

# ***FLORIDA IS BACK!***

## **39<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Antiquarian Book Fair**

The Coliseum. St Petersburg, Florida

April 1<sup>st</sup>-April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022

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### **Aerial View: Florida Antiquarian Book Fair, St Petersburg, Florida**

One of the largest national book fairs, after New York and California. A broad range of exhibitors from Florida and beyond. Offering rare and special printed books and pamphlets; maps, posters, visual arts; ephemera and collectibles.

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**AFTER a weary pandemic hiatus**, Florida book lovers are back in style for the 2022 Annual Florida Antiquarian Book Fair in St Petersburg, Florida. This will be Florida's 39<sup>th</sup> statewide book event -- *spirits are high!* Organizers are predicting a record attendance, and the Fair's many exhibitors are eager to welcome browsers and buyers. Offerings include rare books, pamphlets, and maps, as well as affordable ephemera and collectibles. The star of the show just may be a rare edition, with presentation box, of the Salvador Dali *Illustrated Alice In Wonderland* – visit the A. Parker's Books booth (see Gallery, below).

We are pleased to present some voices from the Florida Book Fair:

**Fair Exhibitor: Michael F. Slicker**, owner, Lighthouse Books, ABAA, Dade City, Florida, cornerstone organizer of the Florida Antiquarian Book Fair, dating from the 1980s: "Few things make me younger and happier these days than the return of the Florida Book Fair to St Petersburg! Lighthouse Books warmly welcomes all bibliophiles to this event. Do visit me at the Lighthouse Books booth: say hello, view some of my special offerings, some on early Florida history. I'll have my grandson, Quentin, helping out; he and his mother, **Sarah (Slicker) Smith**, manager of this 39<sup>th</sup> Book Fair, work with me as a dedicated team these many years. We're a family-operated enterprise, and I've been in the book business for more than half a century, in St Petersburg and now in Dade City, Florida. I can assist with appraisals, library formation, and so on. Stop by the Lighthouse Books booth. Say hello, look around. Shake my hand." See Mr Slicker's [Lighthouse Books blog](https://www.lighthousebooks.com/blog). Also:

<<https://www.abaa.org/booksellers/details/lighthouse-books>>

<<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eE2L2R4X7gg>>

**Fair Exhibitor: Gary Hurst**, co-owner, A. Parker's Books, Sarasota; and **Dan Christian**, Manager: "We specialize in scholarly, rare, and special items. Parker's has been a favorite book destination on Main Street, downtown Sarasota, Florida, since the 1980s. We are entirely joyful about the upcoming Book Fair -- we all need to reconnect! *That is the general theme & mood of this upcoming event.* At Parker's booth, we shall be greeting faithful customers and welcoming new faces. And we need to talk shop & catch up with other book specialists -- book dealers, collectors, also teachers & students & non-specialists who often find their way to our booth. We recently have sold rare editions of Samuel Johnson's *Dictionary*; Jonathan Swift's *Travels*; and a good-condition copy of the Aldine *Cicero*, printed by esteemed master printer: **Aldus Manutius, Venice**. Note that we are bringing to the Fair a special copy of Salvador Dali's *Alice in Wonderland* and, for students of ancient philosophers: a *Seneca*. I'll say no more, *come see!*

**Charles M. Brown**, President, Florida Bibliophile Society (FBS); and widely respected editor, FBS newsletter (one of the best in the land): "Everyone I know is completely excited that the Florida Antiquarian Book Fair is back *and live!* And, of course, the Florida Bibliophile Society is entirely pleased to be engaged once more in this important book event. As per tradition, FBS will be at the Fair, in the entrance, to greet and assist visitors at the FBS Hospitality Table, where they can check their tote bags & wraps and be warmly welcomed. FBS is also delighted to have its first-ever **FBS Booth** at the Fair. Many exciting events are now in place for Florida book lovers; and the FBS, with its continuing roster of speakers, will continue to share the Society's membership benefits with Fair visitors. *New FBS members, always welcome!* Let's meet at the FBS Booth, see you there!"

