

Pen and Palette

Boca Raton NLAPW

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March 2025-April 2025



MUSIC...ART...LETTERS

In the Loop: Your Board at Work

Dear Members,

Our February luncheon was a huge success. It was held in a private room in the Mariposa restaurant in Neiman Marcus. Located in Town Center in Boca Raton, a choice of three delicious menu items was offered. Self-parking, and valet parking are available.

The speaker, Anne Farley Gaines, an artist from Chicago, displayed many beautiful paintings and provided an explanation for them.

The next luncheon is on March 20th. The speaker, Catherine Hughes, is Director of Education at the Palm Beach Opera. She will present "Movies at the Opera."

Our Boca Raton branch is planning an art and letters program. The reception is on April 22 from 4:30-6:30PM at the Delray Public Library. It was originally scheduled for March 22, 2025. We will speak about the program at the luncheon and hope that you will want to be involved in it.

Sincerely,

Brenda Dressler, PhD
Acting President
First Vice-President, Programs

Please be sure to read the entire newsletter. Aside from member news, there is information about upcoming dues, a special art/letters event at the Delray Beach Library, photos from our February Luncheon and information about our upcoming March 20th luncheon.

A special opportunity for artists

Click here www.ppines.com/artcompetition to complete the 20th Annual Art Competition application.

The City of Pembroke Pines Recreation & Cultural Arts Department &
The Arts & Culture Advisory Board Present the



20TH ANNUAL ART COMPETITION

Artists 18 years or older residing in Broward, Dade or Palm Beach counties are eligible to participate in the **20th Annual Art Competition** to win cash prizes. Artists can submit up to three pieces of artwork (\$15 per piece) in one medium category.

In addition to the prize categories, a **FESTIVAL POSTER WINNER** will be selected from all of the artwork entries. The winner will receive \$200, a FREE tent space (for 2 days) at the City's annual art event, and the winning poster will be wrapped on a Pembroke Pines traffic box!

WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED
at the free Opening Reception on
Friday, May 16th, 7PM at
Studio 18 Art Complex.

TO ENTER, please visit
<https://www.ppines.com/artcompetition>

APPLICATION DEADLINE
FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 2025 at 5PM

PRIZES & CATEGORIES
\$200 BEST DIGITAL ART,
BEST DRAWING,
BEST MIXED MEDIA,
BEST PAINTING,
BEST PHOTOGRAPHY,
BEST SCULPTURE
\$500 BEST IN SHOW

Accepted artwork will be exhibited at the beautiful **Studio 18 Art Complex** from
MAY 16 TO AUGUST 4, 2025

STUDIO 18 ART COMPLEX
CITY OF PEMBROKE PINES
1101 Poinciana Drive
Pembroke Pines, FL 33025
(954) 961-6067

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
Amelia Mohamed (954) 961-6067 or
amohamed@ppines.com



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MEMBER ART NEWS

Fran Mann Goodman will be teaching her popular “NOT YOUR ORDINARY PAINTING CLASS” that blends art history with abstract expressionism at ArtServe in Fort Lauderdale, for all levels starting on the first 4-Tuesdays in April. From 1-4 PM. For more information: www.artserve.org

Fran is honored to have “When Hope Danced” in the Mirror Mirror Exhibition, Celebrating Women in the Arts, at the Cornell Art Museum, 51 N. Swinton Ave., Delray Beach, FL.

The reception is March 14th from 6 to 9 PM.

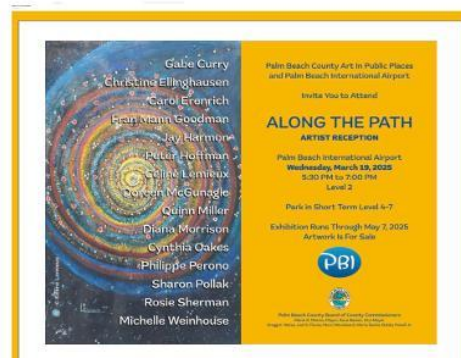
The exhibition will be on view until June 22, 2025.

Fran is also honored to have “Bow to Mother Nature,” another of her paintings at the Art Gallery in Palm Beach International Airport. The reception is March 19th from 5:30 to 7 PM. The gallery is located on Level 2, and you can park in Short Term Level 4-7. 1000 Turnage Boulevard, West Palm Beach, FL 33406. The exhibit will run until May 7, 2025. She invites you to attend both exhibitions and bring your friends.



“When Hope Danced”

You're Invited! Don't Miss This!



“Bow to Mother Nature”

MEMBER ART NEWS (con't)

Here are two of **Fran Steinmark's** latest paintings:

Amsterdam Acrylic, 30"x 24"



Armchair Acrylic, 30 x 40



MEMBER LETTERS NEWS

Linda Mohr's interview on pet separation anxiety was published in an article "Home Alone" in the winter 2024 edition of *Purdue Alumnus*.



Linda Susan, author of "A Moment Time," is a published author residing in Delray Beach, FL. *A Soul Grown Bold* is her collection of poems about healing from a relationship and available on Amazon. The essay "A Magical Christmas" was published in *Tales2Inspire, The Jade Collection*, and her essay "Senior" appears in *The Writers' Journal, Live and Learn*.

