

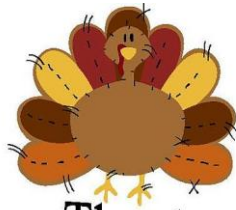
**Pen and Palette**  
Boca Raton NLAPW  
[www.bocapenwomen.org](http://www.bocapenwomen.org)  
November/December 2017



**MUSIC...ART...LETTERS**



Facebook Page: <http://tinyurl.com/hen8b4o>



**Happy Thanksgiving**

**In the Loop: Your Board at Work**

Dear Members:

I have been honored to serve as your President for the last two terms. Our board has planned a beautiful year with exceptional speakers and outreach programs. I hope that you will think about taking on a leadership role as either an elected officer or appointed officer once the nominating committee begins its search for new officers for 2018-2020.

We invite you to visit a board meeting to see what goes on behind the scenes. Click here for the list of current elected officers, all of whom would be glad to answer your questions and talk with you. <http://www.bocapenwomen.org/officers/>

The Boca Raton NLAPW was first formed in 1975. It is forty-two years later and times have changed. Still, our mission has remained the same, to support women artists, writers, composers and choreographers, and promote and encourage the work of women creators in the arts. We continue to survive because part of our mission is supporting one another through programs, workshops, awards, encouraging youth, and by raising our energy and talents by association with others who care about these areas of creativity.

Some of our most avid sages are aging gracefully. They cannot continue to give service, but still, offer their support and continue to be creative. We honor their contributions. Everyone's help is needed. Become an active committee member. I am asking that each Boca Raton NLAPW member join a committee, which supports the continuity of our branch. Members could take on a task such as helping make name badges, greeting people at our meetings/luncheons, helping with some of the record keeping, keeping track of reservations for our events, or even editing our year-book. Many of you step up when asked. We sometimes find ourselves shorthanded for new leadership and begin to wonder who is going to serve next. You may be called upon shortly to take on a task, or you can let me know which task you would be willing to help with. Say yes to becoming a co-chair to keep our branch strong. SAY YES. We have some new applicants. It's necessary to show newcomers that we care about continued growth and to encourage them to become involved as well.

“One for All and All for One.”

Sincerely,  
Sheila Firestone, President, Boca Raton NLAPW  
Music and Outreach Chair  
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Our October 19, 2017 Membership Luncheon featured an art auction, raffle prizes and a book sale. Many exciting upcoming events were announced. Below: our current elected officers:



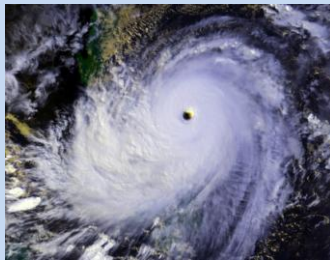
(L-R) Etta Schaeffer (Fundraising VP), Prue Carrico (Recording Secretary), Marlene Klotz (Programs VP), Barbara Bixon (Treasurer), Sheila Firestone (President)

## EXCITING OPPORTUNITY!



Barbara Bixon is trying to put together a full-day script writing course for March 13th, 2018. Linda Bergman, a Hollywood producer who has 16 films to her credit, would be flying in from Los Angeles to lead this nuts and bolts course. Linda's total fee is \$1,500.00 for the day, which includes her airfare. Barbara is looking for 10 women who want to share that cost. The total cost per woman would be \$150.00, and Barbara will provide lunch. Please contact Barbara at 561/732-3577 as soon as possible.

## HURRICANE ESSAY ENTRY



Dear Members and Patrons:

We are calling on you to submit a short paragraph of no more than **200 words** on the subject of Hurricane Irma. There is no fee to participate.

Specifically, we would like you to share one aspect of your experience during the hurricane. Entries will be edited for grammar and spelling, and in some cases, on content. The author will be contacted before any major changes are made to the paragraph, but if none are needed, all submissions will be published in our Pen Women Boca Raton Branch website.

Subsequent to that, all submissions from members will be submitted for publication at the National Pen Women website. **Please note:** patrons do not qualify for entry in National.

If interested, please submit according to the above guidelines **no later than December 10, 2017**. All submissions must be directed to: **Alexandra Goodwin, Co-Chair Letters at [alewrites@yahoo.com](mailto:alewrites@yahoo.com)**.

