

Pen and Palette
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In the Loop: Your Board at Work

[Special notice #1 from Sheila Firestone](#)

Dear Members,

I hope that the Memorial Day holiday was filled with meaningful experiences. Here is a point of information for everyone. If you should allow your membership to lapse for any reason, it can be restored within a five-year period by paying your dues for the current year and paying a \$15.00 reinstatement fee. Sometimes circumstances happen that cause a decision to leave the group. It is good to know that once a membership lapses, it can be reversed. Feel free to contact me or Dr. Louise Parente, our Membership Chair, should you be interested in reinstatement at a future date. lparentephd@yahoo.com

I wish you all a beautiful restorative summer. We look forward to seeing you in October. Everyone enjoyed the food and facility at Indian Spring, so we are happy to report that we will continue to meet there and enjoy the programs, the excellent food and venue, along with our Pen Women Members and friends. We will be sending you a complete roster of members and our sponsoring friends over the summer.

Know that your board is meeting and continues to plan during the summer months.



Special Notice #2 from Sheila Firestone

This month I had occasion to send donations to our achievement award (scholarship) fund. Sometimes we want to celebrate our happiness or share wishes for a loss or other situations. Please feel free to send a check made out to Boca Raton NLAPW, which Elaine Bossik will deposit into the award fund. On the memo line please write “award fund.”

This year Phyllis Elrich, our Art Chair, and her committee members, are planning to give a mini grant for an art teacher/project and an award to a young woman interested in pursuing a career in art.

To celebrate or honor a person or occasion, send your check to Elaine Bossik. Email Elaine at elainebossik@yahoo.com for her address and instructions. Also, please email Dr. Barbara Lunde at sombl@aol.com who will send a note to your intended recipient to let them know that a donation was made in their honor. Your support is always appreciated.

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FICTION WRITERS WORKSHOP

July 25, 2023, from 2-4 p.m. Hagen Ranch Library 14350 Hagen Ranch Rd, Delray Beach

To register and/or directions: [\(561\) 894-7500](tel:5618947500)

You may also email Carol White to register: polowhite@aol.com

Pen Authors Lea Becker, Barbara Bixon, Lee Ravine, and Carol White will discuss topics such as the creative process, protagonist and antagonist, research, editing, genre, beta readers and critique groups, setting, dialogue, and publishing. This is a free event. Please bring paper and pen to take notes, and to write a short paragraph from a prompt. A Q & A will follow, and books will be for sale at a discount.



MESSAGE FROM ELAINE BOSSIK

Call for Member Bios:

Submit your bio and photo for posting on our branch website if you do not already have a listing. A short bio of 75 – 100 words should be written in the third person. Include publications, awards, exhibits, etc., and contact information (website, email, etc. if you want it included). Use Times New Roman typeface and paste your bio in the body of an email to elainebossik@yahoo.com. If you have a photo, include it as a jpg file attachment in your email.

If you need a photo, we can take one at an upcoming luncheon.

Read the bios listed on the branch website and follow the style: <http://www.bocapenwomen.org/members/>.

Count your words and edit your bio before sending it to Elaine Bossik.



MEMBER NEWS

Marleen Pasch was named a finalist in the 2023 Next Generation Indie Book Awards. Her novel, *Stars in Their Infancy*, was recognized in both the Second Novel and the General Fiction/Novel categories. Fellow Boca Raton Branch Pen Woman Penelope Love of Citrine Publishing published the book.

Vera Ripp Hirschhorn

Vera Ripp Hirschhorn's *I'm Somebody & So Are You Scholarship Arts Fund* will be established in the College of Education at Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton and at Appalachian State University in Boone, North Carolina. Future Teachers & Mental Health Counselors are asked to create original curricula and interactive lesson plans that promote self-kindness and kindness towards others at home, school, and community; and to prevent bullying and all form of intolerance and hatred such as antisemitism and racism.

POETRY PLACE

TOGETHER By Vera Ripp Hirschhorn

TOGETHER

Remember New Jersey, Genene?
Turkey Swamp Park?
Swinging round and round on the carousel.
And Sandy Hook Beach,
with you and Garrin shelling?
And Marlboro Brook,
finding sharks' teeth while fossiling?

TOGETHER

Remember Spanish class?
Como estas? And Me llamo.
And Young Authors; writing your original
stories in your sewn books?
And the Village School,
creating a volcano that overflowed with lava of vinegar and baking soda.

TOGETHER

Remember?
Children's Creativity Day at Monmouth Mall?
Your award-winning story was not the end all!
Your fluting and tooting; and Garrin, drumming
with the Temple Shalom Band,
made great music for seniors at hand!

TOGETHER

Remember, Genene?
The Kid's Press,
And your poem, *Fun* at age seven;
your artwork and Garrin's for 'Dear Doc Bubbles' about children with troubles;
Your drawings of a little goat and kitty cat for an eleven year old's story and her feeling sorry for
her pets.
And Garrin selling The Kid's Press
at teachers' conventions in
Atlantic City?

YES, TOGETHER THEN AND TOGETHER FOREVER!



JUNE 2023
Holidays & Observances

 *Thursday June 1st*
Dinosaur Day

 *Saturday June 3rd*
Bicycle Day

 *Tuesday June 6th*
Eyewear Day

 *Sunday June 11th*
Corn on the Cob Day

 *Wednesday June 14th*
Blood Donor Day

 *Saturday June 17th*
World Day to Combat
Desertification and Drought

 *Monday June 19th*
Take Your Cat to Work Day

 *Wednesday June 21st*
Seashell Day

 *Tuesday June 27th*
Bingo Day

 *Thursday June 29th*
Handshake Day

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