

Pen and Palette

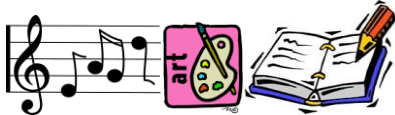
Boca Raton NLAPW

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December 2019



MUSIC...ART...LETTERS



Facebook Page: <http://tinyurl.com/hen8b4o>

In the Loop: Your Board at Work

Dear Members,

Our November calendar was filled with many enjoyable events. At the November luncheon we met artist Claire Satin, who exhibited some of her award-winning bookworks and discussed her unusual art techniques. She invited us to her upcoming exhibit at Bailey Contemporary Art Gallery in Pompano Beach, FL, January 3 – February 28.

At the December luncheon, we'll meet Merisa Merulli, a photojournalist and explorer, who captures nature's beauty with her camera in places you may have dreamed of visiting. Be sure to send your reservation by December 12th. Luncheon Coupon and full description on Page 8-9.

Letters co-chairs Carol White and Alexandra Goodwin have been hard at work arranging programs for our authors at local libraries and at a new venue—the Big Apple Bazaar—in Delray Beach. These workshops and author talks give our Pen authors an opportunity to reach the public, sell their books and network. We hope to see you at these events. Bring your friends, and support your Pen sisters.

Our outreach program for teens at the Milagro Center in Delray Beach will be held on December 18th. Sheila Firestone has arranged a wonderful party for two groups of teens this season. Thanks to generous donations from our Pen members, we'll be providing refreshments and gifts for 80 – 90 teens this year. A few of our Pen members will be discussing their creative work during the program. And the teens will be showcasing their special talents to the group.

Visit our website at www.bocapenwomen.org to learn about upcoming arts, letters and music events. Looking forward to seeing you on December 19th.

Sincerely,
Elaine Bossik & Prue Carrico
President Co-Chairs

PRUE CARRICO, FLORIDA STATE NLAPW PRESIDENT

The Board members elected for our Florida State Association at our recent conference in Daytona Beach are the following:

President - Prue Carrico, Boca Raton Branch
First Vice-President - Karen Morris, Pensacola Branch
Second Vice-President, Jan Schaberg, Sarasota Branch
Secretary - Janie Owens, PAL - Daytona area
Treasurer, Caroline McKeon - Sarasota Branch

The elected officers will be installed in May, 2020.

Continuing to serve on the Board are:

Chaplain -Carolynn Scully, PAL - Orlando area
Parliamentarian - Elaine Waidelich, PAL - Daytona area

Our Board members are already energetically planning future events and activities which our FSA members will find exciting and instructive!

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Announcement: Writer's Mini Retreat of December 13 at the Delray Beach Library has been cancelled due to holiday over scheduling. We will keep you posted of the new date.

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SPOTLIGHT

The Center for Spiritual Living, 2 SW 12th Avenue, Boca Raton, FL 33486 presents the 19th Annual Christmas Eve Interfaith Candlelight Service: A Celebration of Peace & Brotherhood on Tuesday, December 24th at 7:30 pm. Reflect on the beauty of things both great and small. Marvel at the wonder of God's nature in you. Hear the joyful music of the season. Imagine a world of peace where there is no hunger, war or strife. See us living with respect for the oneness of all Life. Yield to inner guidance to light your way. Celebrate with us! Leaders of various faiths: Taoism, Islam, Buddhism, Hinduism, Judaism, Christianity and New Thought will be speaking on peace and the interconnectedness of mankind. There will be beautiful holiday music and a candlelight procession. This event is free and open to all.

Dr. Barbara Lunde

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SPECIAL EVENT

Be a Good Will Ambassador for the Boca Raton NLAPW Saturday, March 21, 2020

For many years The Boca Raton branch NLAPW has participated in the "Delray Beach All People's Day Diversity Festival." This year we offer a table called "Won't you be my Neighbor."

Participants visiting the festival will select a blank interior greeting card, be given a mirror to help create a self portrait, and share some of their good qualities or write a short poem telling what makes them a good neighbor. Our Outreach Chair Sheila Firestone would like to recruit you to take a shift by participating in our booth. There can be two shifts 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. You can of course stay for the day. It's a fun event filled with performances from every ethnic group in the community, and free lunches with ethnic food from various restaurants. To participate, Contact Sheila at sheilasong@mac.com

If you would like to donate a book or prize for their raffle, please let Sheila know. Many children attend this festival. Please contact Sheila if you would like to assist at the festival or if you would graciously donate a raffle item. A pick up can be arranged. Items must be valued at \$15.00 or over.

