

Pen and Palette
Boca Raton NLAPW
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MUSIC...ART...LETTERS



Don't forget to like our Facebook Page: <http://tinyurl.com/hen8b4o>

In the Loop: Your Board at Work

Dear Members,

Every two years we select a new slate of officers. Elections will take place in March 2024. If you would like to serve on the executive board, join a committee or co-chair the positions listed below, this is the time to speak up. The terms are for two years. Although Chairs are appointed by the branch President, it's a good idea to look them over now to see what appeals to you.

All current officers are willing to continue and work with you to familiarize you with the responsibilities. If you would like to co-chair a position or be trained by the current officers, please let me know. sheilasong@mac.com

The officer positions are:

President: Opens luncheon meetings with introductions, etc. Handles administrative issues.

1st Vice President: Programs - Locates and coordinates with guest speakers.

2nd Vice President: Membership - Processes all applications for new members. Also creates and distributes packets of information.

Recording Secretary: Takes minutes for board meetings.

Corresponding Secretary: Writes cards to members for thank you's, get well notes, sympathy, etc. Writes formal letters.

Treasurer: Writes monthly checks, reports and keeps balances in savings. Keeps record of scholarship funds. Must be a member for at least one year and work with the current co-treasurers.

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You can Chair or be on one of these committees:

Letters Chair: Coordinates venues for writing workshops, book talks, etc.

Poetry Chair: Organizes poetry workshops.

Music Chair: Finds talent to share, encourages free events to support conservatory students.

Art Chair: Search out possible shows, create art events.

Committees:

Pen and Palette Editor-in-Chief: Publishes newsletter once a month.

Web site coordinator: Takes care of publishing luncheon information, blogs, etc.

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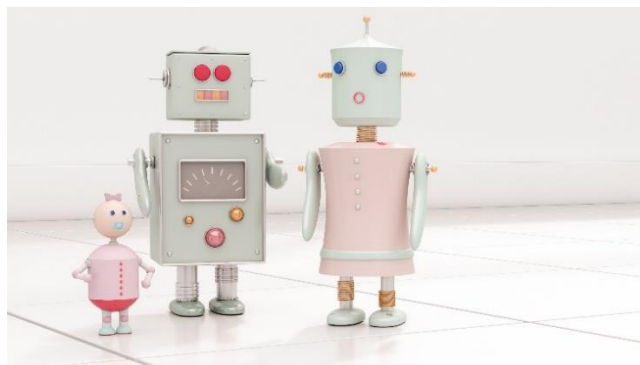
Wishing us a year with successful growth in leadership.

Sincerely,
Sheila Firestone, President
Music Chair



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For those of you who would like to learn more about Artificial Intelligence, AI, some basics are at this site: <https://chat.openai.com/>



Our newest Pen Women Patron, Esther van der Horst, was a model at the National Council of Jewish Women Fashion Show at the Patchington Store in Boynton Beach!



Member Jo Jo Harder was another model for this show!



PHOTOS FROM OUR DECEMBER 21,2023 LUNCHEON

Our December 21st Luncheon was well attended by members and guests. Our speaker, Meredith Berlin, spoke about her years as Editor-in-Chief at Seventeen Magazine and other publications. She discussed her latest book, *Friends with Issues*, which is available on Amazon. <http://tinyurl.com/4fv5dmk9>

We enjoyed a wonderful buffet lunch, new members and patrons received their certificates of membership, and a fun-filled raffle with a special assortment of I Love Lucy Collectible Dolls. Don't miss our next luncheon on January 18, 2024! Sign up here: <http://www.bocapenwomen.org/pen-women-luncheon>



Meredith Berlin with Dr. Brenda Dressler





RAFFLEMANIA!!



The Raffle Squad
Dr. Barbara Lunde, Carol White, Phyllis Elrich



Highlights of the December raffle:

I LOVE LUCY COLLECTIBLE DOLLS

MEMBER NEWS

Senior Stories by Linda Susan Fisher

Delray Stories: Celebrating our Community Through Theatre is a new annual series, each year with a different theme. This year's theme, Wisdom, Beauty and Inspiration, features monologues inspired by Delray Beach Seniors. Professional playwrights will use the selected stories to create a staged theatrical production, performed by professional actors on our stage.

FEATURED STORIES:

Preacher Teacher by Yvonne Odom

Magic by Andy Holland

Act Three by Christine D'Arrigo

Senior by Linda Susan Fisher



Marlene Klotz, Poetry Chair, will be conducting a Poetry Workshop on Valentine's Day, February 14th from 12 noon – 2:00 p.m., at “Verena at Delray,” 5624 Linton Blvd, Delray Beach, FL. Call for directions if needed: [\(561\) 495-7111](tel:5614957111) Marlene looks forward to sharing her love of writing poetry with women who are eager to attend this program. Please let Marlene know if you will be attending. The theme is: “A Celebration of Love.”

