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***Sarasota Author Receives International Recognition***

**Lake Buena Vista, FL (8/26/2021)** – The Annual 2021 Florida Authors and Publishers Association President's Book Awards has recognized *Charting the Lost Continent: Poetry and Other Discoveries* by [Linda Albert](https://www.lindaalbert.net) (<https://www.lindaalbert.net>), in the category of Poetry, as a Gold medal winner. Albert is a resident of Sarasota.

Hosted by the Florida Authors and Publishers Association, this prestigious international award is open to books published between 2019 and 2021. The judges for this competition are librarians, educators, and publishing professionals.

"The FAPA President's Book Award exists to promote excellence in the publishing industry by recognizing talented contemporary authors who put both heart and soul into their work. FAPA is proud to be a champion of authors and publishers going the extra mile to produce books of excellence in every aspect," said Pat Stanford, Past President of FAPA.

*Charting the Lost Continent* is a well-timed collection of Albert's poems, published by Rainbow River Press, reflecting the universal themes and life passages of women. Its message today is more important than ever as both men and women collectively work toward female empowerment, self-acceptance, and gender equality.

"We are proud to announce this year's winners who truly embody the excellence this award was created to celebrate. Their works are representative of creative storytelling, bold concepts, and innovative ideas which make the President's Book Awards so well respected by librarians and those in the publishing industry. We salute all of our winners for their fine work," said FAPA's President, Renee Garrison.

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