

**Pen and Palette**  
Boca Raton NLAPW  
[www.bocapenwomen.org](http://www.bocapenwomen.org)  
January-February 2018



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



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

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

Dear Members:

2017 was a year of Firsts for us...

- 1) We had our membership drive and silent auction luncheon at the Westchester Country Club for the first time.
- 2) We've done so well with our silent auctions over the past three years that we are able to award three additional scholarships this year instead of waiting for an alternate year.
- 3) The 2018 letters awards will go to Alexandra Monte, an awardee from 2017 to help her continue on her college path. Alexandra was chosen to assist in the college writing lab. She has shared the six page outline of her newest story.
- 4) At our holiday party at the Milagro Teen Center for the Arts, the teens shared their accomplishments and told how the Center has changed their lives. See our pictures on our Facebook page.
- 5) We are exploring finding talented students at the Dreyfus High School of the Arts for this year's awardees.
- 6) For the first time, our members are appearing under our canopy at the Boca Green Market monthly where we give information about our branch as well as sell our books, art work and music.
- 7) We gained a music member. World famous Author, Jazz Composer, Singer and Dancer, Dr. Joan (Diva) Cartwright. Joan will share highlights from her amazing life at our Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup> Valentine's Day luncheon meeting. (Please note, this is on Wednesday).

It will be **LOVE-ly**.

8) You were well represented at the Florida state conference. Dr. Cartwright presented a program on Women in Music and Financial issues in the industry. I presented anecdotes and selected musical pieces from the work and my journey to creating the musical "Miriam and the Women of the Desert." I continue to receive notes about the work from attendees.

Biennial Awards: Sheila Firestone in Music, Joni Sack in Art, and Carol White in Letters all won several first and second place awards.

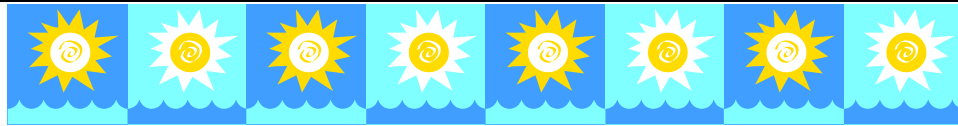
9) We are in a period of growth with two new applicants; one in Letters, and one in Art. We are the largest Florida branch. Thanks for your loyalty and participation.

"All for one and one for all."

May we continue to grow leadership and enthusiastic participation in 2018, as we inspire one another and our community.

Come represent us at our booth “Make New Friends,” where we will present a concept enhancing, drawing and writing activity at the All People’s Diversity Day at the Delray Beach Armory on Saturday March 24th from 1:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Let me know if you will participate (561) 391-3610. We would like to have shifts from 11-2 and 2-5. There will be free ethnic foods, continuous entertainment as well as multitudes of activities by various non-profit organizations.

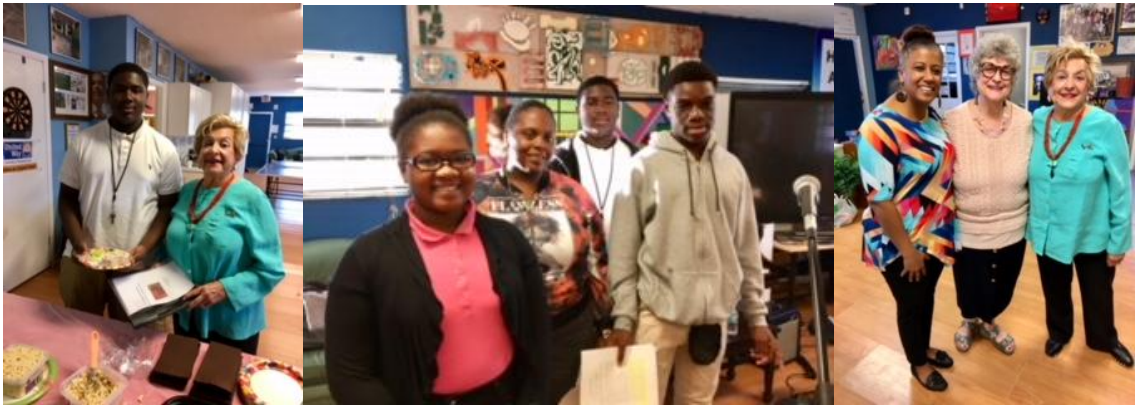
Sincerely,  
Sheila Firestone, President, Boca Raton NLAPW  
Music and Outreach Chair  
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**SPECIAL PEN AND PALETTE EDITION FEATURING THE FIRST ANNUAL  
BOCA RATON/FORT LAUDERDALE BRANCHES ART EXHIBIT**

**Art Chairs Tammy Seymour (Ft. Lauderdale) and Prue Carrico (Boca Raton)  
coordinated a well-received member art show. See photos on Page 5 for photos of the  
January 6, 2018 reception and award presentation.**

Photos from our December 18, 2017 Holiday Party at the Milagro Center for Teens



A new blog post on our Web site provides details about the Milagro holiday party for teens.  
<http://www.bocapenwomen.org/boca-raton-pen-women-host-a-2017-holiday-party-for-local-teens/>

**Photos from our December 21, 2017 Luncheon with Cindy Bartosek:**



## SPOTLIGHT ART POST

Beatrice Doone-Merena  
“Beauty Veiled”  
Oil on Canvas



Beatrice Doone-Merena is a contemporary realist artist who has mastered Renaissance oil painting techniques to which she adds her unique contemporary perspective, lively sense of color, and bold compositions.