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Women's National Book Association South Florida Chapter (WNBA) presented a "Haiku Poetry" program last night at the Delray Beach Library. **Alexandra Goodwin** and WNBA member Shelly Hymowitz led an interesting discussion about the beginnings of Haiku, and read some wonderful examples. Alexandra Goodwin is the author of *What Color is Your Haiku* and Shelley taught an inventive Haiku program to elementary students, featuring paintings by Claude Monet.



MEMBER NEWS

Sheila Firestone will join Patricia Black-Gould and Barbara J. Dunham in presenting the *The Crystal Beads*, a three-way collaboration. Barbara will present her story along with three of Sheila's musical pieces: *Bim Bam*, *Oh Lord How Will I Know You*, and *Farloren*. *The Crystal Beads* takes place during the Holocaust. Barbara's painting is only revealed after the telling of the story during next year's 2020 NLAPW National Conference in Washington D.C., held at the Pen Art's Building, at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, April 25th. Sheila will be featured in an upcoming issue of *Women in Jazz in the World, Inc.* Watch for the article.

Alexandra Goodwin was a guest speaker at the Pen Women Fort Lauderdale Branch during their November luncheon. She spoke about her journey as a writer and had the opportunity to discuss highlights of her four books.



Mary Unterbrink's play, *Forever Young*, was accepted by Seaside Playhouse for a 2020 production.

Carol White will be producing and directing a one-act play submitted by two playwrights. Details and schedules forthcoming in 2020. Carol's play, *Date Night*, was accepted by Seaside Playhouse for a 2020 production.

Barbara M. Wolk is teaching three courses at Century Village, Boca Raton: *Creative Writing*, *Holistic Health*, and *Beginning Spanish*. In January Barbara will moderate *Documentary Films* at the UFT (United Federation of Teachers Retiree Learning Center), Boca Raton.

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The Boca Raton Branch did quite well in the Florida State NLAPW Conference competition.



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The following authors participated in a new program created by Publicist Adrienne Mazzone at the Big Apple Flea Market on December 5th and 6th: Lee Ravine, Alexandra Goodwin, Carol White, Marlene Klotz, Meryl Davids Landau, Barbara Bixon, Lea Hope Becker.



December 18th the Boca Raton NLAPW Presents a Talent Exchange at the (1)
Milagro Teen Centers

This is our fifth holiday party with The Milagro Teen Center. It has grown from 40 teens of all ages to two groups of about forty each. Each of the visiting Pen Women will give a presentation during the talent exchange. The following Pen women will be sharing a bit about themselves, some inspiration and a work. The teens will share their projects and present some of their Milagro works and their talent.

Patron Rhoda and husband Stan Schaeffer, will help with setting up and serving.

Our Menu: Turkey and Cheese sandwiches. Water. Brownies and Chips.

President Elaine Bossik brings the food and Carol White supplies water for all.

After the presentations, our branch gifts a \$10.00 gift card to each of the Senior High School Students and a \$5.00 gift card for the Junior High Students along with a grab bag prize from Sheila Firestone.

Our Talented Presenters are:

With the Senior Teens

Dr. Joan Cartwright is an internationally-known vocalist, composer, and author of fourteen books. She holds a BA in Music/Communications, a MA in Communications, a DBA in Business Marketing, and is professor of Speech Communications at Palm Beach State College, Lake Worth, FL.

Sheila Firestone, - Sheila is the 2019 Pen Woman of the Year for Florida. As a Delian Society member, her orchestral works were performed in Seattle WA, France, England, and Japan. ” Sheila is a retired educator and a developer of educational songs and activities for students. Students will view "Waters of Transformation." her second place Vinnie Ream Award winning musical video.

Vera Ripp Hirshhorn: Author, Educator. Vera authored the America's Young Heroes series of books, including Teens Are Heroes Too! Challenges, Choices & Character - about youngsters who triumphed over adversities. Vera originated America's Young Heroes Educational Outreach programs for Florida schools to prevent bullying and promote respect through the arts.

