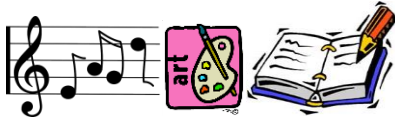


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MUSIC...ART...LETTERS



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In the Loop: Your Board at Work

Dear Boca Pen Ladies,

Hope your summer is exciting. My family has taken on a new investment property and I'm learning skills I thought were way above my pay grade. However, my confidence and perseverance has made my hubby look at me with admiration. Or fear. I'm not sure. I got the look when I was learning how to use a circular saw.

My message this month; don't be afraid to take on a new project. Write that novel that's been swirling around in your soul. Paint that masterpiece that yearns to be hung and admired. Discover a new hobby. Dare to dream!

We all have inner strength and mad creativity. It doesn't matter how old we are. Age is just a number.

So, pick up that paint brush, buy a new computer and learn how it works, or use a circular saw and cut sheet rock. Okay, maybe the circular saw's a little much. Sky diving may be safer :)

Until we meet again, keep healthy, safe, and creative.

Best always,

Michelle Putnik
President

MEMBER NEWS

Marlene Klotz reports that "Tomorrow Is Another Day," which is the poem she entered in the Biennial Competition, has been selected as a Feature Online Poem. Karen Morris, Poetry Editor, mentioned that this is a very positive poem that will make readers smile.

Marleen Pasch announces the release of her newest novel, *Stars in Their Infancy*, the first in her Earth, Sky and Spirit series. Published by fellow NLAPW chapter member Penelope Love of Citrine Publishing, the book follows the journeys of a young woman, her rapist, and the two people - an herbalist with the ability to see, but not change, the future, and a Vietnam vet, still tortured by ghosts in his past - who help them evolve, even as they, too, yearn for forgiveness and redemption. Set against the backdrops of Pennsylvania's majestic Allegheny Front, and Madagascar's magical Central Highlands, secrets emerge, paving the way for healing in unexpected ways.

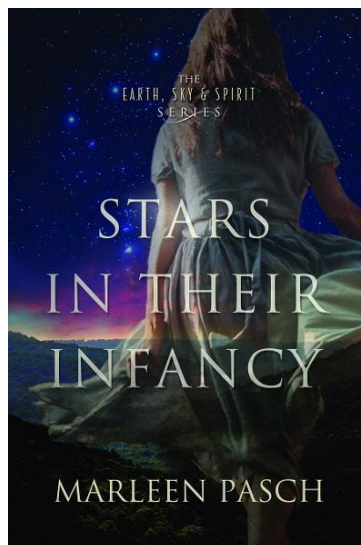
Priscilla Mainardi, fiction editor at *Intima--A Journal of Narrative Medicine--*says this about *Stars*:

"Rendered with deft story-telling and a hint of the mystical, the novel shows us that there are myriad possibilities in this world, both inside ourselves and beyond the reach of our senses, if only we know where to look."

Here is the Amazon link for the e-book. <https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0B3CHHXML/>

For the paperback, click here: <https://www.amazon.com/dp/1947708902/>

Contact Marleen at mppwriter@gmail.com for more information.



ALL ABOUT ART

The latest from Art Co-Chair **Phyllis Elrich**:

“Lucy Arnold, NLAPW National Publications Chair and Art Editor, contacted me while I was away. Rodika Tollefson, the Editor-in-Chief of *The Pen Woman* magazine, showed her the picture of me with my *Under the beautiful Sea* collage (one of the two included in the article about our Art Auction.) I have been asked to send more pictures of my work and my process. I am working with her for the August deadline, so it should be in the next issue of the magazine. I have also been asked to be the subject of *The Pen Woman* magazine’s column: In the studio.”

(Editor’s note: See two of Phyllis’s beautiful works below and don’t forget to read *The Pen Woman* magazine. There are several categories that take submissions.)



Treasures beneath the Sea



Under the beautiful Sea

ALL ABOUT ART (continued)

Fran Mann Goodman, Art Co-Chair has also been busy.

Fran was offered the opportunity to present a show at The Highland Beach Library. Fran invited Phoenix Marks, a member from the Fort Lauderdale branch, to participate in the exhibit because the library favors “Duel Artists” shows. Phoenix will exhibit her extraordinary photography. The show will run from July 15th to at least the end of September. Fran will have more news about workshops that both artists are planning to run, which will be held in August. More information will be available in the July/August 2022 Pen and Palette. The reception for the Highland Beach Library show will be July 28th so please plan to attend and support your Pen sisters.

Highland Beach Library
3618 S Ocean Blvd,
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Here is Fran with one of her gorgeous paintings, *Windswept*



Blooming by Fran Mann Goodman

ALL ABOUT ART (Continued)

Below are two photos by Phoenix Marks



Tree and Stream



Grace

(Editor's note: Don't miss this exhibit featuring three of NLAPW's finest artists.)

POETRY PLACE

“What is Life?”

By **Vera Ripp Hirschhorn**

What is life?

It's a baby's first breath
from the depths of darkness
to its mother's cuddling of her miracle child.

What is life?

It's the rising of the sun
from the depths of darkness
to its glistening on the endless flow of the sea.

What is life?

It's the awakening of purple showers
from the depths of darkness
to blessing us with their beauty.

What is life?

It's discovering our soul's purpose
from the depths of darkness and despair
to newly found feelings of love for self and others.

And what is death?

It's our last breath;
transforming into the eternal light
and our never ending cycles of life.





JUNE 2022
Holidays & Observances

-  *Wednesday June 1st*
Global Running Day
-  *Friday June 3rd*
Love Conquers All Day
-  *Sunday June 3rd*
Donut Day
-  *Wednesday June 8th*
World Oceans Day
-  *Monday June 13th*
Sewing Machine Day
-  *Saturday June 18th*
Sushi Day
-  *Sunday June 19th*
Father's Day
-  *Tuesday June 21st*
Go Skateboarding Day
-  *Saturday June 25th*
Please Take My Children
to Work Day
-  *Thursday June 30th*
Meteor Watch Day

woman's day

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