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League of American Pen Women (NLAPW), Inc.

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SPOTLIGHT'S ON...



Calling all Pen Women Artists: A summer art exhibit at the beautiful Palm Beach County Cultural Council Gallery in downtown Lake Worth has been arranged for June 8th through August 10th. This is an important opportunity for our Branch to showcase our art to the public. If you are not in Florida during the summer months, you may arrange to leave some of your art with Prue Carrico for this exhibit. Contact Prue to participate.





FROM THE OWL'S NEST

Dear Members,

It's hard to believe that the season is drawing to a close and we'll soon be planning for a new season.

The month of March was filled with inspiring and educational events that many of you actively participated in and enjoyed.

Our March luncheon, which featured quilting artist Phyllis Elrich, was very well attended. Phyllis fascinated us with her personal stories as she displayed her exquisite art quilts and explained the process of quilt making.

On March 23rd our Pen Women led a fiction-writing workshop at the Delray Beach Library that was open to the public. Thirty people attended and eagerly created characters with Barbara Bixon, plots with Meryl Davids Landau, dialogue with Lee Ravine and descriptions with Elaine Bossik. Participants expressed interest in attending another writing workshop with our Pen women. We anticipate that we'll be conducting many more instructional workshops like this at the Delray Beach Library.

Our big event of the year – *Celebration of the Arts* – on March 30th, was held at the Center for Spiritual Living in Boca Raton. It was a celebration in every way. From the moment it started with Sheila Firestone's original piano composition, *A Walk With Joe*, to the member art show/exhibit, to a ceramic workshop led by Anabel Rub Pelcher, to an art demonstration of porcelain painting & reverse glass painting led by Mary Belle Cordell, to the open mic readings by Pen women, it celebrated Pen women's many talents. Participating in this great day with Pen women from the Ft. Lauderdale Branch was a wonderful way to share our special talents and get to know each other. We also welcomed many visitors from nearby communities who joined us.

We thank Barbara Lunde for graciously hosting our *Celebration of the Arts* day at the Center for Spiritual Living. A special thanks goes to our members who helped make the day a success – all of our generous members behind the scenes throughout the day, doing the tasks needed to make the event run smoothly. We could not have brought it off without your help.

We look forward to working together next season on new programs and special days. Intellectual stimulation, camaraderie and a great deal of fun are just a few of the benefits you'll enjoy when you take part in our many happenings.

Sincerely,
Elaine Bossik & Prue Carrico
Co-Chairs



Attached is our Membership Renewal Form which serves as a bill for annual dues and contains a detachable form for updated information which we need for each of our Members and Patrons.

If anyone cannot download and print the attachment, please call Lea Becker (on 3/8 after 2PM) at 845-399-1252. I will be happy to mail the form at the request of anyone.

We have compiled the email list as carefully as possible. Any email that is incorrect will be automatically noted by me and I will try to correct it by checking with the recipient.

DOWNLOAD FORM FROM FOLLOWING PAGE AND SUBMIT

2019 - 2020 NLAPW, BOCA RATON BRANCH, MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

Dear Branch Member:

It's **Dues Time** once again. Your annual NLAPW membership dues should be paid by May 1. We ask that you send your check early in April because we have a short window to remit our dues to National, which requires detailed reports.

Write your **check payable to Boca Raton Branch, NLAPW for \$85.00**. National receives \$65.00 per member and State receives \$6.00 per member. We receive \$14.00 per member.

Patron fee remains \$60.00. New members accepted by National, NLAPW after Feb. 15th, 2019 will not be charged dues again until April 2020.

Fill out the form below for our membership records. The member list is sent to both State and National for their rosters, and it ensures that you receive all publications, emails and other mailings.

We assess a late fee of \$15 if renewal dues are not paid by the 5/1/19 deadline. If you are leaving Florida for the summer, please send your payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

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PLEASE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM - Check payable to Boca Raton Branch NLAPW

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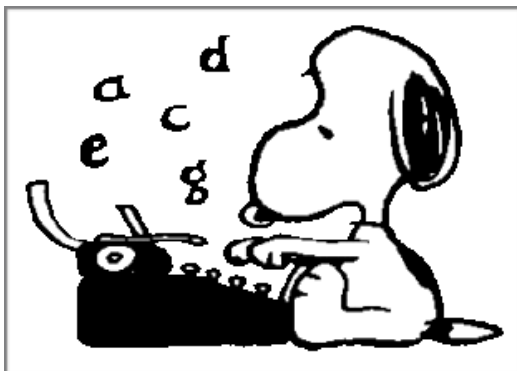
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Circle your category with NLAPW
MUSIC

