

PEN & PALETTE

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SPOTLIGHT'S ON...



A FACE ON THE PILLOW by Mimi Paris

I open my eyes slowly
Feel like I never slept
I look at his pillow
No face on it

Got up before me?
Not like him
A few seconds pass
And, it hit me—hard
He's gone
Gone for months now

Bad times fade
And there were many
His good prevails
It's still in the room
Quiet in the bed
Again, I imagine his face

Van Gogh beard,
Hazel eyes, soft lips
On the pillow
Not there now
Never will be
I know
I'm alone.





FROM THE OWL'S NEST

Dear Members,

May is the beginning of a new Pen Women calendar year. New beginnings ignite expectations for future events that we can look forward to. Your Board will be hard at work over the next few months planning exciting and educational programs for next season. We hope to attract new members to join our Boca Raton Branch and help us grow. We want to bring outreach programs, educational workshops and cultural events to our local communities.

Creativity does not flourish in a vacuum. It needs to be shared and appreciated. You'll find it most rewarding when you participate in our programs, many of which will promote your own creative work.

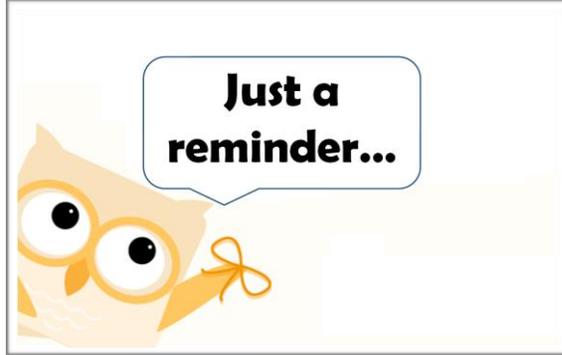
Our last luncheon of the season, in April, was informative and rewarding. Pen Woman Dr. Brenda Dressler presented a most interesting slide show and lecture on sexual health, with information and statistics that surprised us.

At the April luncheon we awarded three achievement awards of \$1,000 each to talented women pursuing careers in art, letters and music. The generosity of our members, who buy monthly raffle tickets and support our fund-raising efforts make these awards possible.

Though we do not usually have programs after April, this year we're participating in a most exciting event at the Palm Beach Cultural Council gallery in downtown Lake Worth in June. The Palm Beach Cultural Council, headquartered in a landmark Art Deco building on Lake Avenue in Lake Worth, offered us the opportunity to showcase our member artists' work in their beautiful gallery. A reception for the opening of the art show on Saturday, June 8th, will also feature our authors – reading their poems and essays – and original music on recording by Dr. Joan Cartwright and Sheila Firestone. You won't want to miss this fabulous event if you're in Florida. Bring your family and friends and support our Pen Women.

We wish everyone a safe and happy summer, wherever you may be.

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've been paid by May 1. Please, if you have not done so, we need our returning members who haven't yet sent in their dues to do so now! 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.

(INFO ON NEXT PAGE)

PLEASE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM - Check payable to Boca Raton Branch NLAPW

NAME _____

Birth day _____

Date Accepted into NLAPW Membership _____

Street Address _____

City _____ **Zip** _____

Home Phone _____

Cell phone _____

Email _____

Circle your category with NLAPW **ART** **LETTERS** **MUSIC**

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

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,

SUBJECT LINE:

YOUR NAME AND (P&P)

(EXAMPLE: MICHELLE PUTNIK (P&P))

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

VERA RIPP HIRSCHHORN has been asked by FAU's College of Education arts education professor to co-author a university textbook for arts educators on "The Power of the Arts and School Violence." The request and proposal were from an internationally known publisher of scholarly and academic textbooks.

MERYL DAVIDS LANDAU'S, *Warrior Won* will be released May 14th. It's a stand alone, follow-up to her prior, highly regarded novel, *Downward Dog, Upward Fog*. Both feature a protagonist using mindfulness and yoga to keep her inner peace. *Foreword Reviews* calls it, "Spiritual fiction that is both compelling and fun."



If you are a Letters member and have written a book please contact Carol White.
Polowhite@aol.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY, LADIES!

5 - Mary Unterbrink

13 -Vera Hirschhorn

16 - Barbara Lunde

APRIL LUNCHEON SCHOLARSHIP ACHIEVEMENT AWARDEES



(from L: Corrine Binnings, Noelle Putnik, Valentina Paolucci)

(Three untitled art pieces by Noelle Putnik)



GUEST SPEAKER DR. BRENDA DRESSLER





Tiferet Poetry, Fiction, Nonfiction Contest

\$15 Entry Fee. Deadline June 1, 2019. First prize in each genre: \$500 and publication in Tiferet. Honorable Mention Prizes will receive publication in a Tiferet digital issue. Limit six poems per submission. Fiction and nonfiction limited to 12 pages. <https://tiferet.submittable.com/submit>

NEW BLOG POSTS on Boca Pen Women Website

Boca Raton Pen Women Host a Free, Full-Day Celebration of the Arts

<http://www.bocapenwomen.org/boca-raton-pen-women-host-a-free-full-day-celebration-of-the-arts>

Florida Students Receive 2019 Achievement Awards From Boca Raton Pen Women

<http://www.bocapenwomen.org/florida-students-receive-2019-achievement-awards-from-boca-raton-pen-women/>



Pen Women Summer Arts Event – Reception Saturday, June 8th

A summer arts event, featuring an art exhibit, authors' readings and original music by Sheila Firestone and Dr. Joan Cartwright, will be held at the beautiful Palm Beach County Cultural Council Gallery in downtown Lake Worth. A special reception will be held on Saturday, June 8, from 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public

The exhibit will run through August 10th. The theme for the art show is *Tropical Twists*. Photography is included in the show.

Member artists who wish to participate must drop off their art on June 4, 2019, 10:00 – 3:00, at the Cultural Council Gallery on Lake Avenue in Lake Worth. Pen artists who wish to participate

should contact Prue Carrico at rtistee@aol.com. If you are not in Florida during the summer months, you may arrange to leave some of your art with Prue.

Pen letters members who would like to read an original poem or short essay at the reception that reflects a *Tropical Twists* theme, contact Elaine Bossik at elainebossik@yahoo.com.

The gallery attracts many visitors during the summer months and offers us an opportunity to showcase our art, writing and music.