

PEN & PALETTE

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SPOTLIGHT'S ON...



THE KILLER B'S!

Thank you so much for having us at your December Luncheon! What an awesome group of loving, creative, and encouraging women. A special shout out to Janet Kleinman for making it happen.

Best wishes,

Sky Dauer, Angela Piraino, Sharon Ragoonan, Pat Sessa, and Michelle Putnik.



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FROM THE OWL'S NEST

Dear Members,

A new year has arrived and we want to wish everyone a happy, healthy and creative 2019.

Looking back at 2018, we enjoyed a successful membership luncheon; a well-received book talk program at the Buena Vida Community; a creative poetry workshop at the Book Cellar; an original play presentation by Michelle Putnik and her acting troupe, and an outreach holiday party for teens at the Milagro Center in December.

Our outreach program for the Milagro teens was a very special event, with the teens and Pen women exhibiting their talents. Pen women Sheila Firestone, Carol White, Marlene Klotz, Roberta Melman, Vera Hirschhorn and Janet Kleinman shared some creative insights with the teens at the party we hosted. We thank all of our members who made generous contributions that provided refreshments and gifts for the Milagro teens.

Many exciting events and programs are planned for 2019. At our first Saturday afternoon luncheon on January 26th, at the TeaLicious Tea House, Sheila Firestone will present music from her debut musical, *Miriam and the Women of the Desert*. You'll hear Sheila's fascinating story of her twenty-two-year journey creating this musical. The charming Tea Room is a perfect venue for Sheila's music and story. Reservations are due by January 18th.

On February 6th, Marlene Klotz is hosting a poetry workshop in her home. Contact Marlene to reserve your place and pen poetry about love for Valentine's Day.

On February 13th, Pen women are participating in a short story panel discussion with the Women's National Book Association. Details will be announced.

Program Chair Janet Kleinman arranged a must-see program for our February 14th luncheon. Best-selling author Talia Carner will talk about *Hotel Moscow*, a novel inspired by a her journey to Russia at a momentous time in history.

In March, Pen member artists may exhibit their work and offer it for sale at The Center for Spiritual Living in Boca Raton. Also in March, we'll be joining Pen Women from the Ft. Lauderdale Branch for a joint juried art show and all-day workshops at the Center. Letters and music members will also be participating in this full-day program.

A fiction-writing workshop at the Delray Beach Library will be led by Barbara Bixon, Lee Ravine, Meryl Davids and Elaine Bossik on March 23rd. This program, *a Mini Writer's Retreat*, is open to the public and our members.

We look forward to seeing all of you at our luncheon programs, workshops and special events.

Sincerely,
Elaine Bossik & Prue Carrico
Co-Chairs



The next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 22, 2019, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m. at the West Boynton Beach Library, 9451 Jog Road, Boynton Beach.

Call to Artists

Calling all artists, from emerging to professional, to show, sell and compete for awards in the Lake Worth Art League's Artist's Eye Gallery and Boutique in downtown Lake Worth. The League offers first, second, third, and honorable mention awards. Entry fee for non-League members is \$30 for first entry, \$15 for each additional. The League retains 20% of all sales. Go to: lwartleague.org to view rules for this show. Take-in for the show, "Spectacle of Art," is Mon. Feb. 25th from 10:00 – 2:30.

Writing Contest

Tom Howard/John H. Reid Fiction & Essay Contest Ends April 30, 2019, \$20 entry fee. Submit stories and essays on any theme, up to 6,000 words each. The winning story and essay will each receive \$2,000. Ten Honorable Mentions will receive \$100 each. The top 12 entries will be published online. For this contest, a story is any short work of fiction, and an essay is any short work of nonfiction. You may submit published or unpublished work. This contest accepts multiple entries (submit them one at a time). Omit your name from your entries. Use 12-point type or larger. Avoid fancy, hard-to-read fonts. Double-spacing is recommended. For submission, go to:

<https://winningwriters.submittable.com/submit/49862/tom-howard-john-h-reid-fiction-essay-contest>.



COMMUNITY OUTREACH

We hosted a holiday party for teens at the Milagro Teen Center in Delray Beach on December 14th. It was a festive event, with refreshments and gifts for the teens. The teens demonstrated their talents, and some of our Pen women spoke about their creative achievements. Read about the party in a new blog article posted on our Web site.
<http://www.bocapenwomen.org/milagro-teens-showcase-talents-at-2018-holiday-party/>



MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

In Fall 2018, **PENELOPE LOVE** released five new titles through her press, Citrine Publishing, three with direct connections to names you will recognize: *Loving Gordon: A Dementia Caregiver's Journey* by Ruth Baird Pollard (edited by Carol White); *How to Complain When There's Nothing to Complain About* by Susan Goldfein (the speaker who enchanted us with her humorous essays last year) and *One Magical Night*, an illustrated children's book by our branch's very own Maria Choron.

