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In the Loop: Your Board at Work

Our final luncheon of the season in April was a wonderful day in spite of the stormy weather. We welcomed the company of our Pen sisters and guests. Everyone enjoyed the buffet and Marlene Klotz's comedic play performed by her acting troupe.

The Board is happy to announce that the coming season of luncheons will be held at Indian Spring Country Club, a venue we all enjoy. Please see PAGE 8 for the dates. The monthly luncheon raffle was a hit, thanks to Carol White's organizational skills, and to Barbara Lunde's and Phyllis Elrich's assistance. The raffle helps us raise money for awards targeted to local high schools to support art, music, and letters programs.

We are delighted that our Branch is growing, and we welcome the new members: Linda Bodie, Harriet Silverstein, Andrea Bucher-McAdams. Our thanks to Louise Parente who is Membership Chair.

The Executive Board will be meeting via Zoom during the summer months to plan activities for the upcoming season. Brenda Dressler, VP of Programs, will be arranging speaker programs for our luncheons. We look forward to organizing exciting art, music, and letters programs, which depend on many members doing essential tasks behind the scenes. We hope you will join us and lend a helping hand. Watch for opportunities to sign up for activities.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy, and creative summer.

Sincerely,

The Executive Board

MEMBER NEWS

Carol White's prose poem was accepted by The Cream Literary Alliance for their short story/poetry contest. Carol's poem, along with short stories, will be available to print from their dispenser and published on the West Palm Beach Short Story website.

For more information about "Cream" click here and sign up for their newsletter:

<https://thecreamwpb.org/>

Carol's column, "So Many Surveys" was published in the *Sun Sentinel's Gateway Gazette* on page eight of the May 3rd edition. It was also included in their online edition.



Barbara M. Wolk's first book talk at Barnes & Noble for her novel *Mother in Name Only* was a successful event. Barbara's publisher, Pen women Penelope Love, and Nick Gancitano attended to support her and take photos of the event. Pen Woman Marlene Klotz also attended. Here is the Amazon link: tinyurl.com/ycuyspau

SAVE THE DATE

Join Lea Becker, Barbara Bixon, Lee Ravine, and Carol White for a Fiction Writers Workshop on July 25, 2023, from 2-4 p.m., held at the Hagen Ranch Library. This is a free event. Bring paper and pen to take notes. 14350 Hagen Ranch Rd, Delray Beach, FL 33446 For directions: [\(561\) 894-7500](tel:5618947500)

There is a free newsletter from Writers Digest you can sign up for:

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Our Boca Raton Branch National League of American Pen Women held our last luncheon of the season on April 12th. We were treated to a short play written by **Marlene Klotz** and performed by three talented actors. Along with beautifully decorated tables, thanks to Barbara Bixon, a fantastic buffet and raffle, the afternoon was enjoyed by all. Looking forward to seeing everyone next season.



The Actors



Marlene Klotz, Playwright, with Bernie





(Artwork by Phyllis Elrich)

Below are the luncheon dates to save – all on the third Thursday of the month at
Indian Spring Country Club – 11501 EL Clair Ranch Rd – Boynton Beach, FL 33437
For Directions: 561-737-5544

Parking: Our luncheons are held in the **downstairs Men's Card Room**. Drive into the main entrance and make a left turn toward the tennis courts, where you'll find regular and handicapped parking. A short walk leads to the **lower clubhouse entrance**. The **Card Room** is on the left.

Oct. 19, 2023
Nov. 16, 2023
Dec. 21, 2023
Jan. 18, 2024
Feb. 15, 2024
March 21, 2024
April 18, 2024

If you missed any of last season's luncheons, a new blog article posted by Elaine Bossik on our website recaps the highlights: <http://www.bocapenwomen.org/highlights-of-boca-raton-pen-womens-2022-2023-season/>

NOTE: We will be collecting items for our raffles for next season beginning in October 2023. Please contact me for pick up or drop off information. polowhite@aol.com



ALL ABOUT ART

From **Phyllis Elrich**, Art Chair:

After a very busy season filled with juried contests, personal exhibits, luncheons, raffles, classes, museum visits, writing, painting and even quilting, Phyllis decided, again, to teach fiber arts and quilting for a limited four-week work series. "Having people new to quilting infuses me with the enthusiasm of newness, and the joy of learning we can do so many things we never knew about."

The summer will restore us all. Our new season has great promise with new members, new directions, new camaraderie, and new friendships.

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Fran Mann Goodman participated in "Boundless" A Juried Fine Art Exhibition at the Boca Raton JCC. Fran's work is in the Judi & Alan Schuman Museum Gallery. The exhibit is open to the public from April 16th to May 19th.



"Fantasia" Acrylic with multi-level layering of
mixed media (24 x 26)



"Floral Skies" Acrylic with mixed media
(36 x 36)

On April 22nd, Art Member **Penelope Love**, owner of Citrine Publishing, met with some of her many local authors for “Coffee and Conversation” at Gizzi’s Coffee Shop. We discussed our books, current projects, research, marketing, social media, networking, and other subjects. Seven authors were from our Boca Raton Branch! <https://www.citrinepublishing.com>

Lea Becker

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Marlene Klotz

Marleen Pasch

Lee Ravine

Carol White

Barbara Wolk





It's always fun to see Pen sisters and frequent Pen guests at an event. "Lets Get Artsy" was sponsored by the National Council of Jewish Women and held at the Delray Beach Posh Art Gallery. There was food, wine, music, and a caricaturist, surrounded by incredible artwork.





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