

Pen and Palette

Boca Raton NLAPW

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January 2025 – February 2025



MUSIC...ART...LETTERS

In the Loop: Your Board at Work

Letter to members- January 10, 2025

I wish you all a very healthy, happy New Year.

We had a very successful luncheon on December 19th at Le Sorelle Restaurant in Boca Raton. As a result of the raffle, \$190 was raised. These funds will go toward our awards to women students in the arts.

All our future luncheons will be held at Mariposa, the restaurant in Neiman Marcus in Town Center, Boca Raton. I am looking forward to seeing you there on Thursday, January 16, 2025.

Sincerely

Dr. Brenda Dressler

Acting President

Programs Chair

<https://www.bocapenwomen.org>

NOTES AND INFORMATION

Please be sure to read *The Pen Woman Magazine* cover to cover. There are many opportunities for all branches that could be of interest to you, i.e., Competitions, News from other branches, articles on art, music and writing – and your chance to have your work included in this national magazine. Also take the time to review the National website: www.NLAPW.org

Here is the website for Florida State NLAPW: <https://floridapenwomen.com/>

I urge you to take advantage of everything that is available to you. See Page 4 to read about our Member, Penelope Love, who will be in town on January 18th, at the downtown Boca Raton Library.

The High Noon Tea event, which was LIT, was featured on Page 17 of *The Pen Woman* magazine.

Carol White

Editor-in-Chief

The **Boca Raton Branch, National League of American Pen Women** January 19, 2025 luncheon featured Suzanne St George, Author/Speaker. She discussed points on our wrist that we can use to relieve stress. She focused on gratitude, creativity, and told a harrowing story of being trapped in her car during an avalanche in Switzerland.





MEMBER NEWS

A poem by Marlene Klotz

At the Library

So many books
Filled with thoughts
And then suddenly read
To be understood
And to be treasured.
Then words, like birds,
Fly away to move on,
having left their mark.



Penelope Love, MA (our long-distance Arts and Letters member residing in PA) was selected as the Publisher in attendance for **2025 Indie Author Day** at the Boca Raton Public Library. This featured table will have Citrine Publishing titles on display, along with her International Book Award-winning memoir, *Wake Up in Love*, plus a sign with her Boca Raton NLAPW affiliation. Come say "hello!" and meet (or reunite) with a fellow Pen Woman during this **free event** on January 18, 2025, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. at the Downtown Library, 400 NW 2nd Ave., Boca Raton. She'd love to connect and see you there!

Free Speaker Event

INDIE AUTHOR DAY




- Hear speakers who have the information you need to become a published author
- Meet indie authors who will share advice from their own publishing journeys

Downtown Library
400 NW 2nd Avenue

Saturday, January 18

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

Featured Speakers

 <p>1:30 - 2:15 PM Why Write? Inspiring Thoughts from a Character and Editor Caren S. Neile, PhD. Author, Designer, Speaker Florida Atlantic University Instructor</p>	 <p>2:30 - 3:15 PM All and Beyond: From Idea to Self-Published Book Neil Plakcy Author, etc. Research College professor, Western Writers of America Florida Chapter national board member</p>
 <p>3:30 - 4:15 PM From Spark to Store to Self: Writing for Toddlers, Teens, and in-Between Dorian Cirrone Author, Florida Book Awards Gold Medal Winner</p>	

Author and Publisher Tables

1:00 - 5:00 PM (except during talks)

Shelly Cameron, *EDD, Your Career- Ditch It, Switch It, etc.* (non-fiction)
Dorian Cirrone, *The First Last Day*, etc. (children's)
Rosemary Cole, *Please Create Enlightened Me*, etc. (children's)
Susan Goldfein, *Laughing My Way Through the Third Stage*, etc. (humor)
Yakov Gelfand, *A Man of Two Superpowers* (memoir)
Oshada Jagodzinski, *My Life Among the Spirits* (memoir)
Penelope Love, Founder: Citrine Publishing, author, *Wake Up in Love* (publisher and memoir)
George Morse, *The Chronicles of Ann & Lo™*, etc. (graphic novels)
Dr. Caren Neile, *Only in Florida*, etc. (non-fiction)
Neil Plakcy, *Mahu Investigations Series*, etc. (mystery, etc.)

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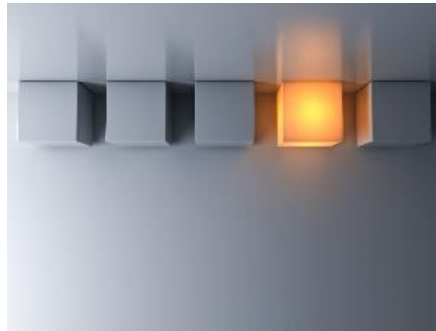
Thoughts for a Lifetime – Touched by Life **by Dr. Louise Parente**

“Dost, thou love life. Then do not squander time, for that is the stuff that life is made of.” Franklin

Touched by Life is a sentiment I find myself thinking about today. It reflects Life’s gentle touch both tender and fierce, joyful, and sorrowful. It is different for each person, it is the exemplification of each breath we take, of the grace and dance of life we experience.

As I look back over the year 2024, I am reminded of times both positive and negative, the beauty of simple moments and the strength in adversity. The acceptance of life’s moments gives way to emotions and experiences reflected in my rich and versatile source of inspiration.

As we welcome 2025, let us be reminded about the above and let its meaning permeate the Tapestry of Your Life. Happy New Year- 2025.