PLEASE NOTE CORRECT TIME FOR THIS LITERARY EVENT:

## Jewish National Book Month

Join us on November 29, 2017 from 6:30-7:30 p.m. at the Parkland Library

Parkland Library 6620 University Drive, Parkland, FL 33067 (954) 757-4207

**Alexandra Goodwin** will moderate the panel. Her novel is *Exchange at the Border*.

**Sheila Firestone**, composer of *Myriam and the Women of the Desert*, a musical, with a CD of music *Ancient Blue Threads*, will entertain us with some of her pieces.

**Meryl Davids Landau** will talk about her book: *Enlightened Parenting: A Mom Reflects on Living Spiritually with Kids*.

**Carol White** will discuss three of her short plays with a Jewish theme, and her latest full-length “play to manuscript” *Conversion*.



## Poetry Workshop

**Vera Ripp Hirschhorn** invites poets for a fun afternoon of creativity at her home on Thursday, December 7, 2017 at 2:30 p.m. She requests that each member bring a baby photo of herself along with an index card of five bio statements. Please RSVP by November 16, 2017 at [vera@creatingcurriculum.com](mailto:vera@creatingcurriculum.com) Her address and directions will be emailed upon request.

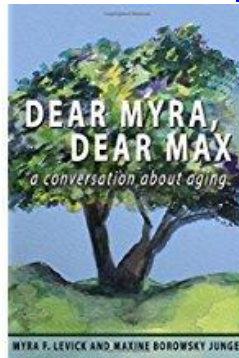


## **MEMBER NEWS!**

Our Branch will continue to collect unused eyeglasses to donate to the local Lions Club. **Prue Carrico** will be accepting the glasses (no cases) at our November 16th luncheon. Last season, we were able to donate 27 pairs of glasses to the Lions, so please keep this Outreach program in mind as you prepare for our luncheons.

**Marlene Klotz** is working with a teenager who is a talented poet and photographer at the Milagro Teen Center. She will display his work at an upcoming exhibit at the Cornell Art Museum in Delray. Marlene plans to include one of his poems from her poetry anthology, *The Wonderful World of Words*, side by side with a photograph of comparable beauty.

**Dr. Myra Levick's** new book *Dear Myra, Dear Max: A conversation about aging*, can be purchased through Amazon.com. Click here for the link: <http://tinyurl.com/yc2bdfc6>



**Linda A. Mohr** has a poem *The Little Red Bowl* published in the River Poets Journal, 2017 Special Edition Windows. The 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the publication of award-winning *Tatianna—Tales & Teachings of My Feline Friend* was celebrated October 29<sup>th</sup>.

**Carol White's** novel, *A Divided Duty*, was featured in the November/December Southern Writers Magazine under their "Must Read" column.



Please contact **Barbara Bixon, Treasurer**, if you wish a copy of our monthly treasury report. [bbcarter2@aol.com](mailto:bbcarter2@aol.com)

Please contact **Prue Carrico, Recording Secretary**, if you wish a copy of the board meeting minutes. [rtistee@aol.com](mailto:rtistee@aol.com)

**Luncheon and Speaker Program**

**Meet Artist Cindy Bartosek**

**Thursday, December 21, 2017**

**12:00 Noon**

Delray Beach Golf Club – 2200 Highland Ave. – Delray Beach

561/243-7385 for Directions

Cindy Bartosek, an award-winning fiber artist and photographer, whose work has been exhibited in Florida and New York City, will display her creations and discuss her work.

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CLIP COUPON AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK

Members: \$27 – Guests: \$32

**Checks payable to: Boca Raton Branch NLAPW**

**Send to:** Elaine Bossik, 7722 Majestic Palm Drive, Boynton Beach FL 33437

Email Elaine Bossik for more information: [elainebossik@yahoo.com](mailto:elainebossik@yahoo.com)

**Luncheon Menu**

**Delray Deli Buffet:** Mixed greens salad bar; sliced roast beef, baked ham, and roast turkey breast; cheese; red jacket potato salad; pasta salad; chickpeas; green leaf lettuce, sliced tomato and red onion; condiments; assorted fresh breads and rolls.

Dessert: Chocolate Cake and Sugar Free Apple Pie

NAME: (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

GUEST: \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**GUESTS:** How did you hear about us? \_\_\_\_\_

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CHECKS: December 14, 2017**

**Note: We cannot accept checks after the deadline.**

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Carol White  
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