ART

LETTERS

Please mail form with your check to: Lea Hope Becker, 8644 Green Cay, West Palm Beach, FL 33411



STARTING NEXT MONTH: SUBMISSION DEADLINE TO *PEN & PALETTE* IS 1ST OF EACH MONTH. IF MATERIAL COMES AFTER THE 1ST, EDITOR WILL PUBLISH IT THE FOLLOWING MONTH. NEWSLETTER WILL GO OUT ON THE 5TH OF THE MONTH. PLEASE SEND YOUR INFORMATION:

TO: MJPUTNIK@COMCAST.NET

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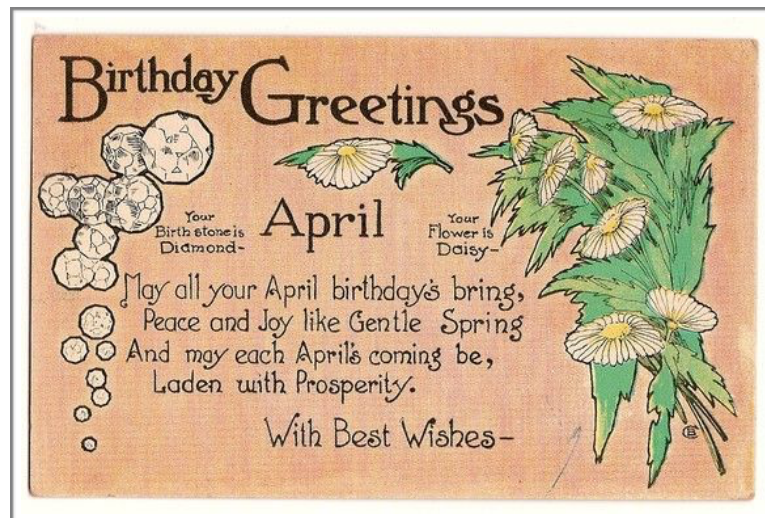
EXAMPLE: MICHELLE PUTNIK (P&P)

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

ELAINE BOSSIK presented her novel, *The Last Victim*, at the South County Civic Center in Delray Beach on March 28th.

MARLENE KLOTZ was asked by the fellow who owns Brendy's Yogurt Parlor at Lakeridge Blvd. in Boca Raton to write a poem for his shop. She created a collage that is now prominently displayed on the wall in his newly refurbished surroundings. In addition to a wonderful response from the owner and his family, Marlene says that the overall experience for this commission is one she will always remember with a smile.

SHEILA FIRESTONE'S new musical that premiered on February 24th can be found at: <http://www.bocapenwomen.org/pen-woman-sheila-firestone-brings-her-new-musical-to-the-stage/>



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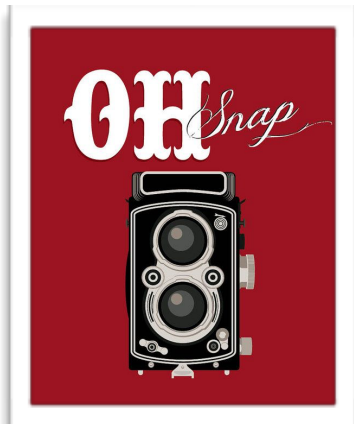
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March luncheon with Phyllis Elrich



Pen authors leading workshop, Delray Beach, Florida



Photo from Celebration of the Arts: The Celebration of the Arts event on March 30th, at the Center for Spiritual Living in Boca Raton, featured a judged art show and exhibit. The outstanding art created by artists from our Branch and the Ft. Lauderdale Branch will be on exhibit through April 30th.

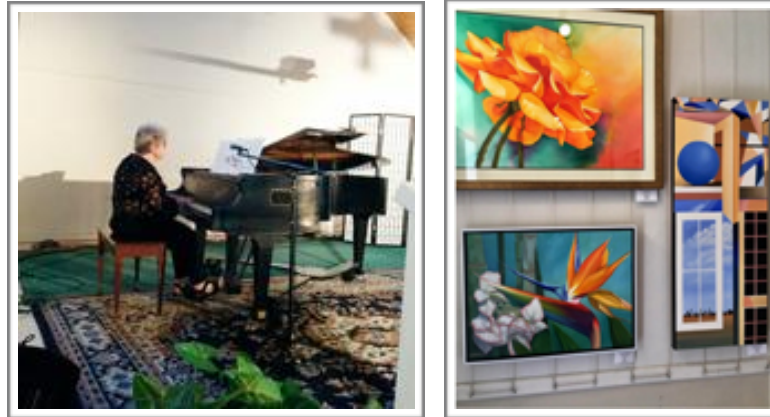


Photo of artist Rhoda Hollander with her award-winning art.



