

Peter Rudy Wallace is a St. Petersburg native and alumnus of St.

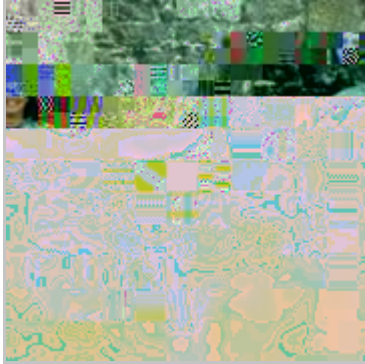
Jeanne MeinkeJeanne Meinke's elegant pen & ink drawings have graced the pages of *The New Yorker*, *Gourmet*, *Bon Appetit*, and *Early American Life*, as well as literary magazines such as *Western Humanities Review*, *Eckerd Review*, and *Konglomerati*. She has also illustrated numerous books, ranging from *The Phoenix of the Western World* (U. of Oklahoma Press) to *Light Year '87* (Bits Press).

In addition, she has collaborated with her husband on a children's book, *The Legend of Larry the Lizard* (John Knox Press); a bilingual poetry book, *Maples & Orange Trees* (St. Petersburg, Russia); and five poetry chapbooks, including the prize-winning *Campocorto*. Most recently, she has completed 40 drawings for his new children's book, *The Elf Poem*.

Peter Meinke

Peter Meinke has published 14 books of poems, 7 in the prestigious Pitt Poetry Series, the most recent being *Peter MeinkeThe Contracted World* (2006), *Zinc Fingers* (2001), and *Scars* (1996). His poetry has received many awards, including 2 NEA Fellowships and 3 prizes from the Poetry Society of America.

Peter's book of short stories, *The Piano Tuner*, won the 1986 Flannery O'Connor Award; another collection, *Unheard Music*, will be published in 2007, along with his book on reading and writing poems, *The Shape of Poetry*. He directed the Writing Workshop at Eckerd College for many years, and has often been writer-in-residence at other colleges and universities; from 2003 through 2005 he held the Darden



Sheila Stewart is an anthropologist, an archaeologist and an educator. She has a B.A. in Education and an M.A. in Applied Anthropology from the University of South Florida. Her M.A. has an emphasis in public archaeology, cultural resource management and museum methods.

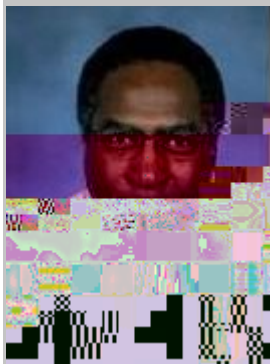
Stewart is the President of the Florida Anthropological Society and was the founding manager of the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center in Pinellas County. She has taught archaeological field methods to students and volunteers on excavations in Ireland and Israel, and interpreted archaeological work for the public at Fort Mackinac, Michigan; County Roscommon, Ireland; and St. Augustine, Florida. She currently teaches archaeology and anthropology to gifted students in St. Petersburg and works on preservation issues with the Florida Archaeological Council, the Trail of the Lost Tribes and the Florida Public Archaeology Network. She serves on the Advisory Board of ASAP Homeless Services in St. Petersburg.

Sheila has been married to her husband John for 28 years, and the two live without air conditioning in their 1925 home in St. Petersburg's Historic Kenwood neighborhood.

Kevin McCarthy

Dr. Kevin McCarthy recently retired from teaching English and Florida Studies at the University of Florida, where he taught for 37 years. He also taught for two years in the Peace Corps in Turkey, plus one year in Lebanon and two years in Saudi Arabia, both as a Fulbright Professor. He has had 35 books published with two more coming out in the next year.

Samuel Davis



Samuel Davis "A degree in Florida Studies is a key for any area of occupation, continuing learning, community service, or government agencies in Florida."

Samuel Davis graduated from the University of South Florida in 1969 and received a MA Degree in History 1988.

After forty years, Samuel retired from teaching in the Pinellas County School System in 2009. For the last twenty-five years, he taught IB History at St. Petersburg High School. He was able to influence many young people to consider teaching as a career. The IB program at St. Petersburg High School has





Betty Jean Steinshouer has been one of Florida's most requested scholars and Chautauquans since 1989, when she first toured the state with "Willa Cather Speaks" and was

Ellen Babb is the historian at Heritage Village in Largo, Florida. A graduate of the University of South Florida (B.A., 1988 and M.A., 1996) she was head curator and director of the St. Petersburg Museum of History before taking the position of curator of education at Heritage Village in 1988.

In her current job as historian at the county's historical museum, Ellen manages research projects, conducts oral histories, secures donations for the museum collection and helps to implement the Village's interpretive plan through public programming and exhibit storylines.

She is the author of numerous articles on local women's history, one of which was recently included in *Making Waves: Female Activism in Twentieth Century Florida*, edited by Jack E. Davis and Kari Frederickson and published by University Press of Florida in 2003. She has also taught public history for the Eckerd College PEL program.

Herb Snitzer

Herb Snitzer's career covers over forty-five years of image-making. From 1957 when he graduated from the Philadelphia College of Art, he moved to New York City where he quickly established himself as one of the top Herb Snitzeryoung photojournalists.

degree in ancient history from the University of South Florida in Tampa. In 2010, Troxler taught Florida Government & Politics at USF St. Petersburg.

Bob Devin Jones



Burton Hersh is an author and writer of numerous published books and periodicals. Recent works include: *The Nature of the Beast* (Winner, Readers Notes Best Fiction in 2003); *The Shadow President: Ted Kennedy in Opposition*; and *The Old Boys: The American Elite and the Origins of the CIA*; among others.

Hersh's periodical work is extensive, including contributions to *Holiday*, *Show*, *Horizon*, *Venture*, *Ski, Town and Country*, *Sports Illustrated*, *Esquire*, *Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, and *The Washington Post*. As an undergraduate at Harvard, Burton Hersh was a member of Phi Beta Kappa; awarded the History and Literature Prize and the First Bowdoin Prize; and recognized as a Fulbright Scholar in Germany.

Hersh's professional awards and involvement include the Writer's Voice Grant – Lila Wallace/Lanham Foundation (2000), *Faculty of the Sea – M.S. Westerdam* (1998), *Who's Who in the World* (1998) America, etc., *Writer's at Work – Park City, Utah* (1995), and Consultant at the Sundance Playwriters' Workshop (1995), to name a few. Along with three national book tours, Hersh has made appearances as a Commentator on *Lehrer Report*, History Channel, A&E, and hundreds of other radio and television appearances.

Hersh has acted as a Fellow to the Aspen Institute Council on Foreign Relations; and as a member of the Academy of Senior Professionals at Eckerd College, the Board of Directors of The Association of Former Intelligence Officers, International Society of Comparative Literature and Theater, American Society of Journalists and Authors, and PEN Writer's Guild.

Leland Hawes



For more than half a century, Leland Hawes wrote about the people and events in this region for *The Tampa Tribune*. Going back to his boyhood along Lake Thonotosassa, he published his own weekly newspaper, "*The Flint Lake Diver*," in 1940 when he was eleven. Hawes graduated from the University of Florida with a degree in journalism. He covered most of the news beats, wrote editorials, and acted as features editor, Sunday editor, and night editor. Beginning in 1982, he wrote the "History/Heritage" column for the *Tribune's* Baylife Section. Hawes passed away on May 18, 2013, at the age of 83.

Rob Lorei

Rob Lorei is a co-founder of WMNF Radio and the Managing Editor of Florida This Week on WEDU-TV