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League of American Pen Women (NLAPW), Inc.

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SPOTLIGHT'S ON...



The Board of the Boca Raton NLAPW wishes to remind all members that the annual dues (\$85.00) will be collected very soon.

In order to facilitate this procedure, we are double-checking the email addresses of our current members. If the e-address listed for a member is not correct, she will not receive this message, and we will be phoning to make sure all contact information is correct.

Please refer to our Web page for the latest Branch news and updates.





FROM THE OWL'S NEST

Dear Members,

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our luncheons and other events over the past few months.

At our February luncheon on Valentine's Day, we met author and women's activist Talia Carner. The fascinating story of her experience when she was on a mission to Russia was eye-opening and inspiring.

On February 13th, authors Carol White, Dayle Herstik and Elaine Bossik joined writers from the Women's National Book Association for a short fiction panel discussion at the Delray Beach Library. It was a lively discussion with an enthusiastic and engaged audience.

Many of us attended the premier of composer Sheila Firestone's musical, *Miriam and the Women of the Desert* on February 24th. Listening to Sheila's beautiful music and seeing the staged production – the culmination of twenty-two years of work – was an amazing experience. Several performances are scheduled in March.

A *Celebration of the Arts* event will be held on Saturday, March 30th from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at The Center for Spiritual Living in Boca Raton. Our Branch members will join the Ft. Lauderdale Branch for a full day of entertaining and educational activities: a judged art show, an art workshop and demonstration, a motivational talk on creativity, an open mic for authors and a special raffle.

On April 11th, Pen Woman Dr. Brenda Dressler will present a program on sexual health at our year-end luncheon. We'll also be awarding scholarships in art, music, and letters to three young women pursuing careers in these fields.

We look forward to seeing you all at our upcoming luncheons and programs.

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 be paid by May 1. We ask that you send your check early in April because 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.

PLEASE PRINT YOUR INFORMATION

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM - **Check payable to Boca Raton Branch NLAPW**

NAME _____

Birthday _____

Date Accepted into NLAPW Membership _____

Street Address _____

City _____ **Zip** _____

Home Phone _____

Cellphone _____

Email _____

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

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



March 21 – Luncheon and Art Speaker Phyllis Elrich, Delray Beach Golf Club, 12:00 Noon

March 23 – Fiction Writing Workshop, Delray Beach Library, Atlantic Ave., Noon – 4:00, Open to the public. For writers of all levels. Preregister \$10

March 30 – Celebration of the Arts with Ft. Lauderdale Branch, 10:00 – 4:00, Center for Spiritual Living, Boca Raton: Free events all day. Open to the public

* Interview on South Florida Live to Promote Your Work
Pen women are invited to do a 20 minute interview on South Florida Live with Peter Wein and reach thousands of listeners across the internet. The show is broadcasted live/weekly at the TransMedia Group building, in Boca Raton. Contact Vanessa Rutigliano, Director of Operations & Producer, South Florida LiveTransMedia Group at 561-750-9800 x2100 to arrange an interview.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS:

Dr. Brenda Dressler was interviewed for a live 8-minute radio interview about her business, Dr. Brenda, Sexual Health Educator, with National Broadcasting System Radio on **03/01/2019**.

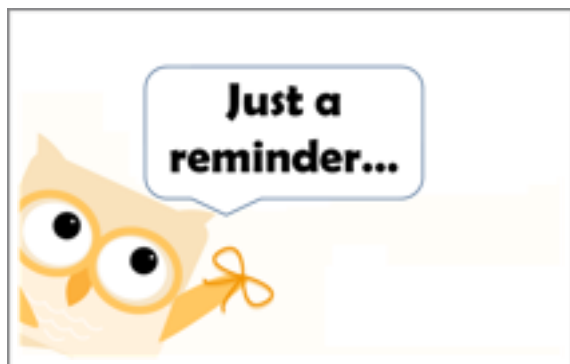
Barbara Wolk is moderating a series of documentary films from March 27 to May 1 from 10 - 12 Noon, at Potomac Trail Building, 3200 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton, FL. To reserve, contact Barbara at Bhasha108@aol.com.

On January 10, **Jo Jo Harder** was invited by TransMedia Group to be a guest on South Florida Live Radio Show hosted by Peter Wein:

<http://weinetwork.com/shows/PetersLivingroom/Peter%27s%20Livingroom%5B2019-01-10%2C-Boca-TopDogModel-20%5D.mp3>.

