

Pen and Palette
Boca Raton NLAPW
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February/March 2026



MUSIC...ART...LETTERS

Dear Members,

The good news is it will be warmer next week in Florida.

At our January 15th luncheon, Dr. Terry Lawrence spoke about a Polish artist, Tamara de Lempicka who was the best-known painter of the Art Deco paintings. Dr. Lawrence showed us slides of this artist's Art Deco portraits of aristocrats and the wealthy, and her highly stylized paintings of nudes. While viewing the slides, Dr Lawrence told us about Tamara de Lempicka's interesting life. This lecture was fascinating and enjoyed by all.

Three of our Pen sisters were students in Dr. Lawrence's art class and raved about her teaching style, which is why I asked Dr. Lawrence to speak to our members at the luncheon.

At the February 19th luncheon, the Volunteers Against Scams Team (VAST) will speak to us about awareness of different kinds of scams. This group is sponsored by the Police Department.

We look forward seeing you all at the luncheons in the Mariposa Restaurant in Nieman Marcus, located in Town Center in Boca Raton. Guests are invited. Please complete the flyers that are posted in the Pen and Palette.

Please send copies of your artwork to me brendres@aol.com because I am researching a possible art show at the Cornell Museum.

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

For your convenience and planning, the February and March Luncheon information is included in this newsletter.

Our January 15 2026 Luncheon featured Terryl Lawrence, EdD, an artist and photographer who discussed the life and works of artist Tamara de Lempick and explained how Art Deco influenced her paintings.





MEMBER NEWS

A New Beginning

By

Marlene Klotz

Young lovers often believe
their feelings are unique,
as if they invented love.
But love can happen
at any age
or any place...
and with the same
depth of emotion,
for each new love
is a new life.

Carol White received an email from The Storefront Theatre in North Carolina:
"We are pleased to announce that your play, Growing Pains, is one of the top picks of our We Like Short-Shorts: A Festival of 10-Minute Plays competition." This production will take place in March 2026.

From Lucy Arnold NLAPW Art Editor

Hello Art Members! We need more art submissions, all of which will be considered for either The Pen Woman magazine or as Featured Art on the national website. I'm especially interested to see submissions from artists who have not previously been published in either place. Be sure to include in your email your name, branch, image title, medium, and size. You may submit art to my personal email (lucy@lucyarnold.com) or to arteditor@nlapw.org.

FROM THE ART WORLD

Reflections Art and Literature Show

Delray Beach Library
100 W Atlantic Avenue
Delray Beach, Florida

Our branch of NLAPW is going to have an Art and Literature Show at the Delray Beach Library from April 7th through June 6th. The theme this year is Reflections. Hanging day for the art is April 6th and take down is June 6th. A limit of five original paintings or photographs is acceptable, and they must be hanging ready, no saw-tooths. This is for Members and Friends of our branch. Between 4 P.M. and 5 P.M. on opening day, April 7th, people can walk around to meet the artists and look at the artwork on the 2nd floor. At 5 P.M. there will be a reception on the first floor with refreshments when the artists can speak about their work, and writers can read their poetry or an excerpt from their writings. If you have already sent an Artist Statement to Roslyn Ross-Hoffman last year, then Michelle Harrington has your statement. If you are new you will need to send your artist statement (100 words) to me at my email below. This year Michelle just needs the title, size, material, and price of your pictures. That can be sent to me also so I can forward it on to her.

rozz@rozzart.com 917-685-2049

Other Contacts for this show:

Dr. Brenda Dressler dr_brenda@aol.com
Elaine Bossick elainbossik@yahoo.com

You're invited to the LOCAL AUTHOR FEST 2026!

Sponsored by the Delray Beach Public Library and the South Florida chapter of Women's National Book Association (WNBA), to showcase local authors and their work, which will be available for purchase and signing.

Participants can meet and greet local authors, and authors can reserve tables to display and sell their books.

Sunday Mar. 22nd from 2:00 – 4:00 pm
Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach

To reserve a table (\$40 for a full table or \$20 for a half table)
contact michele.harrington@delraylibrary.org.

ART NEWS FROM PHYLLIS ELRICH AND FRAN MANN GOODMAN

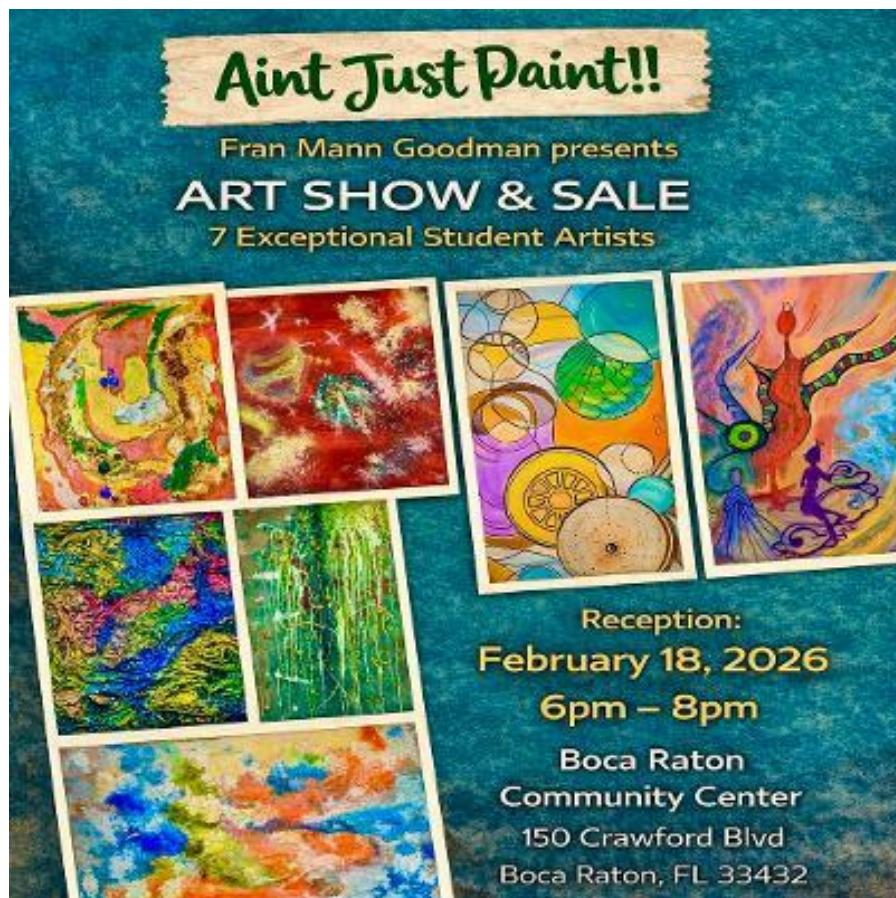
"Ain't Just Paint," an amazing exhibit curated by former Art Chair, **Fran Mann Goodman**, is now showing at the Boca Raton Community Center.

