

# Pen and Palette

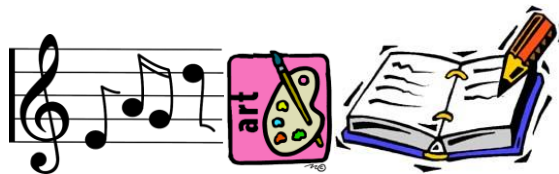
Boca Raton NLAPW

[www.bocapenwomen.org](http://www.bocapenwomen.org)

December 2017/January 2018



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## ***In the Loop: Your Board at Work***

Dear Members:

The Chart your Course Florida 2017 State Biennial Conference experience held inspiration and many delights. I was excited by the response to my presentation of “Miriam and the Women of the Desert,” at the Music Awards Dinner. I’m looking forward to receiving photos where most of the women were dancing with me to the “Song of the Sea.”

Our newest member, Dr. Joan Cartwright, presented an interesting session about Women in Music. See our Facebook page for conference pictures that Joan (also known as “Diva”) took.

Click here for a slideshow by Dr. Joan Cartwright on Youtube

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06\\_H2fg0VdY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=06_H2fg0VdY) It’s like being at the conference.

The hotel was quite nice and reasonably priced at \$99.00 a night, plus parking. The site and rate will remain the same for 2019. I hope that more of our members will plan and think about participating. Our members from around the state share a great camaraderie. It’s good to hear about the projects from other branches. The workshops were outstanding. I was able to share the

bookmarks outlining our programs for the year during the President's session. There is still great interest in our "Sage," program. We did well in the awards area. (See Member News below.)

On Friday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, we will host our annual Holiday Party at the Milagro Teen Center. The teens will present a talent show featuring some of their Milagro projects including a drumming circle. We will offer food, Sharpies and gift cards to all of the presenters. If you would like to participate in this Outreach Program to help serve refreshments, act as an audience member or stuff gift bags, please call me at (561) 391-3610. So far, Elaine, (food chair,) Carol, (photographer), Marlene, Janet and I will facilitate. Marlene and I have enjoyed volunteering at the center at different times; you might want to consider this as well.

Jo Jo Harder reports that our first Green Market event went very well. Penelope Love ordered a lovely cloth for our table and a banner to publicize our name. We have new NLAPW brochures and bookmarks to distribute. You can sell your books and artwork on assigned dates. Please contact Jo Jo Harder. (Please see Page 7 for more information) [jojostylmaker@aol.com](mailto:jojostylmaker@aol.com)

**RAFFLES:** Marlene Klotz, Rhoda Schaffer and Roberta Melman took over for Etta Schaeffer last month and we raised almost \$100.00 for our Achievement Award Fund. Please help out with items for this month's raffles. We ask that someone step up to chair this. (Etta Schaeffer, our Fundraising Chair, has been under the weather and we wish her a speedy recovery.)

In addition to our officers, thank you to everyone who is giving service to our Branch and keeping it strong:

Prue Carrico for stepping in as Art Chair.

Vera Hirschhorn for her Poetry Workshops.

Alexandra Goodwin and Elaine Bossik for coordinating the Irma entries.

Carol White, Editor of the Pen and Palette.

The Jewish Book Month event at the Parkland Library on November 29<sup>th</sup> was well received with good attendance.

Remember, our motto is "one for all and all for one" as we accomplish many exciting things for our community – the students who receive Achievement Awards, the inspiration we receive from one another, etc. Warmest wishes for a wonderful holiday season. I'm looking forward to seeing you at the holiday luncheon.

Sincerely,

Sheila Firestone, President, Boca Raton NLAPW

Music and Outreach Chair

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Our Branch's Outreach program of collecting unused eyeglasses for the Lions Clubs is continuing. **Prue Carrico** will accept donations of eyeglasses only - no cases needed - at our luncheon meeting on December 21<sup>st</sup>. Last season we were able to make a sizable donation of glasses, and the generosity of every member is much appreciated.

Click this link on our website where branch member essays and poems appear about Hurricane Irma

Coordinated by **Alexandra Goodwin**, Co-Chair, Letters

[Remembering Irma With Our Pens](#)

**SAVE THE DATE!**

National League of American Pen Women

Ft. Lauderdale & Boca Raton Branches

Members Art and Photography Exhibit

Exhibit Dates: December 29th to January 23th 2018

Sugar Sand Park- 300 S. Military Trail, Boca Raton - 561-347-3901

Awards reception on Saturday January 6<sup>th</sup> from 3-4 pm.

**Flash**, a NLAPW book, is available for purchase here: <http://www.nlapw.org/bookstore/>

This book contains short-short stories by Pen Women. Contributors are: Dayle Herstik, Marlene Klotz, Joni Sack, Etta Schaeffer, and Carol White. The challenge was writing a complete story in one hundred words or fewer.

“Good flash fiction cuts to the chase and sears the heart. These stories, told by Pen Women, aren’t excerpts from longer works. They’re mini-masterpieces in themselves. A flashbulb pops. Light explodes onto a scene and captures the truth. You see, and hear, and feel everything you need to know in 100 words or fewer.” – Treanor Wooten Baring, Editor





**Elaine Bossik** presented a book talk on her novel, *The Last Victim*, to the Valencia Reserve Hadassah Chapter on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Sheila Firestone** received two First Place Awards, for Experimental Music, “Seven Chroma Preludes in Five,” and for the “Everglades Rhapsody,” in Orchestral Music, and also a Second Place award for “Walk with Joe” in the Piano Solo category. From the Florida State Biennial Competition.