Rachel Galvin, editor at Observer in Deerfield Beach, did a great write-up about America's Top Dog Model contest: <https://www.americastopdogmodel.com/press.htm>. Members are invited by Jo Jo to to attend America's Top Dog Model 2019 Casting Call, South Florida Pet Expo, West Palm Beach, Florida on March 23. You can enter you dog in the casting call or be part of the audience. The event will be filmed for a video by Jo Jo Productions: <https://www.americastopdogmodel.com/events.html>.





The Board of the Boca Raton Pen Women
March 23, 2019: Mini Writer's Retreat: Fiction Writing Workshop. Delray Beach Library, Atlantic Ave., Delray. Noon - 3:00 p.m. For writers of all levels. Open to the public. Register with the library, \$10 fee. Instructors: Barbara Bixon, Meryl Davids, Lee Ravine, Elaine Bossik.

March 30, 2019: Celebration of the Arts with Ft. Lauderdale Branch. Center for

Spiritual Living, Boca Raton. 10:00 - 4:00. Judged art show; art workshops and demonstrations; writers' open mic readings; sale table and refreshments. Open to the public. \$5 donation at the door.

To participate in the judged art show, contact Prue Carrico at ristee@aol.com. To participate in the open mic readings, contact Elaine Bossik at elainebossik@yahoo.com.

Call for Volunteers for March 30th Celebration of the Arts

Volunteers are needed to help before and during the March 30th event. If you can spend one hour, several hours, or the entire day assisting where needed, please contact Elaine Bossik or Prue Carrico.

Help needed: collecting donations at the door; restocking the refreshment table; hosting the sale tables; keeping time at the open mic event; acting as MC at the open mic event.

The Boca Green Market has moved to 201 West Palmetto Park Road (parking lot north of City Hall). The hours are 8 am to 1 pm. The Boca Pen Woman's next scheduled dates to participate are February 16, March 23, and April 6. There will be two shifts: 8 am to 10:30 am and 10:30 am to 1 pm. There will be two members on each shift. Members will need to bring your merchandise and a chair. This is a great opportunity to sell your books, artwork, and music as well as to help promote our organization. Contact Jo Jo Harder @ jojostylmaker@aol.com.

Sheila Firestone brings her new musical to the stage. A new musical, ***Miriam and the Women of the Desert***, composed by Sheila Firestone, premiered on February 24, 2019 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Delray Beach, Florida. This fascinating Biblical story of Miriam and the women who surround her is told in a fully-staged musical production with a cast of talented singers. The audience was privileged to be the first to see and enjoy ***Miriam and the Women of the Desert***, a musical accomplishment that Sheila Firestone has worked on for twenty-two years. The musical tells the story of the Hebrews' exodus from Egypt through the eyes of Miriam, a prophetess and sister of Moses and Aaron. It takes the audience on a musical journey, exploring family relationships, many forms of love and generational heritage.

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Though the story dates back thousands of years, its relevance in today's women's movement for equality is most timely.

The production has a cast of seven professionally-trained singers and an instrumental ensemble. Costumes recreate Biblical garb, and projected scenic designs, created by artist Bonita Tabakin, depict the mood of the desert.

Miriam's story of her journey through the desert, surrounded by other Biblical women – Zipporah, Yocheved and the midwives – is drawn from texts of the *Torah* and *Midrash*. “This musical is the realization of a vision started in Israel that spans many years of musical study and interest in religion, particularly regarding the role of Biblical women and their family relationships,” Sheila explained.

Sheila Firestone is an accomplished composer who has studied musical composition since 1987. As a Delian Society member, her orchestral works have been performed in Seattle, WA, France, England and Japan. Her *Trio and Dance* composition was performed in Washington, DC. *Abraham Lincoln*, a choral work, was published in *Happy Birthday, Mr. Lincoln Commemorative Collage* produced by the National League of American Pen Women.

Here is a link to the trailer from the production on 2/24/19. If you missed seeing “Miriam,” you can still catch one of the performances March, 30, 31, April 4 or April 7. Empire Stage, Ft. Lauderdale. For information and directions: <http://www.miriamandthewomenofthedesert.com>.





7 - Bea Doone-Merena

11 - Joyce Krupp

17 - Dara Viane

24 - Betty Elster

27 - Lidia Tohar



Talia Carner wowed us at the February 14th luncheon with the story of her experience in Russia when she was on a U.S. educational mission there, and Civil War broke out. Her vivid descriptions of the harsh living conditions and deprivation that the Russian people endured, and their resulting suspicious mind set, was illuminating. We're grateful to Talia for making us aware of women's struggle to survive in Russia's chaotic environment of the 1990s when all the economic doors were closed to them. Talia Carner is a fascinating and inspirational speaker, and an admirable human rights activist.

