

Pen and Palette
Boca Raton NLAPW
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December 2021 – January 2022



MUSIC...ART...LETTERS



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

In the Loop: Your Board at Work

December 2021

Dear members,

It's already December and the holiday season is upon us in anticipation of better things to come including an easier and safer 2022. I hope Thanksgiving afforded you an opportunity to be with special people.

Did you know that some Pen Women branches are first creating a website? Ours has been up and running for quite some time heralding our activities and events, and of course our Pen and Palette is a treasure, keeping us informed of imminent happenings and accomplishments of our erudite members.

Our branch is a resilient group talented women. Over the past year our Zoom meetings were interesting and well attended. We have a full complement of speakers lined up and I'm excited to say Wednesday, December 15th is our first in-person luncheon in almost two years. I look forward to seeing you, greeting longtime friends and meeting new ones.

Sincerely,
Dayle Herstik
President

IMPORTANT NOTE!

Our luncheons will be held on Wednesdays throughout the season.

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER
With Dr. Barbara Lunde

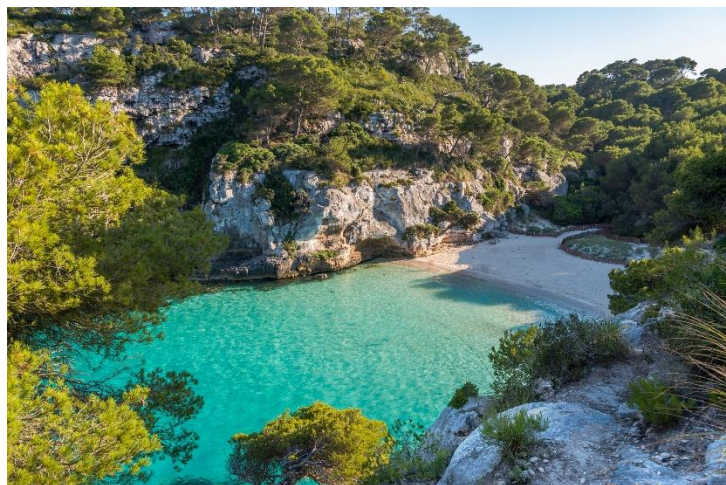
Are you listening? What have you heard? The latest gossip, the bad news, the sad stories, all the tragedies or the good news, the beautiful and uplifting, the inspiring stories? Do you hear what the trouble is with a person, an organization or a family or do you hear about the constructive things being done?

Life is a choice, and not only do we choose what we say and do and what and how we think, we choose what we hear, we choose what we listen to. Some people hear only worries pounding in their head while others hear the birds singing.

What you see, hear, and think about creates your attitude and your attitude creates your life. Listening is the doorway to everything that matters. It awakens our heart and keeps us vital and alive.

Listening is the key to good communication. We have a tendency not to really hear and understand one another. It is so important for us to practice real listening with the intent to understand first and then to be understood. Next to physical survival the greatest need of a human being is to be understood, validated, and appreciated.

I think that is what life is all about, getting in touch with ourselves and each other. Real listening is one of the greatest gifts we can give and receive. Listening can be the gift you give yourself and all of those around you this holiday season. Listen for the good in life and see it multiply and really hear those around you and see the joy this great gift creates.



We will have an exciting and varied group of raffle items for our **Wednesday, December 15th** luncheon. Here are the prices for the raffle tickets...please bring cash or check.

1 ticket for	\$3.00
2 tickets	\$5.00
5 tickets	\$10.00
10 tickets	\$15.00



CALL FOR A NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The two-year term for the current Board members is coming to an end. This message is a request for a nominating committee to help select a new slate of officers. Please let Dayle Herstik know if you have an interest in being a member of this committee.

The following is a list of positions be filled:

President

1st V.P./programming

2nd V.P./membership

Treasurer

Recording secretary

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Dayle Herstik
President

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MEMBER NEWS

From Dr. Joan Cartwright

Tickets are on sale now for March 5, 2022.

