

Writing Your Life

Patricia Charpentier

For more than nineteen years, owner of Writing Your Life, WritingYourLife.org, which offers classes, workshops, ghostwriting, editing, coaching, and LifeStory Publishing, which designs, formats, and has published more than fifty personal and family history books to date.

Multi-award-winning author of *Eating an Elephant: Write Your Life One Bite at a Time*, First Place, 2012 Dan Poynter's Global E-Book Awards – Silver Medalist, Florida Publishers Association President's Award, September 2012 - 2011 First Place Royal Palm Literary Award by Florida Writers Association – Recipient of Founders Award for achievement and service, Florida Authors and Publishers Association, August 2015

Recent and notable presentations/talks/workshops:

Ongoing classes and workshops throughout Central Florida
The Villages Enrichment Academy Instructor – 2018, 2019
Texas Authors Marketing Event – San Antonio, TX – July 2019
North Florida Genealogy Conference – Jacksonville, FL – March 2014, 2019
Amelia Island Writers Workshop/Book Expo – Amelia Island, FL – 2013, 2019
Sons of the American Revolution – Fruitland Park, FL – February 2019
Orlando Museum of Art - Orlando, FL – September-October 2018
The Basics of Writing Well – Orlando, FL – August 2018
Writing Micro-Memoir – Orlando, FL – May 2018
Association of Publishers for Special Sales – February 2018
Florida Writers Association Annual Conference – 2011, 2013, 2016, 2018
Florida Authors & Publishers Association – Orlando, FL – February 2016, August 2018
Central Florida Family History Conference – Orlando, FL – November 2017
Bloomingdale LifeWriters – Valrico, FL – May 2017, September 2018
Writers League of The Villages – The Villages, FL – April 2017
Association of Personal Historians International Conference – 2014, 2015, 2016
Rollins College Lifelong Learning – Winter Park, FL – October 2014-2016
Orlando Sentinel's A Better You Expo – Maitland, FL – November 2015
Monterey Public Library – Monterey, CA – October 2015
Florida Authors and Publishers Association – Ft. Lauderdale, FL – August 2014
Business of Writing Summit – Louisville, KY – August 2014
Story Circle Network International Conference – Austin, TX – April 2014
Florida State Genealogy Society Conference Orlando, FL – March 2014
Florida Writers Association Memoir Mini-Conference – The Villages, FL – February 2014
Florida Writers Association Readers Festival – Bradenton, FL – January 2014
University of Central Florida Public History Center – Sanford, FL – October 2013
Florida Heritage Book Festival – St. Augustine, FL – September 2013
The Villages Genealogical Society – The Villages, FL – August 2013
Stetson University Lifelong Learning – Celebration, FL – 2013
More than twenty presentations to civic, religious, writing, and genealogy groups each year



Creator/instructor - Finish My Book in 90 Days and Edit Like an Expert video coaching programs

M.A. Creative Writing, University of Central Florida - 2001; B.A. Journalism, Louisiana State University - 1978

Featured workshop leader for the United Arts of Central Florida's ArtsFest

Artist in Residence at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center on a grant in cooperation with the United Arts of Central Florida – 2011-2013

Artist in Residence at Wild Acres Retreat in Little Switzerland, North Carolina - August 2010

Guest on local and national radio and television programs, including *Intersection and Growing Bolder* on NRP affiliate, WMFE

Author of *Bringing Your Ancestors to Life* and *I Remember: Fifty Prompts to Write Your Life Story*

Feature writer and photographer with bylines in a variety of newspapers and magazines, including the *Southwest Airlines: The Magazine*, *Orlando Sentinel*, *Growing Bolder Magazine*, *Orlando Woman*, and *Florida Writer*, and numerous Louisiana publications

Twenty-eight-year career in mortgage banking technology

Acadian heritage, South Louisiana native, resident of Orlando for thirty years