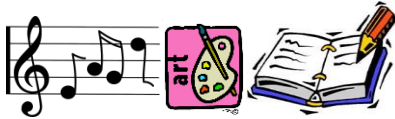


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MUSIC...ART...LETTERS



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

In the Loop: Your Board at Work

Dear Pen Women:

Is it me, or is really HOT?

As I sit here typing my letter to you all, I can't imagine how unbearable it was for the Pen women back in the day, to wear corsets, petticoats, stockings, and tight shoes. Using their lace-gloved fingers to hold a paper fan, they would gather and fan themselves while discussing how to make the world a better place for young women.

I'm sitting here sipping a sparkling libation pondering what this year has in store for our branch. Well, for starters, we will be meeting at the Indian Spring Country Club for our Pen luncheons with a line-up of amazing speakers ready to entertain, inform, and encourage you to be your best creative selves. Not to mention, there will be some unexpected, but delightful surprises.

Your Pen Board is working hard to make this year memorable. I'm proud of their diligence and commitment. Remember, there's always room for any member to roll up her sleeves and come alongside us as we work together to fundraise, recruit, and grow our Branch.

But for now, I'm just going to sit back, sip my refreshing libation, and enjoy the lazy days of summer with a fan – Ah, an electric fan spinning over my head, of course.

Best,
Michelle Putnik
President

[Be sure to check page 5 for Luncheon information and see a very special offering in December](#)

MEMBER NEWS

If you've wanted to read **Marleen Pasch's** most recent book but didn't want to add another paperback to your groaning bookshelves, the eBook of *Stars in Their Infancy* will be offered on Amazon for \$1.00 on July 22nd only. Here is the Amazon link for the e-book.

<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B0B3CHHXML/>

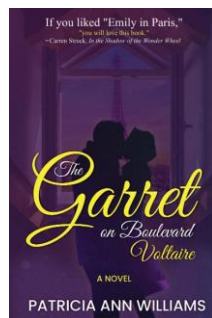
Priscilla Mainardi, fiction editor at *Intima: A Journal of Narrative Medicine*, says this about Stars: "Rendered with deft story-telling and a hint of the mystical, the novel shows us that there are myriad possibilities in this world, both inside ourselves and beyond the reach of our senses, if only we know where to look." Contact Marleen at mppwriter@gmail.com for more information.

Patricia Ann Williams has released her third novel, "The Garret on Boulevard Voltaire". This tense and nuanced romance contrasts the allure of a whirlwind relationship with the expectations placed on young women in a changing world.

"The Garret on Boulevard Voltaire" follows the life of 23-year-old Charlotte McGuire, an American traveling to Paris in 1964 to study French. She meets a charming medical student named Jean-Luc, who shocks her by proposing marriage when it's time for her to return to America. Her joy soon fades to doubt when she hears how French husbands often keep a mistress. This reminds Charlotte of her parents' disastrous divorce after her philandering father broke her mother's heart. Haunted by the legacy of her mother's anguish, Charlotte must decide if she trusts Jean-Luc or if she should pursue the safe, stable life of a woman who couldn't quite bring herself to marry for love.

Fans of "Emily in Paris" will enjoy the cross-cultural romance and excitement of being immersed in an entirely new country while falling in love. Charlotte is also an exceptionally relatable heroine whose worries about infidelity and security will resonate with many women of all ages.

Available on Amazon: <http://tinyurl.com/2fdd2n3y>



Barbara M. Wolk hosted a Book Talk on her novel, *Mother in Name Only*, at The Barbara Club, Laguna Woods Village, Ca. Barbara is presently taking a Creative Writing class, and Movies as Literature Class at Saddleback College, Ca.

MUSIC NOTES

NLAPW National Headquarters in D.C. Biennial News:

At the Biennial Concert on Saturday, April 30th, **Sheila Firestone** performed *Prelude No. 1, Lakeside Walk with Joe* (Third Place in the 2020 National competition) and *Bridges of Love*, with vocalist Matt Butterfield. Sheila also shared a string quintet performance with a talk about the 2020 First Place Music award winning piece, *The Forest Primeval*.

The 119 years of Sigma Alpha Iota International Music Fraternity's sisterhood was celebrated by the Fort Lauderdale Alumnae & Patroness Chapter.