<https://artsgarage.org/event/a-jazzy-cabaret-featuring-the-music-of-joan-cartwright>

A Jazzy Cabaret Featuring The Music of Joan Cartwright

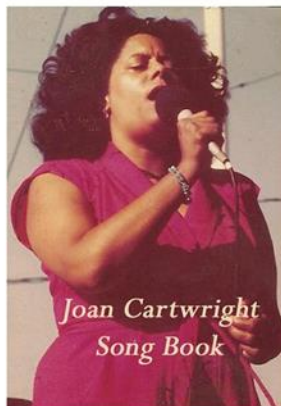
March 5, 2022 @ 8:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Arts Garage, 94 NE 2nd Ave
Delray Beach, FL 33444 United States + [Google Map](#)

\$40 - \$45



Women In Jazz South Florida Members Roberta DeMuro (Musical Director, pianist) and vocalists Edlene Hart and TC Carney III perform music composed by Joan Cartwright, founder of Women in Jazz South Florida, Inc., a 15-year non-profit that promotes women musicians, globally. A Jazzy Cabaret features 14 of Joan's songs and four sets of lyrics to songs by Miles Davis (Tune-Up), Dizzy Gillespie (A Night in Tunisia), John Coltrane (Bessie's Blues), and Kenny Dorham (Blue Bossa). PERFORMER BIOS: Edlene Hart Edlene...



Tickets: <https://artsgarage.org/event/a-jazzy-cabaret-featuring-the-music-of-joan-cartwright>

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As we begin this last month of 2021, Art Co-Chair Phyllis Elrich continues to enter Art competitions. Her newest painting has been entered in an exciting contest given by The Gilt Complex in Stuart, Florida. All entries had to be in portrait shape, as winners' art will be on display in the elongated windows of the store for the entire year of 2022. What an opportunity for recognition. The four winning pieces will have posters made to be sold in 2022 only. This new work, an abstract in cubist form, took weeks to prepare and has twenty tantalizing techniques within it. Her title? *Twenty Tantalizing Techniques Tackled!*



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**Jo Jo Harder** is delighted to share that *America's Top Dog Model Book of Fairy Tails* is an award-winning finalist in the 2021 American Book Fest Best Book Awards.

<http://americanbookfest.com/nonfictionbooks/animalspets.html>

Additionally, the October 2021 issue of online book review magazine "MBR Bookwatch" features a review of *America's Top Dog Model Book of Fairy Tails*, by Helen Dumont. [http://www.midwestbookreview.com/mbw/oct\\_21.htm#helendumont](http://www.midwestbookreview.com/mbw/oct_21.htm#helendumont)

The November 22, 2021 issue of *InTouch Weekly* national Magazine section "Animal Overload" features a write-up about America's Top Dog Model YouTube Reality series *How to Get to the Top* as well as mention about the brand's 2022 calendar which was recently released. The story includes a photo of her Italian Greyhound Romeo. [InTouch\\_Nov.pdf](#) ([americastopdogmodel.com](http://americastopdogmodel.com))



A Poem by **Vera Ripp Hirschhorn**

*Who Am I?*

I am the toddler jumping up and down, waving my arms and shouting Da! Da! in my playpen, upon seeing my Dad, on leave from Tito's Army. I am the little two-year-old leaving her birthplace in a nearly capsized Radnik, enroute to the Promised Land.

*I am the child that went forth!*

I am the three-year-old dressed in white, walking in rhythm to someone's accordion with other children, in front of bombed-out buildings, during a holiday.

I am the puffy faced little refugee staring into a camera in the Promised Land and leaving the warring children of Abraham;

*I am the child that went forth!*

I am the six-year-old en route to the Land of the Free on KLM Airlines, clutching a little doll and arriving as a *sponsored immigrant along with her younger red headed brother and parents. I am the child that was introduced to new family and taught English by cousins and Mrs. Adler*

*I am the child that went forth!*

I am the child that became a citizen with my parents and chose to become one on my own at sixteen with tears in my eyes each time I sang "O say can you see..."