Aside from her dimensional art exhibits, **RHODA HOLLANDER** has designed note cards for the holidays in the price ranges of \$5.00 and \$10.00, depending on sales, to help our scholarship savings. Her email is rhoda.hollander@yahoo.com to make arrangements for purchase.

LEE RAVINE will be lecturing at Mandel JCC in Boynton Beach at 12:15 p.m. on the following four Mondays:

Jan. 14 - Violence Against Women And Sexism

Jan. 21 - Depression And Suicide Awareness - The Facts We All Need To Know

Jan. 28 - Live A Happier Life - Change Negative Into Positive

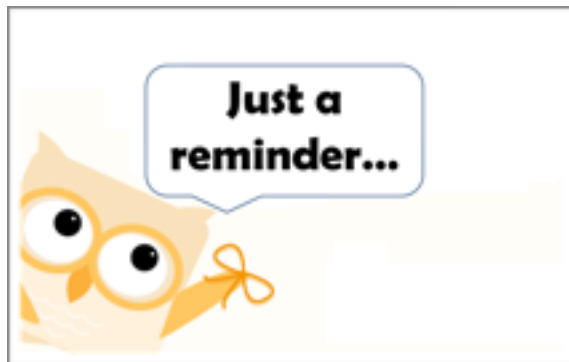
Feb. 25 - Exploring Gender Identity - The 21st Century Firestorm

Each session is \$15.00 and includes the class following Lee's.

DR. BRENDA DRESSLER will be giving a talk on sexuality on CUTV News Radio on January 8, 2019.

CAROL WHITE edited a memoir by Ruth Pollard, "Loving Gordon: A Dementia Caregiver's Journey" for www.CitrinePublishing.com Available on Amazon: <https://amzn.to/2PGweOK>

VERA RIPP HIRSCHHORN is co-partnering with the Arts Professor at FAU's College of Education for the spring semester, 2019. She'll be co-teaching teachers-in training and implementing her most recent educational resource, *I'm Somebody & So Are You! The Human Connection in Education; a Toolkit for Teaching People Skills*. Additionally, she'll share a South Florida story on The Public Storyteller, airing on WLRN, 91.3 at 4p.m. on January 6, 2019 and live streamed at wlrn.org."



Saturday, January 26, 2019, 2:00 p.m., Luncheon at TeaLicious Tea Room, Delray Beach. Sheila Firestone presents a program about her new musical, *Miriam and the Women of the Desert*. Reserve by January 18th.

Wednesday, February 6, 2019, 1:00 – 3:00 p.m.: Poetry workshop, *It's All About Love*, hosted by Marlene Klotz at her home. Contact Marlene at marleneklotz@yahoo.com to reserve.

February 13, 2019, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m.: Short Fiction Panel Discussion with Women's National Book Association members. Place TBA. Open to the public.

March 1st - April 30th: Pen Member Art Exhibit at the Center for Spiritual Living art gallery. Hanging is March 1st; takedown is April 30th. Artists may sell their work, with a 20% commission for the Center.

March 30, 2019: Full-day Celebration of the Arts in collaboration with the Ft. Lauderdale Branch at the Center for Spiritual Living, Boca Raton. Juried art show; art workshops and demonstrations; letters program; sale table for books, small art pieces, note cards, CDs. Contact Prue Carrico at rtistee@aol.com if you would like to lead a workshop. This event is open to the public.

Visit www.bocapenwomen.org for posts and updates about our events and programs.

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



Meet Award-Winning Novelist Talia Carner

Thursday, February 14, 2019

12:00 Noon

Talia Carner had numerous careers – publisher of *Savvy Woman* magazine; adjunct professor at the Long Island University School of Management; marketing consultant to Fortune 500 companies; volunteer counselor and lecturer for the Small Business Administration, and member of the United States Information Agency's missions to Russia.

Ms. Carner's award-winning short stories, articles and personal essays have appeared in anthologies, literary magazines and websites. Her four published novels tell intriguing stories and focus on important women's issues.

Hotel Moscow, (Harper Collins 2015), Ms. Carner's fourth novel, was inspired by a real-life experience. It won the USA Book News award in the multicultural category.



Talia will share the personal story of her terrifying trip to Moscow in 1993, when she was caught up in an uprising against President Boris Yeltsin. Her fiction-writing career began soon after she returned to the United States.

Join the Boca Raton Pen Women for a delicious luncheon and an inspiring program.

**Boca Raton Branch National League of American Pen Women
Luncheon and Speaker Program**

Hear Music From a New Musical and the Story of its Creation

Sheila Firestone – Music Composer

Saturday, January 26, 2019

2:00 – 5:00 PM

TeaLicious Tea House – 4995 W. Atlantic Ave. Delray Beach, FL 33445

561/638-5155

Composer and Pen Woman Sheila Firestone will present *The Journey to Creating the Musical, Miriam and the Women of the Desert*.

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: elainehulasvegas@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: _____

GUESTS: How did you hear about us? _____

Deadline for Receipt of Checks: January 18, 2019

Note: We cannot accept checks after the deadline.