

Pen and Palette

Boca Raton NLAPW

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April/May 2025



MUSIC...ART...LETTERS

In the Loop: Your Board at Work

Dear Members,

Our March luncheon was a huge success. Our luncheons are held in a private room in the Mariposa restaurant in Neiman Marcus. Located in Town Center in Boca Raton, a choice of three delicious menu items was offered. Parking, as well as valet parking, is available.

The speaker, Catherine Hughes, is the Director of Education at the Palm Beach Opera. She presented "Movies at the Opera." It was a delightful program. Catherine is a very lively speaker.

The next luncheon and the last until November 2025 will be held on April 17, 2025. The speaker is Lorraine Salem Tufts who is a wildlife photographer. Her photos of national parks and wildlife are published in newspapers, magazines, and award-winning books.

Our Boca Raton branch is planning an art and letters program. The reception is on April 22 from 4:30-6:30PM at the Delray Public Library. We will speak about the program at the luncheon and hope that you will want to be involved in it.

Sincerely,

Brenda Dressler, PhD
President

The Women's National Book Association hosted an author's event at the Delray Beach Public Library. The key-note speaker was Joyce Saltman. Several of our Pen authors attended.



(L-R)
Lee Newberg, Elaine Bossik, Brenda Dressler
Standing: Carol White, Lee Ravine

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Please plan on attending the upcoming **“One Moment in Time”** Event
Art, Writing, Music Program

Here is the link to register:

<https://www.delraylibrary.org/classes-programs/one-moment-in-time-w-boca-raton-pen-women/>

This is a free event sponsored by our branch, and presented by authors
Dr. Brenda Dressler and Elaine Bossik.

Reception: April 22, 2025, at 4:30 p.m.

Authors will read portions of their work
and Artists will discuss their paintings.

See next page for more info!

We look forward to seeing you there!

NLAPW Boca Raton Branch Program Description

One Moment in Time – An Art, Writing, and Music Program

Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, FL.

Reception Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2025

4:30 – 6:30

Boca Raton Pen women artists will exhibit artwork that captures the artists' view/interpretation of a unique moment in time. At the opening reception, the artists discuss what inspired them to create the artwork.

Pen women authors write poetry, flash fiction and short essays that describes a unique moment in time. Writings will be read aloud during the opening reception.

Music: Recorded music by Pen woman composer Sheila Firestone will be played during the opening reception.

All members of the Boca Raton branch, including patrons, can exhibit their artwork or read original writing that expresses the theme of the show.

The upstairs gallery of the library can accommodate up to 70 works of art. Art can be offered for sale. The library receives 20% of sales.

Specifications for Artwork:

Paintings in all mediums, drawings, photography:

- Art must be ready to hang and wired, either framed or gallery wrapped
- Label affixed to back: title of work, artist's name, medium, size, price

Artists and writers submit a one-paragraph bio.

Drop-Off Date for Art: Monday, April 18, 2025 === Art Installation Date: April, 21, 2025

Writers may read for about five minutes, or more depending on the number of submissions



Pen Arts Building in Washington, D. C.

MEMBER NEWS

Treasured Memories by **Marlene Klotz**

With Mother's Day approaching
I'm reminded of the years
You cheered each time I triumphed
And understood when I shed tears.
I knew when you were there for me
With loyalty and love...
As sure as sunshine warms the earth
And a blue sky's up above.

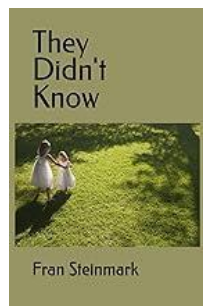
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Thoughts for a Lifetime – Family
“Family is but a part of life.
A Life with love abounds.
And if you question it,
Just look around.
For families come in many ways
All special from the start.
Look, feel and gratify your heart.” **Louise Parente** 2023

Today a feeling of renewal was experienced as I spoke to a family member who I hadn't spoken to in years. The recollection of times gone by, those memories of happiness, sadness, concern, certainty, and realities were renewed. Today's Thoughts for a Lifetime focus on the importance of family, memories, and renewal; these can be families from birth and those created by the special people you allowed into your life. It represents the importance of positivity which, if we are lucky enough, we have experienced. Unfortunately, some of these experiences could have been forgotten. This message represents the importance of stepping back in time. It represents a reminder of personal growth and heartfelt experiences from yesterday, today, and what can be tomorrow. Going forward, think about the message of today's Thoughts for a Lifetime. **Dr. Louise Parente**

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Fran Steinmark's latest novel, *They Didn't Know*, is available on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com)

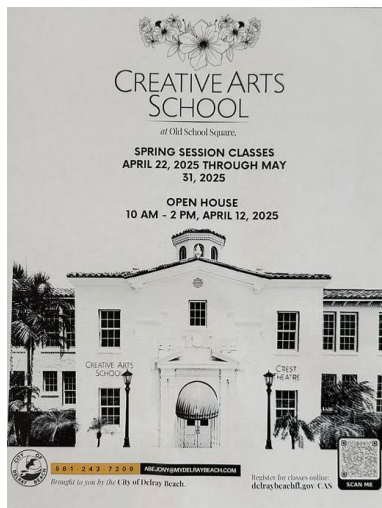


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In the NLAPW Santa Clara County Limerick Contest of 2025, **Carol White** won second place.

