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MUSIC...ART...LETTERS



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In the Loop: Your Board at Work

Dear Members: Michelle Putnik, former President of our branch for personal reasons, resigned for the remainder of her term. I was greatly honored to be appointed President of our Branch by Michelle. I will serve out the remainder of her term for 2023-2024. Michelle also appointed Louise Parente to replace me as Membership Chair and Second Vice President. I am appointing Elaine Bossik as Co-Treasurer. Marlene Klotz has agreed to continue as the Poetry Chair.

I want to thank Michelle for her service to our branch, for her enthusiastic ideas and the legacy that she leaves for me to continue to grow our group in both service to the community and continuing support for each other. Our motto is "One for All and All for One."

We have several new candidates who have applied for membership: two artists, two writers, and one art member who is adding letters to her membership. The first step for applicants is to be approved by our board. All qualifications must be met, and a sponsor is assigned before submitting their information to National. This signifies branch approval. Regarding Associate Memberships rather than full members, they can become a chair, and fully participate in all activities, but may not hold National or local office. When an Associate Member acquires the necessary requirements, they can become a full member. We are joining the Palm Beach Arts Council and hope to arrange an event at their museum involving art, letters, and music.

Please be ready to join in by signing up to provide workshop activities and your creative ideas. Thanks to everyone for your enthusiasm and participation in our events and meetings.

Start thinking about entering your work in the state conference in Daytona, which is coming up in the fall. You do not have to attend to enter your work. There are cash prizes and honors to be attained. The conference is in Daytona Beach. It would be wonderful to have several of our members attend. I will be participating in a program with some women from Pensacola. Fran Goodman will be doing a workshop with Phyllis Elrich assisting her. The art exhibits are always stunning, and workshops are designed to help further your skills.

Sheila Firestone
President
Music Chair

The National League of American Pen Women, Inc. (NLAPW) was founded in 1897 when women journalists were not permitted to join male-only professional organizations. The League became a professional organization for women writers, artists, and composers, where they could be recognized for their talents. Throughout our history of 120-plus years, active NLAPW members such as [Vinnie Ream](#), Eudora Welty, Pearl Buck, Eleanor Roosevelt, Amy Beach, and Carrie Jacobs Bond have illustrated how deep, strong, and meaningful the contribution of women's voices, minds and hands are to the arts. The first meeting of The League of American Pen Women was organized by Marian Longfellow O'Donoghue (yes, Henry's niece), who wrote for newspapers in Washington, D.C. She invited fellow journalists Margaret Sullivan Burke and Anna Sanborn Hamilton to join her in establishing a "progressive press union" for the female writers of Washington. Other famous women who have been members of the organization include Grandma Moses, Georgia O'Keeffe, Pearl S. Buck, Eleanor Roosevelt, Maya Angelou, Rosalyn Carter, and Hillary Clinton, to name a few. Each National President is allowed to invite a woman to become an honorary member during her term. We look forward to hearing President Sheila Byrnes choice.

Founded in 1897 NLAPW Headquarters The Historic Pen Arts Building



Pen Arts Building © in Washington D.C. Drawing by Member Prue Carrico

MEMBER NEWS

Dr. Joan Cartwright (954-740-3398) is proud to announce that she is working on the 5th issue of *Musicwoman Magazine* <http://www.musicwomanmagazine.com>

You are invited to purchase an ad at the membership level, which is 10% of the corporate ad prices. See ad rates and sizes here and send your request for an ad to wijfs@yahoo.com
<https://musicwomanmagazine.wordpress.com/2-advertise>



An ABECEDARIAN Verse by **Dayle Herstik**

After the rain I walked through the meadow.
Buzzing bees hovered over blue
Cornflowers and purple asters, towering over
Daisies, creating nature's gallery
Event.
Fierly wild roses swayed to and fro as
Gentle breezes formed a landscape of color.
Harkening to birdsong
I stopped to listen to the call of the
Jay, a vibrant blue flying
Kite skimming through the air.
Little did I know my lover had
Made his way through the blossoming canvas
Near the place where I stood beneath the
Open sky.
Planning would not better the moment-
Quiet warmth filled my heart
Reaching my soul for I
Sensed a change in the air.
There he was
Under the chestnut tree
Very still
Waiting for me.
Yesterday's imagined moment
Zoomed into reality.

Florida Skyscape by **MarleneKlotz**

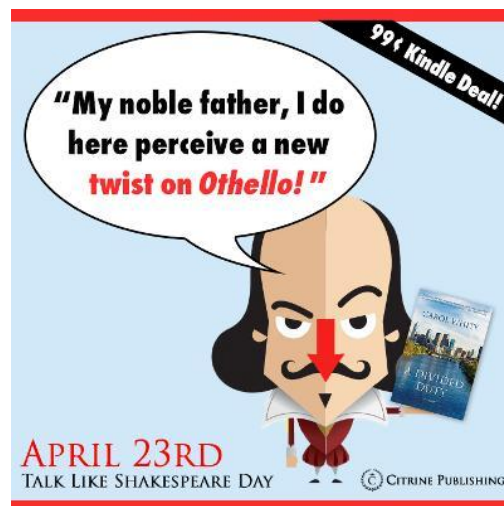
At the end of a hot summer's day
the sky turns a brilliant orange.
Fired with the color of passion
and yet serene as heaven itself,
there is an abundance of beauty
that no artist can improve upon -
Only God's handiwork
could have created such perfection.

