

# PEN & PALETTE

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

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## SPOTLIGHT'S ON...



### Free upcoming Music Events at the Lynn University Amarnick-Goldstein Concert Hall

5th Annual Lynn Chamber Music Competition Final Round

Saturday Dec. 8 at 7:30 pm.

Winning group of Lynn's chamber music Competition will be selected.

The winning group will present in a New York debut recital at the Kosciuszko Foundation

Mark your calendar

Master Classes with the Emerson String Quartet -  
Friday Jan. 11 at 1 and 4 pm

Saturday, Jan 12 at 10 am and 1 pm

Full time Stony Brook faculty members featured.

Sheila Firestone  
Music Chairperson







## FROM THE OWL'S NEST

Dear Members,

Looking back over the past few months, we've enjoyed many programs and events: Our membership luncheon and silent auction at the Gleneagles Country Club was a great success and a special day.

Also in October, three Pen Women authors – Carol White, Alexandra Goodwin and Janet Kleinman – led a lively discussion about our love for love stories at the Buena Vida Community in Wellington.

The November luncheon program, featuring public relations and marketing expert Adrienne Mazzone, was most informative. We all learned something valuable about networking and promoting sales for our creative work.

On December 14<sup>th</sup>, we'll be hosting a holiday party for teens at the Milagro Center. Several Pen women will share some of their creative work with the teens. We planned an entertaining afternoon for the teens with refreshments, gifts and activities. And we appreciate the generous donations from our members to help fund this event.

We'll be celebrating the upcoming holidays with a special buffet luncheon on December 20<sup>th</sup> and a program featuring Michelle Putnik's one-act play, *The Killer B's*. Get ready for a lot of laughs when the Lauderdale-by-the-Sea acting troupe presents her comedy.

On January 26<sup>th</sup>, we're in for a double treat – our monthly luncheon will be held on a Saturday afternoon at the TeaLicious Tea Room in Delray Beach. Enjoying an afternoon tea lunch is always lovely, but it will be extra special because Sheila Firestone is presenting some original music compositions from her new musical, *Miriam and the Women of the Desert*.

With Valentine's Day approaching, poet Marlene Klotz will be hosting a poetry workshop – *It's All About Love* – on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, in her home. Contact Marlene at [marleneklotz@aol.com](mailto:marleneklotz@aol.com) to reserve.

Four of our Pen authors will be leading a *Mini Writer's Retreat* on February 9<sup>th</sup> at the Delray Beach Public Library. This three-hour fiction-writing workshop will be open to the public and our Pen members. Details will be published, but save the date to hone your skills in plotting, character development, dialogue and descriptions.

Our artists will have an opportunity to showcase their work at a juried art show on March 30<sup>th</sup> in cooperation with the Ft. Lauderdale Branch. This special full-day event, at the Center for Spiritual Living in Boca Raton, will include art, letters and music workshops.

We look forward to meeting at the December 20<sup>th</sup> luncheon. Reservations are due by December 13<sup>th</sup>.

Sincerely,

Elaine Bossik & Prue Carrico

Co-Chairs

## Milagro Teen Center and Boca Raton NLAPW Talent Exchange

Our Holiday party for the Milagro Teens takes place on Friday, December the 14. We will arrive at 2:30 to set up and remain till about 5 PM. Please contact me if you have discussed doing a short talk featuring a single piece of work with messages about some aspect of your work and your form of art.

Each student will present some project that he or she is working on and some of our members will share a bit about their work.

We will serve turkey, and ham and cheese sandwiches, sweet tea and lemonade punch, along with holiday cookies and bags of chips.

President Elaine Bossik and Patron Elaine Hutt are picking up the food and will help to serve food and pour drinks.

Boca Pen Women Presenters:

Carol White, (talking about jobs in theatre),

Roberta Melman will share a painting and a bit about her work,

Myself, sharing a bit about the music creation or the musical that I am producing, and talk about the importance of teamwork. Punctuality, commitment to a project.

Janet Kleinman will share about (her book about the MLK memorial).

Did I accidentally leave anyone out? Please Contact me.

Thank you, everyone, for your generous contributions to the event so that we can make the holiday special for these young people. These may be the only gifts that some of the students will receive.

After each presentation, the student will receive both a gift card from Target of \$10 and also an acrylic mug as a take-home gift from us.

We look forward to the teen's presentations which may include showing us their robot that they have built, the results of their music studies, their art projects, and testimonials about the Milagro Center's magical effect on their lives.

If you are wanting to participate and have not yet confirmed, please do so.

The Milagro Teen Center location:

Teen Center - Anthony Baccus

340 SW 6th Ave 33444 (Take Atlantic Avenue to 6th Avenue - you will see a health food restaurant on the south corner with giant stuffed bears propped up outside, Turn Right. Follow the street to the Blue house on the right. There is usually a Milagro van parked out front.

