



PEN & PALETTE

Boca Raton Branch, National League of American Pen Women (NLAPW), Inc.

Michelle Putnik, Editor-in-Chief

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NOTICE TO MEMBERS: Our Board of Directors needs to fill the following positions:

- Recording Secretary
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Please contact **Sheila Firestone**, President at sheilasong@mac.com for more information.



Photo Ops:

Bea Doone-Merena (Top L) in her studio creating one of her large, bold portrait oil paintings.



Friends that stay together do Pen Author Talks together.

Marlene Klotz (Bottom L) and **Mary Twitty** (Bottom R) at the Lake Worth Library.



SPOTLIGHT'S ON...



Janice Indeck (a.p.r.)

Immobile

The sun is shining on my side
of the street
just across eclipsed by alien
fog, storm -
as in some tropical dichotomy
- I hear thunder
clouds colliding trumpeting
elephants
to my mind amid streams of
eerie light
I cannot see clearly, not nearly
enough to comprehend but I
am chilled
by cries of crushed souls
bodies impacted by force
piercing this fog of war - I
cannot cross
cannot offer comfort I am
stopped stunned to listen
my ears beg to burst from a
rising chorus of anguish
on the other side of my sunny
side of the street.



RAFFLE NEWS!



Etta Schaeffer will be heading up our regular Raffle Table at the luncheons. Please bring in anything that's in good condition (or new) to add to the prizes.

REGISTRATION FOR LUNCHEONS:



Checks MUST be received by Barbara Bixon in a timely manner if you wish to attend our luncheons. For January, your check MUST reach her no later than January 8, 2015. You'll receive a flyer for the January 15th luncheon when you check in for the luncheon next week. The coupon will be at the bottom of the flyer. If you bring along a check, you can fill out the coupon and give it to Barbara with your check.

FROM THE OWL'S NEST!



Esteemed Members of the Boca Raton Branch of the NLAPW, I am excited as I take on the responsibility of leading this group. We are one of the largest branches in the country if not the largest. We have a dedicated, energetic Board. We have active Chairs who give their service help solve problems and to guide our efforts.

I look at you with awe and see our collective accomplishments: The writers with books, plays, poetry and journalistic abilities, the artists with abstract, realistic, and experimental art forms as well as photography to their credit. Personally, I am completing a musical, and have visions of a chamber works, symphonies, concertos and maybe an opera dancing in my head. We each have much to accomplish. By working together we encourage and stimulate our urge to create.

I call on you to bring your vision for Pen Women to the table, to share the projects and ideas that would bring you joy. Marlene Klotz, our Poetry Chair has already had one poetry workshop this season and plans others. Share an experience for the Personal Experience Writing Contest. Each of you can bring your ideas for our group to fruition as we work side- by - side encouraging one another. We cannot be innovative as an organization without your input and participation. As I step into this position, I am thinking about all of your collective talents and experiences. We honor your abilities and the friendship that working with like-minded women brings. Try to be part of each event. Volunteer to be on a committee. We need your involvement. Please see any of the Officers or Committee Chairs and step into our world of service.

Meet a few who have already stepped up, Mary Twitty is now Parliamentarian at monthly board meetings. We invite you to visit a meeting. We meet the first Thursday of the month at the library on Glades Road at 1:00 PM. Please let me know so that we have enough chairs that day. Elaine Bossik is our Program Chair. She arranges for the speakers at our programs. Please share your ideas for programming with her. Barbara Lunde offers us her Chaplaincy services. If you would also like to offer your thoughts, please contact her. Our Publicity Chair is Carol White. She's responsible for our publicity and national news, an awesome responsibility. If you have PR skills and would like to assist please let her know. Michelle Putnik creates your newsletter and is our Letters Chair. She also works with our Web Master. I am your Music Chair. I would love other musically inclined members to help plan a special program. Roberta Melman and Joni Sack are our Art Co-Chairs. Louise Mirkin heads our Patron Members. Patrons come with different expertise that they share as they support various projects.

Each one of you is unique and has much to offer. So please step up. Make being a member of NLAPW one of your most meaningful experiences. Join us at special meetings to brainstorm programs. Join hands with us in the community, helping children and adults to appreciate works of art as we do outreach programs. I look forward to getting to know each one of you personally. We are a group not only for professional development but also for creating personal relationships with other creative women that will last a lifetime.

The NLAPW symbol is an Owl. Owls symbolically represent wisdom. I count on us collectively to use our wisdom, to listen, share ideas, be active, build our group and support one another.

