Pen and Palette

Boca Raton NLAPW
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October/November 2025

MUSIC…ART…LETTERS

In the Loop: Your Board at Work

Dear Members,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer. As you may know, we are beginning the 2025-2026 year with a social event at my home. I am looking forward to seeing you all on October 22, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. Besides members, a few guests who are interested in Pen Women will also be attending this event. If you need more information, please email me: brendres@aol.com

The Board has been busy looking for additional venues, besides Delray Beach Public Library, to present the work of our artists and letters members.

We are looking forward to interesting speakers at our luncheons at the Mariposa Restaurant in Nieman Marcus, located in Town Center in Boca Raton. Guests are invited.

Warm regards,
Brenda Dressler, PhD
President of the Boca Raton Branch of NLAPW.

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From Janie Owens – President of Florida State Association NLAPW

Please plan on attending this virtual conference. Here is the information from Janie:

"Our Virtual Conference is fast approaching. We plan for this to be interesting and a fun event. Besides announcing the new officers, we will have some entertainment and a few surprises. So, please plan to attend on November 1, 2025! 11 am to 1 pm!!

To attend, contact Phyllis Elrich: phynlady2@aol.com and ask to have your email put on the list. Your invitation to attend will be sent to you via email in the middle of October. On the appropriate day, all you have to do is sign in!"

Boca Raton Branch National League of American Pen Women

Luncheon and Speaker Program

Meet Jacyln Strauss, CPA, Efficiency Expert and Co-founder of 2nd Vault

Thursday, November 20, 2025
12:00 NOON

Mariposa Restaurant - Neiman Marcus at Town Center

5860 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431

Jaclyn Strauss, **CPA**, is the co-founder of her company, 2nd Vault, and a leading efficiency expert, putting her skills and knowledge to work by creating a secure place for families to digitally organize themselves with the thinking done for them. Jaclyn leads with her heart in all that she does and has a passion to serve the greater good of her local community and beyond.

She will present a system to help you organize essential paper documents in a transportable folder that consolidates needed information and ensures peace of mind.

Parking: Parking is available in the parking lot near the back entrance to Neiman Marcus. Valet parking is also available. The $5 valet charge is waived when your ticket is stamped at the restaurant. A $5 gratuity is suggested for the valet.

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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_____

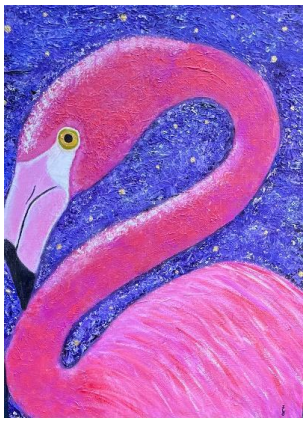
Guest's Name:_____Email_____

Guest: How did you hear about us? _____

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CHECKS: November 12, 2025

MEMBER NEWS

Two of **Sue Gurland**'s paintings, "White Cranes" and "Flamingo", have been juried into the Palm Beach Watercolor Society's art show, "A Brush With Art" at the Levis JCC in Boca Raton. The opening reception is October 19, from 1-3:30 pm. The exhibition runs from Oct. 19 - Nov. 26, 2025, and all artwork is for sale. See more of Sue's paintings at suelynnart.com



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"GEORGIA O'KEEFE"

the artist's real self
by
Marlene Klotz

Men
Women
So many lovers
Slipped through your fingers
You feared growing too close
To another human being
Your father and brother
Molded your shell
Even marriage
Could not erase
The bitter memories
You locked deep inside
And so the natural world
Became your safe place…

Marlene Klotz, our Poetry Chair, has scheduled Pen poets to read two poems at our luncheons. Marlene will be the featured poet for November. This will be a lovely addition to our events!

Penelope Love, MA, our Arts and Letters Member in Pennsylvania, published and launched *VOICES: Women Braving It All to Speak Their Truth* on August 30. The anthology, which became an Amazon #1 New Release, is the second book in the *VOICES* series from her company, Citrine Publishing. It features the compelling stories of six accomplished women who share their journeys with honesty and courage. You may view a recording of the Book Launch Livestream, hosted by Penelope, on YouTube or learn more about the book.

Vera Ripp Hirschhorn's upcoming memoir, published by Pen Women Press, will be available soon. Details on placing orders will be printed in the next Pen and Palette.

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Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar

S&S Worldwide

2025 OCTOBER	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	28	29	30	**1** International Day of Older Persons Balloons Around The World Day	**2** World Farm Animals Day	**3** National Butterfly and Hummingbird Day World Smile Day National Diversity Day Kids Music Day	**4** National Golf Lovers Day World Animal Day World Card Making Day
	5 World Teachers Day Do Something Nice Day	**6** World Day of Bullying Prevention National Noodle Day National Coaches Day World Architecture Day	**7** National LED Light Day	**8** World Octopus Day National Stop Bullying Day	**9** National Sneakers Day	**10** World Mental Health Day National Handbag Day National Metric Day National Haunted House Day World Egg Day	**11** National It's My Party Day National Chess Day I Love Yarn Day National Costume Swap Day
	12 National Savings Day	**13** National Train Your Brain Day Indigenous People's Day Columbus Day	**14** National Dessert Day	**15** World Student Day Sewing Lover's Day National Fossil Day	**16** National Sports Day	**17** National Pasta Day National Playing Card Collection Day Loud Shirt Day	**18** National Chocolate Cupcake Day Necktie Day
	19 National New Friends Day	**20** National Youth Confidence Day International Sloth Day National Day on Writing	**21** National Reptile Awareness Day Count Your Buttons Day Apple Day	**22** National Color Day Unity Day	**23** Event Organizers Day	**24** National Food Day	**25** International Artist's Day Make a Difference Day
	26 National Pumpkin Day	**27** World Occupational Therapy Day	**28** Plush Animal Lovers Day	**29** National Cat Day	**30** National Checklist Day National Candy Corn Day	**31** Halloween Magic Day	1
	2	3	**October 2025 Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar** Refer to this calendar for inspiration and themed activity ideas for your program! Find ideas below and click the Daily Holidays link to find related items to support your activities.				

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