CELEBRATION OF THE ARTS



SATURDAY, MARCH 30, 2019
10:00 A.M. – 4:00 P.M.
CENTER FOR SPIRITUAL LIVING



2 SW 12th AVENUE, BOCA RATON, FL 33486

The public is invited to join Pen Women from the Boca Raton Branch and the Ft. Lauderdale Branch of the National League of American Pen Women (NLAPW) for a celebration of the arts on Saturday, March 30, 2019 at the Center for Spiritual Living in Boca Raton, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Pen women will share their expertise through workshops, activities, and exhibits. A judged art show of Pen women's art will be on display and for sale in the Center's gallery. Refreshments will be available in the social hall.

Events Throughout the Day:

- **Original Piano Composition, *A Walk With Joe*, by Sheila Firestone: 10:00.**
- **Art Exhibit & Award Ceremony: 10:15 – 10:30.** First, second, third place, and three honorable mention awards.
- **Coaching for Creatives – take your art and life to the next level: 10:30 – 11:00.** Led by Phoenix Marks, author, photographer, business/personal coach, and inspirational speaker.
- **Ceramic Workshop – LOVE: 11:00 – 12:00.** Led by award-winning artist Anabel Rub Peicher.
- **Brown Bag Lunch: 12:00 – 12:30.** Bring a brown-bag lunch. Complimentary dessert and coffee.
- **Art Demonstration of Porcelain Painting & Reverse Glass Painting. 12:30 – 2:30.** Led by award-winning artist Mary Belle Cordell.
- **Authors Open Mic: 2:30 – 4:00.** Pen women authors share their writing through short readings of their work.
- **Raffle: 4:00.** Win one of many great prizes. Winners must be present to claim prizes.

\$5.00 donation at the door. Proceeds support scholarships for young women in the arts.



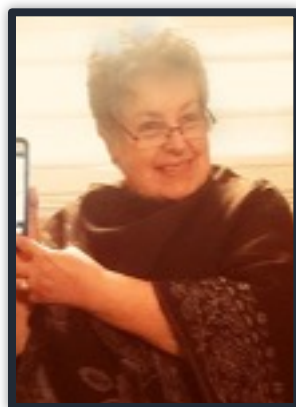
Meet Quilting Artist Phyllis Elrich

Thursday, March 21, 2019

12:00 Noon

Delray Beach Golf Club

Phyllis Elrich's career as a professional artist grew out of her earlier career as an elementary school teacher. She used art as an essential teaching tool for students to learn about the world around them. Guiding children to construct papier maché replicas of trees, flowers, animals and landmarks brought life into learning for them.



Phyllis's love for art led her to develop an exceptional skill in quilting -- a revered art form that is difficult to master. She perfected this art and has created exquisite quilts that are outstanding works of art. She is also an accomplished artist in other mediums.

Several of Phyllis's art quilts will be on display when she discusses how she creates unique patterns.

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

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

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Boca Raton Branch National League of American Pen Women
Luncheon and Speaker Program
Meet Quilting Artist Phyllis Elrich
Thursday, March 21, 2019
12:00 Noon
 Delray Beach Golf Club – 2200 Highland Ave. – Delray Beach
 561/243-7385 for Directions

Phyllis Elrich is an accomplished artist who works in several mediums. She has perfected the art of quilt making and has created exquisite quilts that are outstanding works of art.

 CLIP COUPON AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK

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

Gluten Free: Members \$30 ~ Non-Members: \$33

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

Luncheon Menu: Please circle your choice of entrée and dessert

(1) Poached Fillet of Salmon – Court bouillon poached salmon with creamy lemon dill sauce on the side, served with rice pilaf and green beans.

(2) Key West Chicken – Chicken brushed with citrus burre blanc, grilled and topped with tropical fruit salsa; served with rice pilaf and green beans.

(3) Cobb Salad – Iceberg lettuce with roasted turkey breast, avocado, crumbled blue cheese, shredded cheddar cheese, cherry tomatoes, hard-boiled egg and ripe olives.

Dessert Choice: (4) Chocolate Raspberry Mousse Cake or (5) Fruit Cup

NAME: (Print) _____ Email _____

GUEST: _____ Email _____

GUEST'S MENU: CHOICES of entree & dessert: _____

GUESTS: How did you hear about us? _____

Deadline for Receipt of Checks: March 14, 2019