Dr. Louise Parente has been accepted to participate in Princeton Public Library's Local Author Day on Saturday, April 29, 2023, Princeton, New Jersey. Louise participated in the Delray Beach Library Local Author Fest on March 26, 2023.

On Sunday, March 26, 2023, **Barbara M. Wolk** had a table with her novel, *Mother In Name Only* at the Delray Beach Library for The Local Author Fest. On Monday, March 27, 2023, Barbara, author of *Mother In Name Only*, discussed her life and her book at The Sisterhood Meeting, 10:00 a.m. at Temple Beth Shalom, Boca Raton, Florida. A light breakfast was served. Guests donated \$5.00 to attend the Meeting. Barbara has also been teaching her class, "Happiness and Health" for the past two sessions at Century Village, Boca Raton, Fl. Continuation of this popular and custom-tailored class will continue in the Winter Session beginning in November 2023. Barbara will also participate in a book talk on Sunday, April 30th at Barnes & Noble, 1400 Glades Road, Boca Raton, Florida, 1:00 p.m. for her novel.

Carol White has a special offer for the month of April – the ebook of her novel, *A Divided Duty*, based on Shakespeare's Othello, is reduced to \$.99. This novel was published by Citrine Publishing, owned and operated by member, Penelope Love.

Click here to purchase: <http://tinyurl.com/llz7k7h>



ALL ABOUT ART

With Phyllis Elrich Co-Chair

Fran Mann Goodman has been Art Co-Chair with me for a beautiful two and a half years. We have run things by each other daily since we were introduced through this branch of NLAPW in October of 2020. Fran's art journey has taken off and she needs to put all her energy into her work. She deserves so many accolades for all she is and is yet to be. Although Fran is leaving the Co-Chair position, I will still lean on and consult with her. I know you all join me in wishing Fran the best of luck on the continuation of her journey to reach the stars.

My journey now includes entering the Visions of Women juried exhibit with my two pieces, *The Goils Are Thee*, (below) and *I Cannot Tell You My Name*, and *I Cannot Tell You My Dreams*. This exhibit is at the Sunrise Civic Center, 10610 W. Oakland Park Blvd. Sunrise, Florida. A reception will be held on Friday, April 12th from 6-9:00 p.m.

My fiber journey, quilting, continues to enchant me. Some of you may remember my presentation of quilts and paintings that have quilting styles within them. I loved doing that workshop. My newest piece is called, *A Million Pieces of Love*. It is a crazy quilt made for my daughter-in-law whom I adore. It is entered in the juried Quilting Exhibition at the Charles F. Dodge City Center, 601 City Center Way, Pembroke Pines. Florida. The show is a brief two-day event on April 15th and 16th. There were over 260 quilts entered. Please try to come and see the world of amazing quilts. You won't believe the art and skills that are involved!



Acrylic on canvas, 24" across by 30" down

Phyllis Elrich represented our branch at the March 18, 2023 All People's Day event in downtown Delray Beach. Marlene Klotz photographed Phyllis with her creation.



News from Fran Mann Goodman

Fran Mann Goodman will be stepping down as Co-Chair of our art program in the coming year and leaving our artists in the best of the caring and creative hands of Phyllis Elrich. Fran thanks the board and members for all their support.

Fran will remain a member and participate in future shows and events, including running an art workshop at the Florida State Conference in October called “Adding the Wow Factor to Your Paintings with Acrylic Skins.”

Fran and Phyllis will participate in the “Visions of Women Exhibit” at the City of Sunrise Gallery at the Sunrise Civic Center 10610 W. Oakland Park Blvd., Sunrise. Phyllis and Fran would love to see you at the reception on Friday, April 21, 6-9:00 p.m. The show runs from April 21st to May 27th.

Fran has also been accepted into the “Boundless Exhibition” presented by the National Association of Women Artists, from April 16th to May 19th. Please join her at the reception on April 16th, from 1-3:00 p.m., at the Levis JCC Judi & Allan Schuman Museum Gallery at The Sandler Center, 21050 95th Avenue S, Boca Raton. (Across from the Glades Road Library.)

Fran is honored to learn that Lucy Arnold, NLAPW National Publications Chair and Art Editor has chosen *Pot of Gold* to be featured on the national website: www.nlapw.org



Pot of Gold

The Latest in Luncheons

Our final Luncheon of the season is April 12, 2023. We're asking that you wear a hat (any type will do) and affix something to it that is representative of your talent – a small drawing, a copy of a poem, a few bars of a music composition, etc.



PHOTOS FROM OUR MARCH 8, 2023 LUNCHEON With Dr. Gloria Waldman





The Women's National Book Association (WNBA) and the Delray Beach Library hosted a Local Author Fest on March 26, 2023, at the Delray Beach Library. Women from WNBA and the Boca Raton Branch National League of American Pen Women were well represented.

Keynote speaker and travel writer Thomas Swick discussed his new book, *The Joys of Travel*, and stories of his favorite places to visit. Isabella Rowan, the Program Director, invited guests to visit the author tables and buy signed copies of their books.





APRIL 2023
Holidays & Observances

-  Monday April 3rd
Find a Rainbow Day
-  Sunday April 9th
Easter Day
-  Tuesday April 11th
Submarine Day
-  Thursday April 13th
Scrabble Day
-  Monday April 17th
Bat Appreciation day
-  Wednesday April 19th
Garlic Day
-  Thursday April 20th
High Five Day
-  Saturday April 22nd
Earth Day
-  Thursday April 27th
Take our Daughters
and Sons to Work Day
-  Sunday April 30th
International Jazz Day

woman's day

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