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FROM THE ART WORLD

“Pot of Gold” by Fran Goodman

Boca Raton Branch

Acrylic with acrylic skins (36×36)

The NLAPW January 4th *Featured Art*: “Pot of Gold” by Fran Goodman (Boca Raton Branch).



Artist’s Statement for this beautiful painting:

My interest, when I paint, is "to build life" into the piece. I do this by heavily layering and texturizing the canvas. For "Pot of Gold", I mixed acrylic paint with molding paste to create the swirls of color surrounding the image of the pot. For the pot itself, I relied on a combination of pumice gel for the base and acrylic skins which I twisted and shaped and spread over and onto the pot. I find the skins, which are made from dried acrylic paint, add an extra layer of dimension, and give an extra boost of life to my paintings.

LETTERS OPPORTUNITY

Working Writers is a well-known and respected newsletter. Because our branch has several new members, I’m repeating this chance for you to have your article published. Here are a few guidelines:

“Please consider submitting an article, feedback, helpful tips, anecdotes, and pithy comments.

Articles can be up to 1400 words on any writing topic:
how-to, how-not-to, publishing, editing, marketing, promotion, humor,
kid lit . . . you name it.

eMail to workingwriters@aol.com and you’ll receive a quick response.
Please include a short bio.”

HAIKU

(A haiku can be titled or not.)

Three Haiku by **Linda Susan Fisher**

Heartbreak

Waves crash overhead,
struggling to remain afloat,
thrashing, sinking, gone

Healing

Surfing on a wave,
knocked down and I rise again,
weary, determined

Hope

Floating on the crest,
resilient, strong and buoyant,
peaceful and content

Haiku by **Linda Mohr**

cotton ball snowflakes
powder the sleeping garden—
kitty grave blanket

Haiku by **Carol White**

Florida Winter

white sheets protect plants
on a chilly winter day
almost looks like snow

Boca Raton Branch National League of American Pen Women

Meet Master Storyteller, Dr. Caren Neile
Thursday, January 18, 2024 12:00 NOON



Indian Spring Country Club – 11501 EL Clair Ranch Rd – Boynton Beach, FL 33437
For Directions: 561-737-5544

Learn how storytelling techniques can enrich your writing, art and music from Dr. Caren Neile, FAU professor, author and producer/host of *The Public Storyteller* on WNPR radio.

Enjoy a lavish buffet luncheon, including salad, grilled salmon, chicken tarragon, wild rice, vegetables, rolls, fresh fruit, pastry and beverages. Bid on fabulous items at our Chinese raffle.

Cash or check only for raffle tickets.

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.

CLIP RESERVATION FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK

Members \$40 Non-members \$42

Checks payable to: Boca Raton Branch NLAPW

Send to: Elaine Hutt, 7666 Majestic Palm Drive, Boynton Beach FL 33437
Email Elaine Hutt for more information: elainehlasvegas@aol.com

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us? _____

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CHECKS: January 12, 2024

Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar



2024	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
JANUARY	31 New Years Day	1 National Motivation & Inspiration Day National Science Fiction Day	2 J.R.R. Tolkien Day	3 National Trivia Day	4 National Bird Day	5 National Technology Day	6
	7 Old Rock Day International Programmer's Day	8 Bubble Bath Day	9 International Choreographers Day National Static Electricity Day	10 Houseplant Appreciation Day Save the Eagles Day National Take the Stairs Day	11 National Milk Day	12 National Hot Tea Day	13 National Sticker Day
	14 National Dress Up Your Pet Day National Vision Board Day	15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day National Hat Day	16 Appreciate a Dragon Day	17 Ben Franklin Day Kid Inventor's Day	18 Winnie the Pooh Day National Thesaurus Day	19 National Popcorn Day	20 Penguin Awareness Day Take a Walk Outdoors Day
	21 Squirrel Appreciation Day World Snow Day	22 National Polka Dot Day	23 National Handwriting Day National Pie Day National Speak Up and Succeed Day	24 National Compliment Day Library Shelfie Day	25 National Clashing Clothes Day	26 Toad Hollow Day of Encouragement National Preschool Health & Fitness Day	27 National Geographic Day Visit Your Local Quilt Shop Day
	28 National LEGO Day	29 National Puzzle Day	30 National Croissant Day	31 Inspire Your Heart with Art Day	1	2	3
January 2024 Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar Refer to this calendar for inspiration and themed activity ideas for your program! Find ideas below and click the link to find related items to support your activities.							



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Carol White
Editor-in-Chief
Pen and Palette
Letters Chair
Social Media
Fundraising

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