Dale Herstik: Artist, Novelist. Dayle Herstik has been writing since her teens. Her collection of poems, When We Were Perfect, reflects her thoughts and feelings. Her collection of flash fiction, Life Happens, is based on her true life experiences. Dale also creates greeting cards with her art work.

Carol White: Playwright, Novelist. Carol White is an award-winning novelist, playwright and freelance writer. Her essays and columns have been published by The Sun Sentinel, Writers Journal, Insight for Playwrights, Working Writers, Woman's World, The Florida Writer, and Senior Scene. Her plays have been produced around the country including Off-Broadway.

With the Junior Teens:

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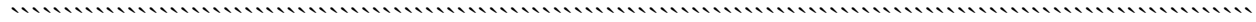
Dr. Barbara Lunde: As founder and director of the Center for Spiritual Living, Boca Raton, Dr. Barbara Lunde has been a spiritual leader in South Florida since 1981. Her recognizable voice from her frequent radio broadcasts on positive living, has been heard throughout the country.

Marlene Klotz: Marlene Klotz is a poet, playwright, freelance writer and the author of six books. Her two books of illustrated nursery rhymes, Alphabet Zoo and Animal Quackers provide early readers with a fun-filled learning experience. She is currently working on a children's book titled: Another Baby to Love.

Roberta Melman: Roberta Melman's love of painting began when she was a child and was enrolled in art classes at the Philadelphia Museum of Art.

Dr. Joan Cartwright and Sheila Firestone will repeat their presentations.

Sheila Firestone
Outreach Chair
Boca Raton, National League of American Pen Women



NOTE:

Donations for Milagro Holiday Party

We are still collecting donations for the holiday party on December 18th for teens at the Milagro Center in Delray Beach. This year our outreach program is for two groups of teens and we'll be providing refreshments and gifts for 85 - 90 teens. We welcome any donations you would like to make. If you wish to make a donation, please send your check payable to:

**Boca Raton Branch NLAPW
Mail to: Lea Becker
8644 Green Cay, West Palm Beach, FL 33411**

**Boca Raton Branch National League of American Pen Women
Luncheon and Speaker Program
Explore Earth's Beauty With Photojournalist Marisa Marulli
Thursday, December 19, 20189**

12:00 Noon

Delray Beach Golf Club – 2200 Highland Ave. – Delray Beach
561/243-7385 for Directions

Explorer, photographer and journalist Marisa Marulli will share her travel stories and show stunning photos of her explorations in the Arctic Circle, Siberia, Iceland, the U.S. and more

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) Caribbean Grilled Chicken Salad – Romaine and iceberg lettuce topped with tomato, cucumber and mandarin orange segments, toasted almonds, red bell peppers, green olives and grilled marinated chicken breast, served with a Mandarin dressing.

(3) Penne Bolognese – Penne pasta tossed with a tomato-meat sauce, served with a small side salad.

Dessert Choice: (4) Apple Pie 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: December 12, 2018

Please send your check in right away - you still have time before the deadline!

Please see a full description on next page. It looks like a very exciting discussion!

Explore Earth's Beauty With Photojournalist Marisa Marulli

Thursday, December 19, 2019 ` 12:00 Noon

Explorer, photographer and journalist Marisa Marulli will take you on a photojourney to some of the most remote and spectacularly beautiful places on our planet. She will share her stories and show photos of her explorations in the Arctic Circle, Siberia, Iceland, the U.S. and more.



Marisa combined her passion for photography and exploring the unknown and founded *Further Photo Expeditions* to bring together other explorers for guided tours to remote places in the U.S. and around the world. In 2018, *Palm Beach Illustrated* published a feature article about Marisa's extraordinary journeys and her stunning photographs of authentic landscapes.

As an environmental advocate, Marisa is as passionate about the conservation of the Earth as she is about documenting its beauty. She is a Palm Beach native and graduate of Suffolk University in Boston, has studied at Georgetown University in Washington, DC, and is a photography instructor at the Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach.

Join the Boca Raton Pen Women for a delicious luncheon and a feast for your eyes – Marisa Marulli's stunning photographs.

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Carol White Editor in Chief
