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Boca Raton NLAPW
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MUSIC...ART...LETTERS

Dear Members,

About 20 members met at Alice's Teapot Cafe on Wednesday, May 6, 2026 at 1:00pm in Delray Beach. This is a beautifully decorated restaurant. We had a terrific lunch and enjoyed the social event. It was an excellent fund raiser.

I wish all our members a wonderful summer. Our board members are planning interesting programs for November 2026 through April 2027.

Warm regards,
Brenda Dressler, PhD
Boca Raton Branch NLAPW
Program Chair

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Please read parts of Elaine Bossik's blog, which appeared on our website, Pages 2, 3, and 4 will bring you up to date on our branch's activities.

Remember: We need your input for fundraising ideas!

[A Special Pen Women Section from our Website by Elaine Bossik](#)

[Please click on link to see the entire article.](#)

<https://www.bocapenwomen.org/boca-raton-pen-women-reflect-on-the-2025-2026-season/>.



Boca Raton Pen Women Reflect on the 2025 – 2026 Season

By Elaine Bossik | May 18, 2026

The Boca Raton Pen Women are proud of the many events and programs we organized this past season that brought cultural enrichment, education and enjoyment to members, guests and the local community.

A **bagel brunch** in October, hosted by President Brenda Dressler, was a tasty and fun opening event. From November to April, members gathered once a month at Mariposa restaurant at Neiman Marcus in Boca Raton for a delicious lunch, lively discussions, and educational programs.

In December, Evan Bennett, PhD presented a fascinating audio-visual program about two Black women artists – Mary Ann Carroll and Zora Neal Hurston – who influenced life in Florida. In January, Terryl Lawrence, Palm Beach State College professor, educated us about the colorful life and work of Art Deco artist Tamara de Lempica.

The local police department volunteer team joined us in February to provide valuable tips on avoiding scams and staying safe. In March Dr. Ellen Kamhi, a holistic health nurse, educator and author, presented an audio-visual program about foods and natural botanicals that promote health.

Our closing luncheon in April featured Jennifer Wilson, Palm Beach Opera Education Manager and Studio Director, who shared clips from famous operas where card games played a dramatic role. Following her program, the Boca Pen Women presented Mallory Goddard, a student at the Palm Beach Opera Studio Program, with a Music Achievement Award for her outstanding accomplishments, and to assist her in continuing her music studies. Jennifer and Mallory, both talented sopranos, sang an aria for us.

The branch's student achievement awards are funded by monthly luncheon raffles. Members bid on donated one-of-a-kind items, including jewelry, accessories, decorative items and gift cards. Achievement awards support exceptional students pursuing careers in art, music and letters.

In April branch artists showcased their artwork at the Delray Beach Public Library art gallery. The show's theme – Reflections – was discussed at an opening art reception where authors read poetry and prose, and artists discussed how their work reflected their interpretations of the world.

Boca Pen Women gathered in May for a final fundraising event of the season at Alice's Teapot Café in Delray Beach, where everyone enjoyed tasty sandwiches, pastries, tea, and camaraderie in an Alice-in-Wonderland setting.

Free community enrichment programs were an important part of the branch's yearly activities. Boca Pen Women presented a flash fiction writing workshop in September and a publishing workshop in February at the Delray Beach Public Library in collaboration with the South Florida Women's National Book Association.

The success of the season's fundraising was made possible through donations from local friends and branch members; from generous contributions from Publix Super Markets, Inc., Siperstein Dermatology, and branch member Phyllis Elrich.

Giving back to the local community that supports us is a vital part of the Boca Raton branch's agenda. We were pleased to offer monetary donations to the Delray Beach Public Library's cultural programs and to the Boca Raton Helping Hand Foodbank.

Photographs by Carol White.

Dayle Herstik at Delray Art Gallery Reception "*Reflections*"





Eliot Kleinberg & Carol White



Dr. Terryl Lawrence



Mallory Goddard, Jennifer Wilson



Dr. Brenda Dressler



Lea Becker & Elaine Hutt at Alice's Teapot Cafe



Melissa Pigott & Diana Polisensky at Alice's Teapot

MEMBER NEWS Vera Ripp Hirschhorn's story, titled, "Friends Forever" was published in the May 18th issue of *Woman's World*. Pen Women Press announced Vera's book, *Who Am I? Stepping Stones to Self-Discovery*, on the back of the Spring 2026 issue of The Pen Woman Magazine. Additionally, the local magazine, *Atlantic Ave* has a review of Vera's book in its June 2026 issue. Vera recently received news that the Palm Beach County Library System's Collection Development selected copies of her book for their collection at different branches including the Hagen Ranch Road Branch.



June - A Bridal Fantasy
by **Marlene Klotz**

Always a bridesmaid
Never a bride.
No one can see
The longing inside.
Oh how I wish
To meet Mr. Right
And change from pastels
To a vision in white.
So I wait and I hope
For that one special day
When it's my turn to carry,
The wedding bouquet.



Carol White's short play, *Strong Coffee, Stronger Pie*, has been included in the Delray Beach Playhouse Festival of short plays on June 27, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. Contact Carol for more information. polowhite@aol.com



Carol with her cast

Rehearsing with my cast

Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar



2026	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
JUNE	31	1 Say Something Nice Day Dinosaur Day Global Day of Parents	2 National Rocky Road Ice Cream Day	3 National Egg Day World Bicycle Day Global Running Day	4 Hug Your Cat Day	5 Hot Air Balloon Day World Environment Day National Donut Day	6 National Gardening Exercise Day National Yo Yo Day YMCA Day National Trails Day National Family Recreation Day
	7 National Chocolate Ice Cream Day National Animal Rights Day	8 Best Friend Day World Ocean's Day	9 National Donald Duck Day	10 National Iced Tea Day	11 National Making Life Beautiful Day International Day of Play	12 National Superman Day Red Rose Day	13 World Softball Day World Wide Knit in Public Day
	14 Flag Day Family History Day National Children's Day	15 Fly A Kite Day Global Wind Day National Smile Power Day	16 Fresh Veggies Day World Sea Turtle Day	17 National Eat Your Vegetables Day	18 Go Fishing Day International Picnic Day	19 International Box Day National Flip Flop Day	20 Ice Cream Soda Day World Juggling Day
	21 Father's Day First Day of Summer National Seashell Day International Yoga Day National Selfie Day World Music Day	22 World Rainforest Day	23 National Hydration Day	24 Celebration of the Senses Day Fairy Day Swim A Lap Day	25 Day of the Seafarer	26 National Canoe Day National Food Truck Day	27 National Sunglasses Day National Bingo Day National Pineapple Day Great American Campout Day
	28 INTERNATIONAL CAPS LOCK DAY Log Cabin Day	29 Hug Holiday National Camera Day	30 Asteroid Day Meteor Watch Day	1	2	3	4
	5	6	June 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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