**Janet Kleinman** will lecture about immigration and her novel *Good Bye Russia, Hello America* on January 11<sup>th</sup> at 1:30pm at Temple Anshei Shalom in Delray Beach.

**Linda A. Mohr**'s poem, Morning Visitor, received an honorable mention award in Ageless Authors writing contest and was published in Ageless Authors Anthology. This is the eighth anthology where her poems and essays appear.

**Helen C. Regenstreif**'s copper enamel paintings were accepted by the Boca Raton Museum Artist Guild. 2910 N. Federal Highway. The reception was held Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup> from 6-8 p.m. The pieces are: Mediterranean Journey and Artistic Memories.

**Joni Sack** won First Place Award in Children's Poetry for “The Nose,” and in Children's Short Stories 2,000 Words or less for the "Hat in the Attic" – From the Florida State Biennial Competition.

**Carol White**'s play, "The Last Day Here" won First Place and her book of inspirational short stories, *Coffee Breaks* won Third Place place in the adult fiction category from the Florida State Biennial Competition.

**Barbara M. Wolk**, was interviewed in Laguna Woods Village, California on local TV, on “Wellness In The Woods” and created two YouTubes demonstrating and explaining The Benefits of Wheatgrass. See #1 on [Benefits](#) and #2 <https://youtu.be/PXbSN4yRAqM>

Her “Selfie” was chosen as one of the best photographs of the Emeritus Saddleback College's Photography class. Barbara will be moderating two new classes (Boca Raton) at the UFT (United Federation of Teachers) in Creative Writing and International Documentaries, which begin in 2018.



**Call for Member Bios:** If you have not yet submitted your bio for our Website, please send it to [elainebossik@yahoo.com](mailto:elainebossik@yahoo.com) pasted in an email. Tell us about yourself in 100 words or less. Include your Email address and Website. Send your photo (in jpg file format) with your bio, or we will take your photo.

<http://www.bocapenwomen.org/members/>

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Photos from our November 16, 2017 Luncheon



Top: Winners of our Poetry Contest. Vera Ripp Hirschhorn presented awards

First: Lea Becker - Lady of Light

Second: Linda Mohr - The Veil

Third: Lea Becker - Don't Drive Under the Influence of Aggravation

HM: 1 Linda Mohr - Angel at my side

HM: 2 Janet Kleinman - With Love to all who perished

HM: 3 Linda Mohr - Morning Visitor

Bottom:

**Speaker Flose Boursiquot** with Sheila Firestone and Jo Jo Harder

Check out Flose on You Tube: <https://youtu.be/y-rIPHQST1Y>

Photos from NLAPW Florida State Biennial Conference December 2017



New Member, Dr. Joan Cartwright with President, Sheila Firestone



Dr. Joan Cartwright presenting her talk on Women and Money in the Music Industry.

## The Green Market

Boca Raton Branch NLAPW members made their debut at the Boca Raton Green Market on November 18<sup>th</sup>. We have our own table, canopy, table cloth and official banner.

The next Green Market will take place December 23<sup>rd</sup>.

8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Jo Jo Harder and Meryl Davids Landau
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Elaine Bossic and Janet Kleinman

Green Market on January 20, 2018

8:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.	Jo Jo Harder and Marlene Klotz
10:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	OPEN – we need two members for this shift

Please note: set up is 7:30 a.m. Members are responsible for keeping track of their sign-up dates. Send questions to Jo Jo Harder: [jojostylmaker@aol.com](mailto:jojostylmaker@aol.com)

## Ekphrastic Poetry Workshop December 7, 2017

Vera Ripp Hirschhorn, Poetry Chair, wishes to thank Lea Becker, Sheila Firestone, Janet Kleinman, Marlene Klotz, Barbara Lunde, Mimi Paris and Barbara Wolk for participating in a creative poetry experience upon exchanging their unrevealed childhood photos and playing “guess who” after the readings.

Please contact Barbara Bixon, Treasurer, if you wish a copy of our monthly treasury report. [bbcarter2@aol.com](mailto:bbcarter2@aol.com)

Please contact Prue Carrico, Recording Secretary, if you wish a copy of the board meeting minutes. [rtistee@aol.com](mailto:rtistee@aol.com)



**Meet Artist Cindy Bartosek**

**Thursday, December 21, 2017 Buffet Luncheon - 12:00 Noon**

Delray Beach Golf Club – 2200 Highland Ave. – Delray Beach

561/243-7385 for Directions

Cindy Bartosek, an award-winning fiber artist and photographer, whose work has been exhibited in Florida and New York City, will display her creations and discuss her work.

**CLICK COUPON AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK**

Members: \$27 – Guests: \$32

**Checks payable to: Boca Raton Branch NLAPW**

**Send to:** Elaine Bossik, 7722 Majestic Palm Drive, Boynton Beach FL 33437

**Email** Elaine Bossik for more information: [elainebossik@yahoo.com](mailto:elainebossik@yahoo.com)

**Luncheon Menu**

**Delray Deli Buffet:** Mixed greens salad bar; sliced roast beef, baked ham, and roast turkey breast; cheese; red jacket potato salad; pasta salad; chickpeas; green leaf lettuce, sliced tomato and red onion; condiments; assorted fresh breads and rolls.

**Dessert:** Chocolate Cake and Sugar Free Apple Pie

NAME: (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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GUESTS: How did you hear about us \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CHECKS: December 14, 2017**

**Note: We cannot accept checks after the deadline.**

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