Giving a Hoot,

Sheila Firestone, President

BOCA BRANCH NEWS

By: Carol White

Publicity Chair



Elaine Bossik presented a talk about her novel, "The Last Victim," to the Olympus Hadassah Chapter in Hallandale, FL in November. For more information visit Elaine's website at www.elainebossik.com Elaine was featured as "Author of the Week" on the blog, "Lizzy the Writer" on December 5. To read Lizzy's interview article with Elaine, visit the website at www.lizzythewriter.com

Jo Jo Harder was interviewed for a feature in *The Boca Raton Observer*. The article "Haute Doggies" was published in their November 2014 issue. Her company America's Top Dog Model (R) was also written up in *In Touch Weekly Magazine* and *Pet Product News International*:
<http://www.americastopdogmodel.com/press-2014.htm>

On November 25, Jo Jo launched America's Top Dog Model (R) World, which includes a store, model agency, and blog: <http://shop.americastopdogmodel.com/>.

Jo Jo's production assistant position on December 8, with FLO RIDA Music Video "Going Down For Real" by Flo Rida and Sage the Gemini with the Miami Heat Dancers and Miami Spice, led to her landing an extra part in the music video coming out in 2015: <http://www.officialflo.com/>

Fedora Horowitz lectured about the relationship between Arabs and Jews related to the historical events in her novel "Jaffa Beach" at the JCC in Palm Beach Gardens. Other engagements for "Jaffa Beach":

- Wednesday, December 17, at 6.30 pm, Spanish River Library in Boca Raton
- Tuesday, December 23, at 10 am, book club of Vizcaya Community in Delray Beach
- Tuesday January 6, at 10 am, at Valencia Isles in Boynton Beach
- Wednesday, January 14 at 12 pm, Author's Talk - Sisterhood of Temple Beith Tikva, Boynton Beach
- Monday, January 26 at 11 am, Author's Talk, PAP Chapter of Boca Woods, Boca Raton
- Thursday January 29th at 2 pm, Author's talk at Tivoli Preserve Community, Boynton Beach

Janet S. Kleinman, author of “FLIRTING WITH DISASTER WHEN LOVE AND NATURE COLLIDE,” will be part of the “So You Want to Write a Story” panel scheduled for Wednesday, January 28, at 2pm, at the West Boca Branch Library.

Marlene Klotz will participate as a vendor at the Mae Volen Center Yearly Fair on December 4 on Palmetto Park Road in Boca Raton. On December 10, Marlene looks forward to once again bringing holiday cheer to the Alzheimer residents of Stratford Court in Boca, with her humorous poetry and lively sing-a-long. Traenor Baring has accepted her latest poem, "There's Always Tomorrow," for the Pen Women website. Marlene has been selected to be one of three judges to choose a winner in the Abilene branch's "Flash Fiction" contest. The stories will be sent to her this month.

Justine Kuntz's memoir, "You're Never Gonna Amount to Anything," was accepted for publication. Bill Wilhelm tells his story of becoming an entrepreneur and living the American dream armed with only a high school diploma and a lot of grit and determination to change his circumstances. The title is a quote from his mother when his brothers read in the

local paper that the high school football team lost its game "due to a weak line." Bill played in "the line," so it must have been his fault. This era of parents using reverse psychology made a difference and worked for Bill's mother. His life after graduation is a blueprint for "getting it done" with minimal resources or outside help. He speaks to young entrepreneurs of his incredible success through hard honest work, compassion for others, and no government assistance. Available on

Amazon.com <http://tinyurl.com/mf6k52w>

Carol White entered the NANO writing challenge for 2014 – write a book of at least 50,000 words during the month of November. Carol completed the challenge before the deadline of November 30th, and was declared one of the winners. Carol expects to have her new book, “Coffee Breaks,” published in 2015. Carol was asked by the Five Star Residence Book Club to present a discussion of her book, “From One Place to Another” in January 2015.

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<http://tinyurl.com/ktodd6t>

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Essay Contest: Boca Raton Branch NLAPW
Deadline: February 1, 2015

Maximum of three entries per person. Use 12 point regular font. Double space.

Fee: **\$3.00 per essay, or three for \$6.00.** Make check payable to Boca Raton Branch NLAPW. We only need one copy of each essay. **Maximum Word Count: 500**

First Prize: \$25.00
Second Prize: \$15.00
Third Prize: \$10.00

This contest is open to ONLY Boca Branch Pen Women in good standing. You may submit a maximum of three original essays. Do not send SASE – your entries will not be returned, but you will reserve all rights to your work. We do not publish winning entries so you may submit them to other competitions.