Included in the event was a musicale featuring songs from various cultures. The program commenced with **Sheila Firestone's** newest song, "Bridges of Love," and a joyous wedding song created for her son Wayne and daughter-in law Stephanie's wedding in 2004. On June 11, 2022, both pieces were sung by SAI member and internationally renowned Soprano, Deborah Miller.



If you have back issues of *The Pen Woman* magazine that you no longer wish to save, please contact Sheila Firestone so that they can be distributed to guests who are potential members.

Sheila Firestone
Membership Chair
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ALL ABOUT ART

Our Art Co-Chair, **Phyllis Elrich**, will be featured in the fall edition of *The Pen Woman*, our national magazine. Phyllis will be featured in Lucy Arnold's column, "In the Studio with...". Phyllis's evolution from 2D art to collage will be highlighted; her voyage is one of a variety of mediums. From baking clay, to fashion, to mixed media, the journey was exciting and eventful. Phyllis looks forward to exploring new avenues in art.



A STUNNER OF AN EXHIBIT

Fran Mann Goodman and **Phoenix**, two creative, award-winning visual artists practicing different mediums have collaborated to bring the *Wild + Color Exhibition* to Highland Beach and the greater South Florida community. Highland Beach Library and Highland Beach Town Hall, are proud to showcase this stunning duet exhibit that captures the soul of wildlife and nature, and the soul of layered textures of colors.

The exhibit runs from July 15th through September 26th, 2022. There will be two opportunities to **meet the artists featured in the "Wild + Color" exhibition**. A free opening reception with light refreshments will take place on Thursday, July 28th, from 5 p.m. -7 p.m., at the Highland Beach Library, 3618 S. Ocean Boulevard, Highland Beach FL 33487. For more information, please contact the library at (561) 278-5455.

Additionally, each artist will also be presenting workshops. The library is offering these free for the public to attend.

- **August 14th, 2– 4 PM with Photographs by Phoenix**
Take Your Photography to the Next Level – for Beginners to Advanced
- **September 15th, 2 – 4 PM with Fran Mann Goodman**
Painting a Picture of Abstract Expressionism

LUNCHEON INFORMATION

Our luncheons will be held at the beautiful Indian Spring Country Club and will feature a lovely buffet with something for everyone.

IMPORTANT- we must receive lunch checks **12** days in advance of each luncheon

Boca Raton Branch NLWPW Luncheon Dates 2022-2023

2022:

Wed. Oct. 12th
Wed. Nov. 9th
Wed. Dec. 14th

2023:

Wed. Jan. 11th
Wed. Feb. 8th
Wed. Mar. 8th
Wed. Apr. 12th

SPECIAL DONATION TO OUR BRANCH!

For our December 14th Fundraiser Luncheon



TO: National League of American Pen Women VALUE: \$200.00 This certificate is valid for two tickets to *Falstaff* on Saturday, March 25th, 2023

Please contact the box office at tickets@pbopera.org

or call 561-833-7888 to redeem and confirm seats 14 days prior to the performance

Our thanks go out to Barbara Tucker, Director of Development, Palm Beach Opera

POETRY PLACE

The "F" Word (Not what you think)

By **Mimi Paris**

Fell is the word
Came into my life at eight
Roller skating
I fell
Got up
Skated
I fell
Stopped skating
Skinned knees
Scars remain.

At twelve I fell. . .hard
Playing "Potzie"
On the sidewalk
On a Sunday
Day before school re-opened
Taken to hospital
Cast applied
Out of school for weeks.

Fell in lobby of a Paris hotel
Fell on cobblestone street in Glasgow
Fell in my Long Island split
Bruised on many levels.

Fell on ice skates learning
Never went on ice again
Fell and broke a vertebrae
Fell and broke a rib
Fell on my patio
Cut open back of my head
More falls I can't remember.

Best fall in the 50's
Fell in love with a guy
(Who'd become my husband)
And he fell for me.

Quietly Alone by **Marlene Smith**

Precious tears she has
celebrating her win,
the battle for her,
the one that is she,
her toughest life adventure, quietly alone.

Years and tears had passed,
since her day of infamy,
health fully restored,
dancing, for life, with life,
holding her soul, as she is quietly alone.

Stumbling, mumbling, jumbled,
her long road to recovery,
fearlessly focusing, striving,
thriving, surviving the war.
Happily reminiscing, quietly alone

Today, she smiles with laughter,
thinks clearly, writes poems,
never to take her being
for granted, ever again.
Soulful spirit cherished, quietly alone.



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