

# THIRD STREET WRITERS

## THIRD STREET WRITERS LAUNCHES WEEKLY COMMUNITY COLUMN

LAGUNA BEACH – Third Street Writers, Laguna Beach’s local non-profit writing group, is thrilled to partner with Stu News Laguna to launch its latest project, a community-wide weekly column entitled “From Laguna with Love.”

The column, which will be written by members of Third Street, as well as members of the general public, will feature personal stories (anecdotes of up to 200 words and longer pieces up to 750 words) that celebrate only-in-Laguna moments. Photographs will also be part of the feature. It will appear in Stu News every Friday.

“We hope to showcase the incidents, moments and experiences that represent our one-of-a-kind community,” says Third Street president Amy Francis Dechary. “With all of the challenges created by the pandemic and lockdown, we want to provide an opportunity for the community to come together and celebrate our town.”

The feature will focus on the wide experiences people have in Laguna Beach, whether they live, work or visit here.

“Expanding this project to seek contributions from the general public is very exciting,” says Dechary. “We’re hopeful the stories will reflect a cross-section of people. Sharing our stories—whether they’re funny, sad, insightful or simply a reflection of daily interactions—is a great way to embrace our community.”

To help people share their stories, Third Street Writers will host a free Zoom meeting to explain the process of going from idea to finished written product.

“We know the writing process can be intimidating,” says Third Street board member Theresa Keegan, “but it doesn’t need to be that way. We’ll guide would-be writers through the creative writing process in the Zoom meeting, and also be available to assist them throughout this year-long project.”

Keegan and other Third Street members will be leading the Zoom workshop on Saturday, January 30, 2021, from 10-11 a.m. The workshop can be accessed at the following link:

<https://zoom.us/j/4121733638?pwd=SXd0eGt0UDZzT2V1dnVxZkFvWVkwUT09>

Meeting ID: 412 173 3638

Passcode: 3rdSt

If you or someone you know has a Laguna experience to share, you can submit your story or photo to <https://thirdstreetwriters.submittable.com/submit> for consideration.

Anyone with questions about “From Laguna with Love” can contact Dechary at [amy@thirdstreetwriters.com](mailto:amy@thirdstreetwriters.com).

### **About Third Street Writers**

Third Street Writers is a 501(3)c nonprofit dedicated to fostering the written word throughout Laguna Beach. The group holds a weekly writers’ workshop on Zoom and published its fourth anthology *Beach Reads: Adrift* in September.

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