Doone-Merena was inspired to create a relaxed version of beauty with “Beauty Veiled” by a love of portraits. She wanted to break away and create a fun interpretation of the traditional portrait.

See more of her work at: [www.beadoone-merena.com](http://www.beadoone-merena.com)

## FIRST ANNUAL ART SHOW BOCA RATON/FT LAUDERDALE BRANCHES

Thank You to our Boca Raton members who entered the first annual art show partnering with the Ft. Lauderdale Branch! The work clearly shows the creativity and professionalism of our Pen Women. The awards reception held January 6 at the Sugar Sand Community Center recognized recipients from both Branches.

First prize: Tammy Seymour, "Day's End"  
Second prize: Sandy Hynds, "Spring has Sprung"  
Third prize: Prue Carrico, "Honeycreeper's Brunch"  
Honorable Mention awards:  
Joni Sack, "Hydrangea and Fruit"  
Bea Donne-Merna, "Precious"  
Kirsten Hines, "Contentment"  
Marcia Hirschy, "Caverns"

The show continues through Tuesday, January 23; takedown is Wednesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>.

Prue Carrico  
Art Chair







**Jo Jo Harder** received a write-up in *Pet Product News International* regarding the launch of America's Top Dog Model 12th anniversary signature lifestyle collection: <http://www.petproductnews.com/Products/Americas-Top-Dog-Model-Lifestyle-Products/>

A Stone of Hope, an illustrated tribute to Martin Luther King Jr., for preteens and their families, by **Janet S. Kleinman** is now available on Amazon.com

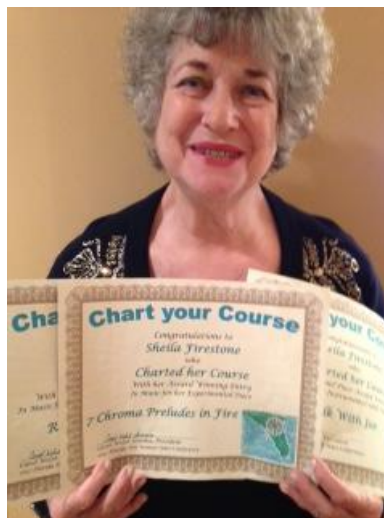
**Dr. Myra Levick's** text book, Levick, M.F.(2009) *Levick emotional and cognitive art therapy Assessment: A normative study*; Bloomington, IN. Author House, has been translated into the Korean language and published in South Korea, I Hakjisa Publisher, Inc. It will be released this month. South Korea has a large and active art therapy association, and previously hosted Dr. Levick as a keynote speaker for one of their national conferences.

**Penelope Love** (Citrine Publishing) edited, designed and published *The Soulful Child: Twelve Years in the Wilderness* by Chloe Rachel Gallaway. Reviewer David Steinberg named it to his list of Top Nine Favorite Books of 2017 in *The Albuquerque Journal*. This book was also accepted into the inventory at the New Mexico History Museum Shop.

**Linda A. Mohr** has been accepted to attend the 14th Annual Palm Beach Poetry Festival in Delray Beach as a workshop participant. She will be in Sound, Syntax, Stanza, Magic, Nuts and Bolts for six days led by Beth Ann Fennelly, Poet Laureate of Mississippi and poetry professor at the University of Mississippi.

**Carol White** will discuss her latest books at the Five Star Residence in Boca Raton on January 31<sup>st</sup>. The theme is "From Stage to Page."

### Sheila Firestone's winning entries from the 2017 Florida State NLAPW Biennial





# AN INVITATION TO OUR PEN WOMEN LUNCHEON

Wednesday, February 14, 2018 @ 12 Noon

Delray Beach Golf Club - 2200 Highland Avenue  
Delray Beach, FL 33445 - ph. (561)-243-7389



We look forward to having you join us on Valentine's Day when Dr. Joan Cartwright, internationally known vocalist, composer, and the author of 12 books, will share highlights of a 40-year career that has made her a true "Modern Missionary in the World of Music."

As a new member of our Boca Raton branch, Joan is a professor of Speech Communication at Southeastern College in West Palm Beach, FL. In 20017, and has completed her Doctorate in Business Administration/Marketing (DBA) at North Central University in Arizona. Diva Joan composes, lectures, produces, researches, and documents Jazz and Blues history, musicians and composers, to name but a few of her numerous accomplishments. Be sure to save the date to meet and greet our fabulous guest speaker.

WEDNESDAY, 2/14/18 - Delray Deli Buffet

Members \$27    Guests \$32

Checks payable to: Boca Raton Branch NLAPW

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Deadline for receipt of checks: February 4, 2018

**Boca Raton Branch National League of American Pen Women  
Buffet Luncheon and Speaker Program**

**Members: \$27.00    Guests: \$32.00**

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**Wednesday, February 14, 2018**

**Dr. Joan Cartwright is an internationally known Vocalist,  
Composer and Author of Twelve books  
Her topic: The Power of Music**

**CLICK COUPON AND RETURN WITH YOUR CHECK**

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**Luncheon Menu  
Delray Deli Buffet**

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

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

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

**DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CHECKS: February 4, 2018**

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

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