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SPOTLIGHT'S ON...



SHEILA FIRESTONE: For her fabulous and moving musical “Miriam and the Women of the Desert.” Listen to Sheila’s live interview with Peter Wein. Here’s the link: <http://weinetwork.com/shows/PetersLivingroom/Peter%27s%20Livingroom%5B2019-01-24%2C-Boca-Sheila%20Firestone%5D.mp3>



Sheila Firestone, center left, in costume from her musical, with Barbara Wolk (L), Etta Schaeffer, and Elisa Eisenman (R).





FROM THE OWL'S NEST

Dear Members,

Our calendar has been filled with many entertaining programs and stimulating events. And there is much more to come.

We're proud of our members who have been actively creating and promoting their work through radio and online interviews, publications and speaking engagements. At our luncheon on January 26th, composer Sheila Firestone presented a preview of some of the music from her musical, *Miriam and the Women of the Desert*, which will premiere on February 24th.

We are pleased to announce that our Branch now has membership in the Cultural Council of Palm Beach County. Membership in this important organization is a privilege and an honor, offering our members and our Branch many benefits. We anticipate invitations to exhibit members' art work in the Council's beautiful gallery at their Art Deco headquarters in downtown Lake Worth.

A ***Celebration of the Arts*** event on Saturday, March 30th, at the Center for Spiritual Living in Boca Raton, will be a full day of art and letters programs and workshops. This is a joint event with the Ft. Lauderdale Branch of Pen Women. We'll be sharing our expertise and talents with our members, friends and visitors. Sign up to participate in some of the art, letters and exhibit offerings throughout the day. You won't want to miss this special day and meet Pen women from the Ft. Lauderdale Branch.

We look forward to seeing everyone at our February 14th luncheon at the Delray Beach Golf Club. Talia Carner, best-selling author of *Hotel Moscow*, will wow you with her fascinating presentation.

Sincerely,
Elaine Bossik & Prue Carrico
Co-Chairs

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Janet S. Kleinman will speak about her book, *A STONE OF HOPE*, a celebration of Martin Luther King, Jr. at Daughters of Zion Church/School in Delray Beach during Black History Month on the 25th of February.

Carol White joins three other authors for a joint program: NLAPW and Women's National Book Assoc., for a panel discussion on the challenges and flexibility of short fiction forms. Elaine Bossik will moderate. In addition to writing over thirty short plays and numerous articles, Carol has written two books of short stories available on Amazon: <http://tinyurl.com/carolwhiteauthor> Wednesday, February 13th, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Av. Delray Beach

Barbara M. Wolk had her "debut" as an author and as an actor in New York City in the staged reading of *'Mother Lode'* on October 23, 2018 at the Garment Center Synagogue in the heart of the Broadway District. She spent the holidays with family in California and purchased a condo in Laguna Woods Village, Orange County, California, where she started the first group of Overeaters Anonymous. Presently, she is teaching creative writing and holistic health: healthy aging at Century Village, Boca Raton, Florida where she resides.





February 13, 2019: Short Fiction Panel Discussion with Pen Women and the Women's National Book Association. Delray Beach Library, Atlantic Ave, Delray, 6:30 - 8:00 p.m. Free and open to the public. Panelists: Carol White, Dayle Herstik, Linda Rosen, Ronni Sandroff. Moderator: Elaine Bossik.

February 14, 2019: Luncheon and author speaker, Talia Carner. Delray Beach Golf Club, Delray, 12:00 Noon. Reserve by February 7th.

March 23, 2019: Mini Writer's Retreat: Fiction Writing Workshop. Delray Beach Library, Atlantic Ave., Delray. Noon - 3:00 p.m. For writers of all levels. Open to the public. Register with the library, \$10 fee. Instructors: Barbara Bixon, Meryl Davids, Lee Ravine, Elaine Bossik.

March 30, 2019: Celebration of the Arts with Ft. Lauderdale Branch. Center for Spiritual Living, Boca Raton. 10:00 - 4:00. Judged art show; art workshops and demonstrations; writers' open mic readings; sale table and refreshments. Open to the public. \$5 donation at the door. To participate in the judged art show, contact Prue Carrico at rtistee@aol.com. To participate in the open mic readings, contact Elaine Bossik at elainebossik@yahoo.com.

