul language and erotica will not be accepted.

**ENTRIES MUST** be single spaced in 12-point Times New Roman font. **DO NOT** use a special size or font for titles. **DO NOT** number pages, and for prose please type past end of line (use word wrap), instead of using the enter key.

Submissions **cannot have been previously published**, or currently under review elsewhere.

All submissions must be accompanied by a 75-word author biography and a 1"x1" digital author headshot. Images must be in JPG or PNG format at 300dpi.

Include the author's name, address, telephone # and email address as well as the title of the submission. Prose must contain a word count below email address.

Please note that we will not accept headers, footers or references as part of your submission. All reference notes need to be included in the body of your short story.

**Important Dates:** Submit your work by (to be announced) for consideration.

Our 2020 Anthology will be published and distributed through Amazon.com in Kindle and print formats by Christmas.

**Note:** Not a SCWG member? No problem! Submit your work, along with a \$40 non-refundable entrance fee, and you're in. Plus, you get one full year of membership in the SCWG.

**The SCWG reserves the right to edit or decline submissions.**

Contact [bod@scwg.org](mailto:bod@scwg.org) for more details.



## Melbourne Independent Film Festival

The Melbourne Independent Film Festival is scheduled for October 15 through 17 at the Premiere Theaters Oaks Stadium 10 in Melbourne. Initially, there was some concern that the festival might not happen.

COME for the enjoyment of film and to support your local filmmakers (including screenwriters).

**WATCH** for the name of a fellow SCWG member in the credits. (“Tie Up Loose Ends”)

Due to COVID-19, this year’s MIFF will be a combination of live and online events. The schedule is still under development. Check back for more information or visit the festival's website at [www.melbournefilmfest.com/](http://www.melbournefilmfest.com/).



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



We are now in the sixth month of COVID-19. There is data indicating that we are on the downside. On the national level, America is going back to work. Unemployment numbers are tumbling again. Our nation is recovering.

Locally, we are meeting in person, once again. Yes, we are still limited in the numbers of SCWG members allowed in the meetings, but we ARE meeting in person. That’s a huge step forward!

Our next goal is to be able to increase the participation at the meetings and to return to having guest presenters. I’m sure you, like me, really miss the educational aspect of our Guild—one of the most important purposes of the Guild’s existence.



Sincerely,  
*Joanne Fisher*  
President, SCWG