I am the child who went forth as the first family member to enroll in college and study in Spain where my soul connected to those of my ancestors;

Where I tasted tapas; Sang cante hondos and danced to the rhythm of the sevillanas, rumba tango and other flamenco variations.

This was the Land where my soul thrived, played and loved;

The fearful ego driven child transcended, ascended, and expanded into another realm.

Two years after returning home, the child went forth into the arms of her true love and became a bride; and soon after a caretaker, a nurturer who held two shining, sparkling pure gems in her own arms.

The child, in her forties, went forth even in her darkest times, and she found light through her poems, drawings, watercolors and guitar.

The child today is practicing to let go and return to the land of her Soul, loving, laughing and living.

I am that child!

**Boca Raton Branch National League of American Pen Women**

**Luncheon and Speaker Program**

**Sharon Koskoff, mural artist, Art Deco aficionado and author presents a fascinating program on South Florida's unique art history**

**Wednesday, January 19, 2022**

**12:00 Noon**

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

A special art auction, featuring original art by Pen women artists, will follow the program.

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**CLIP COUPON AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK**

Members: \$28 ~ 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](mailto:elainehulasvegas@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 fresh vegetables and a starch.
- (2) Chicken Valouté** – Sautéed chicken breast over sautéed spinach, finished with a light cream sauce; served with fresh vegetables and a starch.
- (3) Large Garden Salad** – Fresh vegetables and chickpeas.

**Dessert Choice: (4) Fruit Cup or (5) Vanilla Ice Cream with chocolate drizzle**

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

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

GUEST'S MENU: CHOICES of entrée & dessert: \_\_\_\_\_

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

**Deadline for Receipt of Checks: January 12, 2022**

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

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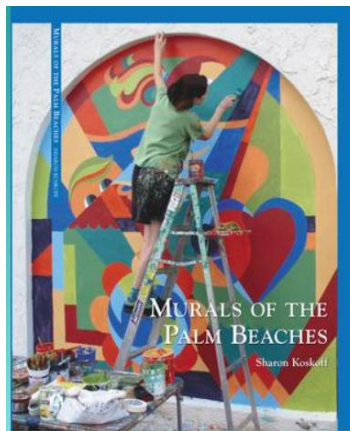
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## Meet the Palm Beach Doyenne of Deco – Sharon Koskoff

**Wednesday, January 19, 2022**

**12:00 Noon**

Sharon Koskoff is an accomplished artist, known for hundreds of deometric public murals and art installations throughout Palm Beach County. As an Art Deco aficionado, Sharon is the founding president of the Art Deco Society of the Palm Beaches, established in 1987. Her two published books – *Art Deco of the Palm Beaches* and *Murals of the Palm Beaches* – document the architecture and art that Sharon works tirelessly to preserve.



Sharon combines her art talent with her teaching skills, instructing classes at the Armory Art Center in West Palm Beach and the School of Creative Arts in Delray Beach. She has also taught classes and workshops at the Norton Museum of Art, the Boca Museum of Art, the Palm Beach Institute of Contemporary Art, and at local colleges and universities.

As a preservationist, Sharon is passionate about saving Art Deco architectural gems in the Palm Beach area. She is a frequent lecturer and popular tour guide who ushers groups through historic areas of Palm Beach.

After earning a BA degree from Brooklyn College in New York, Sharon earned a second degree in color theory from the New York School of Interior Design. While living in New York, she started her own company, New York Needlecraft, creating unique Art Deco geometric designs in needlepoint.

Join the Boca Raton Pen Women for an illuminating discussion and a delicious luncheon.

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**REMEMBER! OUR LUNCHEONS ARE NOW ON WEDNESDAYS**

**DECEMBER**



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|---------------|------------------------|
| ✚ December 6  | Last night of Hanukkah |
| ✚ December 10 | Nobel Prize Day        |
| ✚ December 15 | Wear your Pearls Day   |
| ✚ December 25 | Christmas              |
| ✚ December 31 | New Year's Eve         |

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