**Carl Mario Nudi**, FBS Social Media & Archives Manager; a valued member since the Society's early days in the 1980s. For over 20 years, Carl was a typesetter at the *Detroit Free Press*. And he is a valued friend to the author of this article, also a former Detroiter. Here's what Carl has to say:

“The Florida Bibliophile Society was founded almost 40 years ago at one of the first Antiquarian Book Fairs, at the University of Tampa. Since that time, the FBS membership has made a serious effort to ensure the success of the FBS book club. FBS has organized & administered the check-in table at the entrance of the Florida Book Fair for many years; it also has provided a Hospitality Table for incoming Book Fair visitors. And here’s special information: The 2022 Book Fair will include a first-ever **FBS Booth** on the exhibitor floor of the Fair. We’ll be displaying (for sale) some of FBS’s handsome publications -- *some very classy pieces*. How ‘bout this!”

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The 39<sup>th</sup> Florida Book Fair exhibitors hail from many corners of the USA. Here’s the confirmed list of states whose book dealers will be at the Fair (this writer has special connections to some of these locations):

Alabama  
 Connecticut  
 Florida (many exhibitors)  
 Georgia (several exhibitors)  
 Illinois  
 Indiana  
 Kentucky  
 Michigan (Grosse Pointe & Ann Arbor – *yes!*)  
 New Hampshire  
 New York State  
 New York City (*O, yes & yes!*)  
 Ohio  
 Pennsylvania  
 South Carolina  
 Texas  
 Virginia  
 West Virginia  
 Wisconsin (Madison -- *yes!*)

***For particulars, view:***

< <https://www.floridaantiquarianbookfair.com/exhibitors> >

< <https://10times.com/florida-antiquarian-book/exhibitors> >

See also:

< <https://10times.com/florida-antiquarian-book> >

< <https://m.facebook.com/FloridaAntiquarianBookFair/> >

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Rare Book Hub in San Francisco, California, and this writer, presently in Sarasota, Florida, extend best wishes to the Florida bibliophiles. *Every success to their 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Fair!*

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***Following, a Gallery of Images***

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## GALLERY

39<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Antiquarian Book Fair,  
April 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>. The Coliseum. St Petersburg, Florida  
Curated, with caption notes, by Maureen E. Mulvihill

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**Florida Antiquarian Book Fair**  
**The Coliseum, St Petersburg, Florida**  
**(Two Views of Recent Fairs)**

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**Florida Bibliophile Society, Hospitality Table, Recent Florida Book Fair**  
 From Left: **Irene Pavese**, former FBS President & former owner, **Booklover's Café**, St Petersburg, Florida; **Ben Wiley**, FBS Walt Whitman event coordinator & President, Friends of Largo Public Library; **Elenora Sabin**, successful novelist (Science Fiction and Fantasy genres): 1992 Gryphon Awardee, her *School for Sorcery*.



### **Salvador Dali, at A. Parker's Books, ABAA**

A popular booth at the Fair, Parker's is a dusty Dickensian bookshop in downtown Sarasota (1980s -), a special place with vintage character. Co-owner, **Gary Hurst**; Manager, **Dan Christian**. In addition to Classical items – a lovely edition of *Seneca* – Parker's is offering a special *Alice In Wonderland*, illustrations Salvador Dali, with original frontispiece etching and good-condition presentation box; above, 3 views, with display label. Dan Christian was Guest Speaker, with book display, Florida Bibliophile Society, 2013 – SRO attendance.



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**Charles M. Brown**, Webmaster

FBS has been a principal organizer, promoter, and host of Florida book events since its founding in the early 1980s by collector **Lee Harrer** and others. The [FBS newsletter](#), edited & designed by **Charles M. Brown**, is one of the best national book club newsletters, to date.



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