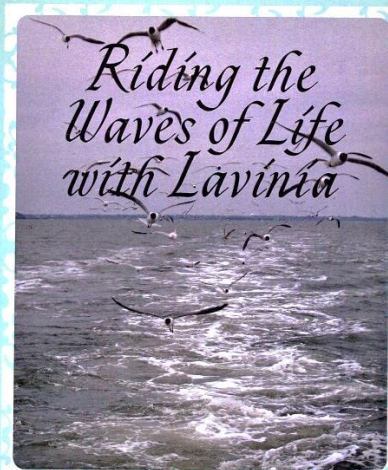


# Local author Jill Turner Darnell signs her historical novel *Riding the Waves of Life with Lavinia*

*Sunday, September 16, 12:00-3:00pm*



Jill Turner Darnell

The book begins in Europe in 1820 and continues through the 1880s in the Caribbean and America. It follows the story of Lavinia, a Romani Gypsy, who travels with her family from Budapest to a new life in a seaside village in Wales.

Over the years, Lavinia experiences mysticism, adventure, love and loss. She renounces the Gypsy way of life and meets her true love, John Turner, the son of a Welsh sea captain. John also takes to the sea, piloting vessels to and from America during the Civil War.

Many aspects of the book relate to Darnell's own family. She did extensive research on the time period, as well as personal genealogy research. Some characters are named for her family members.

Jill Turner Darnell lives in the Shenandoah Valley with her husband, Jerry. They have four children and eight grandchildren. She graduated from the University of Maryland with a degree in Management and Technology.

She is a Reiki practitioner, and her hobbies include writing, painting and playing the mountain dulcimer.

She recently illustrated a children's book called "*The Light on the Stairs*" which relates the near-death spiritual experiences of a woman stricken with Guillain-Barre' Syndrome.



*The event is FREE and open to the public;  
RSVPs are requested by September 15 to 540-253-5790.*

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