Poetry Chair, **Marlene Klotz**, will bring flyers about the February 12th poetry workshop to January 16th luncheon at the Mariposa restaurant. There will be a new agenda that will lead to a fun experience when each participant shares her favorite poems with her fellow poets.



Hagen Ranch Road Library presents a Free Writers Workshop with
National League of American Pen Women.

14350 Hagen Ranch Rd, Delray Beach, FL. Call for directions: [\(561\) 894-7500](tel:5618947500)
Saturday, January 11, 2025, 2:00pm to 4:00pm

Please join us to hear Pen authors discuss their writing process. You will have a chance to write from a prompt and take part in a Q&A session. Moderated by author Carol White.

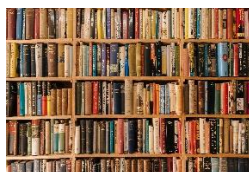
Registration required* (39 spots remaining) [Register for event](#)

Lea Hope Becker has a memoir, *Children, I'm Home!* "A Woman's Search for Having it All Without Losing it All."

Barbara Bixon will discuss her novel, *The Rejects*. Can a depressed woman discovering her favorite Nathan's restaurant closed at a highway rest stop inspire her to write a novel about hot dogs? You bet! Barbara tells us how events in her life led to her writing comedy and thriller novels, and you can do the same.

Elaine Bossik will talk about her novel, *Body Merchants*, a thriller/mystery about a reporter who uncovers a human organ theft crime.

*Click here: <https://www.pbclibrary.org/> Click on Events, change the date to January 11, click on Hagen Ranch, the third event is where you register. IF you have trouble, just call them. 561/894-7500



SPECIAL EVENT

Although this isn't a Pen Women sponsored event, the topic is Strong Women Leaders. Here is the info:

Dr Robert Watson speaking on
"Strong Women Leaders"
WHEN: Wed, January 22, 2025 at 10 AM
WHERE: South County Civic Center, Delray Beach
COST: \$18.00 refreshments included
SIGN UP: <https://bit.ly/watsonjan22>

Robert Watson is an award-winning author, professor, historian, and analyst for numerous media outlets. He has published over forty books on history and politics, five works of fiction, and hundreds of scholarly journal articles, book chapters, and reference essays.

Meet Award-Winning Mystery Writer M.E. (Micki) Browning
Thursday, January 16, 2025
12:00 NOON

Mariposa Restaurant – Neiman Marcus at Towne Center, 5860 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL
33431

Award-winning mystery author M.E. (Micki) Browning turned to writing crime fiction after graduating from the FBI National Academy and working as a municipal law enforcement officer and captain. Learn how her decades of experience shaped her crime fiction.

Parking: Parking is available in the parking lot near the 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: elainehulasvegas@aol.com

Luncheon Menu: Choice of 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: January 10, 2025



FROM THE ART WORLD

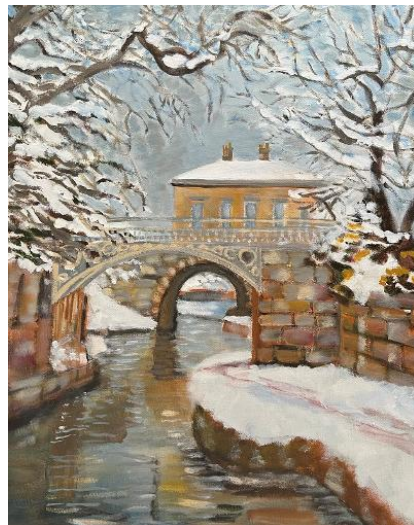
Fran Steinmark has three new exquisite acrylic paintings (each 24" x 30").



City Restaurant



July 4th in Boone



Snow Scene in Bath

Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar



2025	SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
JANUARY	29	30	31	1 New Years Day Global Family Day	2 National Motivation & Inspiration Day National Science Fiction Day	3 J.R.R. Tolkien Day	4 National Trivia Day
	5 National Bird Day	6 National Technology Day	7 Old Rock Day International Programmer's Day	8 Bubble Bath Day National Take the Stairs Day	9 International Choreographers Day National Static Electricity Day	10 Houseplant Appreciation Day Save the Eagles Day	11 National Milk Day National Vision Board Day
	12 National Hot Tea Day	13 National Sticker Day	14 National Dress Up Your Pet Day International Kite Day	15 National Hat Day	16 Appreciate a Dragon Day	17 Ben Franklin Day Kid Inventor's Day	18 Winnie the Pooh Day National Thesaurus Day
	19 National Popcorn Day World Snow Day	20 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Penguin Awareness Day Take a Walk Outdoors Day	21 Squirrel Appreciation Day National Granola Bar Day	22 National Polka Dot Day Library Shelfie Day	23 National Handwriting Day National Pie Day National Clashing Clothes Day	24 National Compliment Day International Day of Education	25 Visit Your Local Quilt Shop Day
	26 Toad Hollow Day of Encouragement	27 National Bible Day	28 National LEGO Day National Speak Up and Succeed Day National Kazoo Day	29 National Puzzle Day Chinese New Year	30 National Draw a Dinosaur Day	31 Inspire Your Heart with Art Day National Preschool Health & Fitness Day	1
	2	3	January 2025 Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar Refer to this calendar for inspiration and themed activity ideas for your program! Find ideas below and click the link to find related items to support your activities.				

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