Essays are personal accounts of your life experiences. They can be about family, travel, food, pets, work, clubs, hobbies, weddings, parties, fashion, etc.

Entries should be STAPLED in the upper left hand corner and pages must be numbered. No paper clips or binders.

Two cover sheets should be included with each entry. Word count must be listed on both cover sheets. Entries that go over the 500 word count will be disqualified.

Example: If you submit two essays, each essay will have two cover sheets.

Cover sheet 1: Title of your essay, your name, address, phone number, email, and name of your branch. Word count. Do not staple this cover sheet to your entry.

Cover sheet 2: Title of your essay **ONLY**, with word count, stapled on to your essay.

Send all work to: Michelle Putnik, Letters Chair
 Boca Raton Branch, NLAPW
 3793 Edgar Avenue
 Boynton Beach, Florida 33436

You should have email access to enter, and you may email mjputnik@comcast.net for information ONLY. Winners will be notified by email.

**2015 PEN WOMEN'S
CONFERENCE:
Logo Contest Announced!**

by: Caroline and Pickles Honeyheart

Hi there, all you wonderfully creative women!! We are now a mere 13 months away from our November, 2015 state conference. Here is our very first shout-out:

Pat Setser of Jacksonville was the 2013 logo winner of our \$50 logo contest. I wanted you to see the image both with color and without. The winning logo entry for 2015 MUST show up well on a canvas bag, so please keep that in mind when creating yours.



Our 2015 Conference Theme is REACH FOR THE STARS. Thanks to all the hard work from interim chair Jeanne Rochford of Gainesville who was able to narrow down our theme. When sending your entry, the printable area available on the bag is 8" x 8". If you create something very detailed, please consider whether or not it will

translate clearly to this specific size. This MUST BE an original work and NOT clipart.

Please E-MAIL your entry as a pdf file, or as a jpg or tif image. Please do not SNAIL MAIL your entry. We must have a clean and perfect digital image.

Please email your perfectly created logo to PW@dreamport.com. Once I receive these entries, I will forward them on to our judging panel. Deadline for entries is May 1, 2015. NO EXCEPTIONS. As in the past, the winning entry artist will receive a \$50 cash prize and she must convey all rights and title to the use of this image FOR THE 2015 CONFERENCE ONLY over to us. We will not pay for the continued use of the image during our conference. At the conclusion of the conference, the rights and title to the image revert back to our winning artist.



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Boca Raton Branch National League of American Pen Women
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Presents luncheon/discussion with
Dr. Ellen Kamhi – The Natural Nurse®



Thursday, January 15, 2014
12:00 Noon Delray Golf Club, 2200 Highland Avenue, Delray Beach 33445

Learn How to Feel and Look Better Than You Ever Have Before. Start the new year right with strategies that help you detoxify, shed pounds and give you a renewed sense of health and happiness. Dr. Ellen Kamhi will share her vast knowledge and expertise about the healing effects of herbs and how to use them to promote your health.

(clip below form and mail with check)

RESERVATION FORM – THURSDAY, January 15, 2014
12 Noon ~ Delray Beach Golf Club ~ 2200 Highland Avenue ~ Delray Beach

Please circle one Entrée and one Dessert.

- 1. **Stuffed Vine-Ripe Tomato** - Pineapple chicken salad, vegetable garnishes, fresh cut fruit and reduced fat banana nut bread.
- 2. **Eggplant Parmesan** -lightly breaded, topped with homemade marinara sauce and mozzarella cheese. Salad.
- 3. **Chicken Marsala** Sauteed boneless, skinless chicken breast finished with Marsala mushroom sauce, seasonal vegetables and chef's choice of rice or potato.
- 4. **Fresh Veggie Platter** **Dessert: Fresh Baked Apple Pie or Fruit Cup**

Members: \$25 ~ Non-members: \$30

Checks payable to: Boca Raton Branch NLAPW
Send to: Barbara Bixon, 9674 Harbour Lake Circle, Boynton Beach FL 33437
Email for more information: Bbcarter2@aol.com or call 561 732-3577
Reservations **MUST** be made by Tuesday, January 8, 2015

NAME: (Print) _____ Email/Phone _____

GUEST: _____ Email/Phone _____

GUEST'S MENU CHOICES: _____

GUESTS: How did you hear about us? _____