Call for Volunteers for March 30th Celebration of the Arts

Volunteers are needed to help before and during the March 30th event. If you can spend one hour, several hours, or the entire day assisting where needed, please contact Elaine Bossik or Prue Carrico. Help needed: collecting donations at the door; restocking the refreshment table; hosting the sale tables; keeping time at the open mic event; acting as MC at the open mic event.

The Boca Green Market has moved to 201 West Palmetto Park Road (parking lot north of City Hall). The hours are 8 am to 1 pm. The Boca Pen Woman's next scheduled dates to participate are February 16, March 23, and April 6. There will be two shifts: 8 am to 10:30 am and 10:30 am to 1 pm. There will be two members on each shift. Members will need to bring your merchandise and a chair. This is a great opportunity to sell your books, artwork, and music as well as to help promote our organization. Contact Jo Jo Harder @ jojostylmaker@aol.com.



WOW! Winter Flash Fiction Contest

\$10 Entry Fee. Deadline February 28. The honorable guest judge is Literary Agent Kari Sutherland with Bradford Literary Agency. Seeking short fiction of any genre between 250-750 words. First Place: \$400, publication, interview, and \$25 Amazon Gift

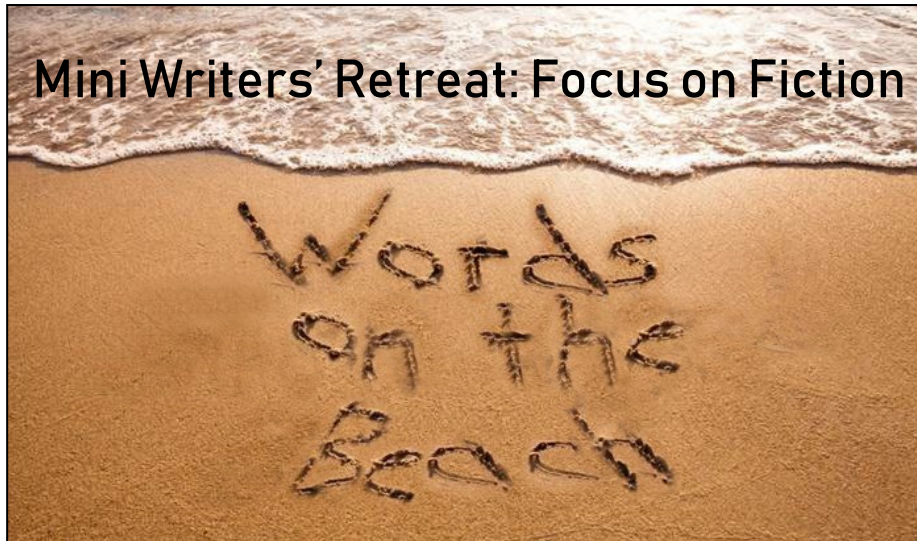
Certificate. Second Place: \$300, publication, interview, and \$25 Amazon Gift Certificate. Third Place: \$200, publication, interview and \$25 Amazon Gift Certificate; seven Runners Up receive \$25 Amazon Gift Cards, publication and interview; and ten Honorable mentions. Top ten stories are published in the WOW! Women On Writing e-zine, and contestants are interviewed on WOW's blog, The Muffin.

<http://www.wow-womenonwriting.com/contest.php#FlashFictionContest>





Mini Writers' Retreat: Focus on Fiction



Are you a writer? Do you want to be a writer? Beginners and professionals alike are invited to a mini writers' retreat with a focus on fiction. Writing exercises, critiques and tips will be facilitated by published authors of the Boca Raton Branch of Pen Women.

You will work on:

- How to develop a strong plot
- How to develop a strong character
- How to write realistic dialogue
- How to write realistic descriptions of settings

Noon-3 pm
Saturday, March 23, 2019

\$10

*Advance registration required by
 Wednesday, March 20*

Bring a snack or light lunch, if you prefer. Refreshments will also be provided. Registration required by 5 pm, Wednesday, March 20. To sign up, call, click, or come in.

All attendees will be entered in a drawing for a gift basket from Barnes & Noble.



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