

They Did It!

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On Saturday, March 29th, the "I Did It!" Bookfestival will celebrate self-published authors in Beaufort County.



The book festival includes fiction, non-fiction, and children's books; it received a grant from the Arts Council of Beaufort County to help make it all happen, and will take place at Wesley United Methodist Church on Carteret Street in Beaufort, from 10-3pm. The agenda includes author chats, and prize drawings every 30 minutes from Staples. Food will be available, benefitting Relay for Life. Stop in to see, hear and read for yourself what stories these prolific Beaufort County writers have been writing:

Ray McElhaney, *Tomorrow On Hold* and *Yesterday's Shadow*

Yesterday's Shadow is an intriguing tale of calculated betrayal and deceptions that unfolds with unexpected twists. Ian McBride and his attorney friend encounter a pair of attractive women in Charleston and plan romance on beautiful Hilton Head Island. But are any of the four who they appear to be?

Virginia Minnix, *Doreena Butterfly*

Lyric and sweetly poetic, *Doreena Butterfly* by Southern poet and short fiction writer Virginia B. Minnix is a delightful blend of lesson and lullaby. *Doreena* is a wee little butterfly who does not understand why her older brother, Johnny, gets to stay up later than she, while she is put to bed early every night.

Queen Quet, *Gullah/Geechee: Africa's Seed in the Winds of the Diaspora Volumes 1-5*, *The Legacy of Ibo Landing*, *Wi Tings*, *Brother and Sister: Heart to Heart*, *Tinkin' Bout Family*. Queen Quet, Chieftess of the Gullah/Geechee Nation, expands her mission on making sure that the history of Gullahs and Geechees is preserved and told accurately.

Tracye Faulkner Stormer, *In the Pursuit of Happiness*, *Hooked Up*, *The Three Graces*, and *Things My Grandmothers Said*. Tracye Faulkner Stormer is a native of Beaufort, South Carolina.

Sunscribers, *Everything Under the Sun*

Thirty Subscriber authors with over one hundred writings are published in *Everything Under the Sun*. All profits go to WAM, Alzheimer's Group and Hospice of Low Country.

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Horace Williams, Jr.. Never Give Up and Life In A Cage

"We are on a journey ordered by God. On this journey, we are to be like salt by living a life that causes others to thirst for God, who spices the world, and retards the moral decay of society."

Heyward Inabinett, Triangular Pegs: A Story of an African American Family and the One Drop Rule.

Heyward Inabinett has lived his entire life as a white man and a black man. Triangular Pegs, records his life struggles through the 1950s and 1960s.

David Kerins, Through the Dark Valley, A Veteran's Three Year Battle Against Tuberculosis

David Kerins, a navy veteran, is a retired teacher and school administrator. Through The Dark Valley, a memoir, is David's first book. By revisiting those dark days, David hopes his experiences and revelations will help others who may be going through difficult times.

Elaine Koenig Krome, Quiet Reflections of God

Stained glass has been used for centuries, telling stories or, more importantly, telling the stories of faith through art.

Marilyn Lorenz, Great Blue Gert

Another Arts Council of Beaufort County grant recipient, Great Blue Gert, is a rhyming children's story for ages one-and-a-half through eight, about a Great Blue Heron who adopts a Hilton Head Island family.

Carol Cutrona, By Lantern's Light

In 1861 a courageous band of women brave death and defy political powers to render battlefield relief, launching the first MASH Unit on American soil. This dramatic, fact-based story is told through the eyes of Havannah, a fiery but shallow debutante, who joins the first team of women...The heroine's love affair with a crusty army surgeon adds fuel to the fire.

Ervena W. Faulkner, Christmas Letters: An African-American Story

A thirty-five year collection of Christmas letters chronicling the life of an African American family. Ervena Faulkner is a weekly columnist for The Beaufort Gazette.

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Anne S. Grace, *Grace Upon Grace* and *The ABC's of Grace*

God's grace is like endless waves on the shore, faithfully caressing the beach night and day. Grace is like a sparkling diamond, each facet reflecting a different aspect of God's character.

Jane P. Hill, *Clarendon Island* and *Only a Ghost of a Chance*

A native South Carolinian, Hill is now writing about the Lowcountry, where she spent many happy childhood vacations. She is a graduate of the University of South Carolina. A member of the Island Writers Network, she currently lives in Hilton Head.