Several of Fran's students, including former Art Chair Phyllis Elrich, have displayed a variety of abstract pieces using unusual elements such as pumice gel, sand, inked mica, acrylic skins and impasto techniques.

Each student tells about the transformations their work has gone through to achieve this high level of creativity.

New ideas leave you enjoying the work while encouraging the viewer to possibly begin an important path of their own.

The show is from February 10th through the month of March. A reception will be held on Wednesday evening, March 18, 2026, between 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.



Phyllis Elrich, is also part of the juried and judged show held at The Skolnick Community Center, Pompano Beach from February 2, 2026, through March 2, 2026, under the auspices of our sister Pen Women branch of Fort Lauderdale. Phoenix, President, and Tammy Seymour, Art Chair, have curated a show of over fifty works. Each year this show is open to all new Art applicants for Pen Women, giving them the chance to join in a juried show. Come see the variety and talent of those who have entered. Phyllis has entered two new pieces, “Teeny Tapestries” and “My Soul.”

The Arts Garage in Delray Beach has set out their schedule for the year for exhibits and requests for artists. If our artists go to www.artsgarage.org they can get current information on the different shows the Arts Garage is going to be sponsoring and how to apply.

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PLEASE SEE NEXT TWO PAGES FOR
OUR FEBRUARY AND MARCH 2026
LUNCHEONS

**Boca Raton Branch National League of American Pen Women
Luncheon and Speaker Program
Meet Donna Parsons and Michele Shapiro from PBSO VAST,
Police Department Volunteer Against Scams Thursday, February 19, 2026
12:00 NOON
Mariposa Restaurant – Neiman Marcus at Town Center
5860 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431**

Donna Parsons and Michele Shapiro are representatives of PBSO VAST, Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office Volunteer Against Scams Team. Their presentation will raise awareness of the most common ways con artists are robbing seniors of their life savings and what to do if they fall victim. Palm Beach County is one of the top areas targeted in the nation for scams, and this presentation will be informative and helpful.

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.

CLIP RESERVATION FORM AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK

\$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? _____

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PLEASE SEND IN YOUR CHECK TODAY!

Boca Raton Branch National League of American Pen Women

Luncheon and Speaker Program

Meet Dr. Ellen Kamhi, Holistic Health Nurse/ Educator/ Author

Botanicals for Pain Management

Thursday, March 19, 2026 12:00 NOON

Mariposa Restaurant - Neiman Marcus at Town Center

5860 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431

Dr. Ellen Kahmi has been involved in Natural Medicines since 1973. She is a professional member of the American Herbalist Guild and is nationally board certified as an Advanced Holistic Nurse. Her presentation will focus on the use of natural botanicals for pain management, with informative and helpful information.

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Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar



2026

FEBRUARY

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
1 Decorating with Candy Day National "Get Up" Day	2 Groundhog Day	3 Feed the Birds Day American Painters Day	4 National Create a Vacuum Day National Girls & Women in Sports Day World Read Aloud Day Global School Play Day	5 National Weatherperson's Day	6 National Frozen Yogurt Day National Bubble Gum Day	7 Send a Card to a Friend Day National Periodic Table Day National Rose Day
8 Kite Flying Day National Boy Scouts Day Super Bowl Sunday	9 National Pizza Day	10 Umbrella Day National Teddy Bear Day	11 Make a Friend Day International Day of Women & Girls in Science	12 National Lost Penny Day Lincoln's Birthday	13 World Radio Day Self-Love Day	14 Valentine's Day Library Lovers' Day
15 National Hippo Day World Whale Day NBA All-Star Game	16 National Innovation Day Presidents' Day	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day Mardi Gras	18 Pluto Day	19 International Tug-of-War Day	20 Love Your Pet Day National Caregivers Day	21 International Mother Language Day
22 National Wildlife Day Recreational Sports & Fitness Day World Thinking Day	23 Curling is Cool Day Play Tennis Day National Tile Day	24 National Trading Card Day	25 Let's All Eat Right Day	26 National Fairy Tale Day Carnival Day Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day	27 National Pokemon Day	28 Floral Design Day
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	February 2026 Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar Refer to this calendar for inspiration and themed activity ideas for your program! Find ideas below and click the links to find related items to support your activities.				

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