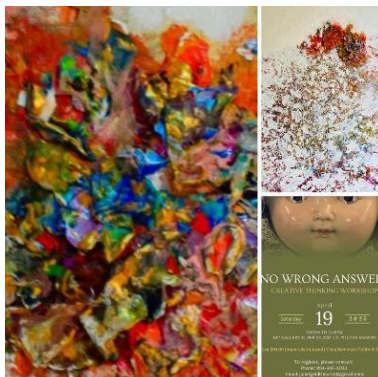
ART NEWS

Fran Mann Goodman is thrilled to be back teaching in Delray Beach at Old School Square's Creative Art School, this time doing six-week in-person classes. The beginner class starts on Tuesday, April 22nd from 10 AM to 12 PM, and the intermediate class begins on Thursday, April 24th from 10 AM to 12 PM. Her class, “Not Your Ordinary Painting Class” blends art history with different kinds of layering techniques and applications in abstract expressionism. Beginner students need no prior drawing or painting experience. Fran prefers intermediate students who have some understanding of color theory. Please join her this Saturday on April 12th from 10 AM to 2 PM when she will give you an overview of what her classes are all about – at the open house at 51 N. Swinton Ave Delray Beach, FL. The cost for the six weeks is \$240.00, and \$280.00 for non-residents. This does not include the supply list. If you'd like more information, please email Fran at franspaintbox@yahoo.com.



Fran is also doing a 2-day workshop at Art Gallery 21, “Putting the Wow Factor in your Paintings with Acrylic Skins,” through the National Association of Women Artists. The dates are Friday, April 25th and Saturday, May 3rd, from 1:00 to 3:30 PM. The cost is \$130.00 plus supplies. To register, please contact Fran at 845-826-0165. The exhibition will run from April 14th to May 10th.

Art Gallery 21 Island City, 600 NE 21st Ct. Wilton Manors, FL.



Sue Gurland is thrilled to have two paintings accepted to the Artists of Palm Beach County exhibit, *Woof, Meow, Chirp and Slither* at Cugini Wine Bar and Art Gallery, 804 Lake Ave., Lake Worth. Opening Reception April 17th 6 - 8 pm.



Red Panda



White Tiger

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Jo Jo Harder is featured in the *Palm Beach Daily News* March 8, 2025, issue for her role as ambassador and judge during the 32nd Worth Avenue Pet parade. Jo Jo's company America's Top Dog Model received a 2-page spread in the March 31, 2025, issue of *InTouch* national magazine which is sold on most newsstands. The article in "Animal Overload" column, quoted Ms. Harder, and featured four canine winners of the Paw Awards, America's Top Dog Model's twist on the Oscars. The Paw Awards winners were originally featured in America's Top Dog Model *Paw Prints Magazine* February/March 2025 issue. [Paw Prints Magazine - Page 1 - Americas Top Dog Model \(R\)](#)

PALM BEACH DAILY NEWS/DAMON HIGGINS



Judges (from left) Tiffany Schaefer, Catherine Louis, Jo Jo Harder, and Ted Cooney, are introduced at the start of the 32nd Annual Pet Parade and Costume Contest in Palm Beach Saturday March 8, 2025.

Fran Steinmark's three paintings of recent musical shows held at the Boca Raton Library will be exhibited this month at the Delray Library.



"Jazz at the Library"



"Sunday Concert at the Library"



"Celtic Music with Emily & Kel"

Our March 20th Luncheon featured guest speaker, Catherine Hughes, who is Director of Education at the Palm Beach Opera. She presented “Movies at the Opera.”





Boca Raton Branch NLAPW

April 17, 2025, 12 noon

Our final luncheon of the season will be held on April 17, 2025, at noon.
Photographer/Artist/Author Lorraine Salem Tufts will be our guest speaker. We will also have
the installation of new officers for the next two years.

All info:

<https://www.bocapenwomen.org/pen-women-luncheon/> or fill out the coupon below:

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\$40

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

Luncheon Menu: Choice of Chicken Caesar Salad, Roasted Salmon, or Trio Salad (chicken, tuna, egg). Order your selection on the day of the luncheon. Popovers, beverages and dessert included.

Name (Print): _____ **Email** _____

Guest's Name: _____ **Email** _____

Guest: How did you hear about us? _____

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CHECKS: April 12, 2025

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