Between 3rd & 4th Street

561 265 - 5727

Sincerely,

Sheila Firestone

Outreach Chairperson

(561)391-3610

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

**Linda A. Mohr** has launched a website and blog, *Parkinson's My Way... Creativity in Motion*. The mission is to educate and inspire as well as to showcase the creative accomplishments of people with Parkinson's disease. <https://parkinsonsmymyway.com>

**Special Note:** The Membership vote on November 15, 2018 was unanimous to accept the draft ByLaw Amendment proposing Emerita Membership for members age 90 and older. The draft Amendment will now be submitted to other Branches for their votes. If accepted, it will be sent to National for all members to vote on.

**Elaine Bossik** presented her novel, *The Last Victim*, at the PGA Members Club in Palm Beach Gardens on November 9th, and at Vizcaya in Delray Beach in November 13th.

**Dr. Brenda Dressler**, a sexual health educator was interviewed by Doug Llewelyn on [cutvnewsradio.com](http://cutvnewsradio.com) on November 12, 2018, at 11:00 AM for 30 minutes. Please follow the link to hear the interview.

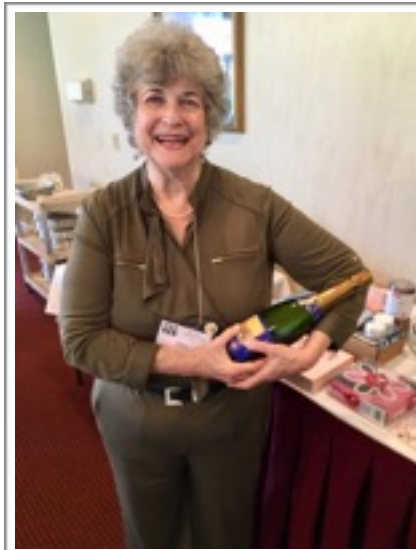
<http://www.blogtalkradio.com/cutvnewsradio/2018/11/12/cutv-news-radio-spotlights-dr-brenda-dressler-phd>

**REMINDER...** If any member of our Boca Raton Branch NLAPW wishes to receive copy of our most current Treasurer's Report, she may request it via email: [leabecker2@comcast.net](mailto:leabecker2@comcast.net).



- 1 - Marta Luzim
- 8 - Diane Brenda Bryan
- 9 - Bunny Shulman
- 18 - Linda Mohr

## NOVEMBER LUNCHEON MEMORIES...





### **An Early Bird Invitation**

**A Valentine's Day poem is a great way to show appreciation for friends, families, significant others and anyone else you might love. If you wish to tell someone you love them in a literary way, join us for a poetry workshop at the home of Marlene Klotz on Wednesday, February 6th, 1 – 3 P.M.**

**A light lunch will be served, so please contact Marlene at [marleneklotz@yahoo.com](mailto:marleneklotz@yahoo.com) or phone: (561) 400-1550 to advise if you will attend.**

**(Seating Limited)**

**Hear Music From a New Musical and  
The Story of its Creation**

**Sheila Firestone – Music Composer**

**Saturday, January 26, 2019  
2:00 – 5:00 p.m., TeaLicious Tea House**

Composer and Pen Woman Sheila Firestone will present *“The Journey to Creating the Musical, Miriam and the Women of the Desert.”* Sheila will share anecdotes about her visits to Israel and the sights, sounds and visions that inspired her compositions. Her musical accomplishment, which took over twenty-two years to complete, is a fascinating story about Sheila, as well as the Biblical Miriam and the women who surrounded her.



The fully staged production of Sheila's new musical, with a cast of talented singers, will premier on February 24, 2019 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach, FL. For ticketing and information about this performance and additional performances, visit <http://www.sheilafirestone.com/miriam-and-the-women-of-the-desert-new-musical/>.

Sheila is a prolific musician whose orchestral works have been performed at venues in the U.S. and internationally. She served as the Music Chair of the Boca Raton NLAPW since 2003, and was Branch President from 2014 to 2018.

Join the Boca Raton Pen Women for a delightful afternoon, featuring a preview of some of the music from *Miriam and the Women of the Desert* and a delicious tea luncheon.

TeaLicious Tea House – 4995 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, FL 33445  
561-638-5155

Reserve by January 18, 2019 at [www.bocapenwomen.org](http://www.bocapenwomen.org)

**(See Menu Next Page)**



CLIP COUPON AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK

Members: \$27 ~ Non-members: \$30

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

Send to: Elaine Hutt, 7666 Majestic Palm Drive, Boynton Beach FL 33437

Email Elaine Hutt for more information: [elainehlasvegas@aol.com](mailto:elainehlasvegas@aol.com)

**Luncheon Menu: Please circle your choice of croissant sandwich**

- (1) Croissant with turkey; (2) Croissant with tuna salad; (3) Croissant with egg salad;**
- (4) Croissant with chicken salad.**

**Croissant sandwiches are served with soup of the day, a small salad and fruit.**

**Dessert:** scone with clotted cream and preserves.

**Choice of Four Teas:** Lemon Lavender; Apple Honey; English Breakfast; Decaf Creme Brule.

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

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

GUEST'S MENU: CHOICES of entree & dessert:  
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**GUESTS:** How did you hear about us?  
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**Deadline for Receipt of Checks: January 18, 2019**

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