Her current piece, "A Moment in Time," is a poignant look at the country through her eyes. She can be reached at LindaSusanPoet@gmail.com or on www.LindaSusan.com



The Seaside Players Community Theatre in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, FL., has selected **Carol White's** play, *A Certain Eye for Art*, to be part of a production of short plays written by six Florida playwrights to be produced May 2-11, 2025, at Jarvis Hall in Lauderdale-by-the-Sea, FL. The show is free and open to the public. More information to come.



Boca Raton Branch National League of American Pen Women

Luncheon and Speaker Program

Meet Palm Beach Opera Educator Catherine Hughes

Thursday, March 20, 2025 12:00 NOON

Mariposa Restaurant - Neiman Marcus at Town Center

5860 Glades Road, Boca Raton, FL 33431

Journey through cinematic history with opera aficionado Catherine Hughes. Experience how opera's music enhances the stories told on screen, from slapstick comedy to 1940s and 50s romances, to pivotal scenes in thrillers.

Parking: Parking is available in front of the mall and in the rear 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 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? _____

DEADLINE FOR RECEIPT OF CHECKS: March 10, 2025

Photos from our February 20, 2025 Luncheon with Artist
Anne Farley Gaines

Nature, architecture and paintings by great artists inspire Anne Farley Gaines' watercolors, mixed-media, murals and ceramic plaques.







2025 - 2026 MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

Boca Raton Branch NLAPW

Dear Branch Member:

It's **Dues Time** once again. Your annual NLAPW membership dues payment is due no later than May 1, 2025. Please make check payable to Boca Raton Branch, NLAPW for \$85.00. We pay National \$65.00 per member and State \$10.00 per member, and our branch keeps \$10.00 per person.

Please complete the entire form (so we can update our membership record) and mail it with your check to the address below. The list of members must be sent to both State and National for their rosters, and to ensure that each of you receives all publications, emails and other mailings. We assess a late fee of \$15 if renewal dues are not paid by the 5/1/25 deadline.

Patron fee remains \$60.00. New members accepted by NLAPW National after Feb. 15th, 2025 will not be charged dues again until April 2026.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM*

Check payable to Boca Raton Branch NLAPW

PLEASE PRINT INFORMATION

NAME _____ Birthday _____

Date accepted into NLAPW Membership _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Landline Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Emergency Contact No. _____

Circle your category with NLAPW ART LETTERS MUSIC

Mail form with check to: Elaine Hutt, 7666 Majestic Palm Dr., Boynton Beach, FL., 33437

***Please note: If you don't have a printer, Letters Member, Barbara Bixon will be bringing forms and envelopes for dues.**

Special Event: Boca Raton Pen Women Art/Letters Show

Delray Beach Public Library, 100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach, FL, 33444

Theme: *One Moment in Time*

Reception/Program: April 22, 2025 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

Art Gallery Exhibit: April 22, 2025 June 21, 2025, Delray Beach Public Library

Art Drop-off: Monday, April 18, 2025 Delray Beach Public Library

Participants: All members of the Boca Raton Branch are invited to enter artwork (all mediums) for exhibit in the Delray Library Gallery. Three to five artworks can be offered for exhibit if space allows.

For Art Submissions, Contact Roz Ross-Hoffman at: rozz@rozzart.com.

Art Submission Guidelines: Art must be ready to hang and wired, either framed or gallery wrapped. Index card label affixed to the back with: title of work, artist's name, medium, size, sale price. Submit a printed artist's bio of 75 – 100 words.

Deadline for submitting list of your art for exhibit and your bio to Roz: **March 16, 2025.**

Author Readings: All members are invited to read one original poem, flash fiction, or short essay that reflects the theme. The time limit is 5 minutes.

Deadline for submitting your name, format of your reading (poem, flash fiction, essay) and your bio (75 -100 words) is March 16, 2025.

~~~There will be a follow-up email with the contact for the readings/bio.~~~

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**Reception: April 22, 2025**

Artists: Be prepared to discuss your work and how it reflects the show theme while visitors view the exhibit in the gallery on the second floor of the library.

Reception with light refreshments: Readings by Pen members will be held in the large meeting room on the main level.

**Note:** The Delray Beach Library keeps 20% of the sale price for sold artwork. Work that is sold is given to the buyer at the time of the sale.

## **OTHER EVENTS**

**April 23-26, 2026**

CALL for PROPOSALS

2026 NLAPW Biennial in Washington DC

Hosted by the CNY Branch

Contact Janine DeBiaise concerning the biennial in Washington DC for 2026. at:

[jdebaise@gmail.com](mailto:jdebaise@gmail.com) 315-657-0538

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**May 2, 2025: Collaborative Competition Deadline**

Go to [nlapw.org/cross-genre-competition](http://nlapw.org/cross-genre-competition) to download the competition form and submission instructions. Two first prizes to two teams will each be awarded \$300.

Remember to use our national website to check on contests, etc. You will also find information in The Pen Woman national magazine. <https://www.nlapw.org/>

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**From Women's National Book Association:**

“The annual Local Author Fest at the Delray Beach Library is back - on Sunday March 23rd from 2 - 4pm. The library is at 100 W. Atlantic Ave., Delray Beach. It's going to be a fantastic day with a spirited introduction by humor guru, Joyce Saltman, followed by everyone visiting the author tables to buy books, network, and chat.”

I hope to see some of our Pen women there to support this group. We have done several programs with WNBA.

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# Daily Holidays & Observances Calendar



| 2025         | SUN                                                                                           | MON                                                                                                                                  | TUES                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | WED                                               | THURS                                                                                                                         | FRI                                                                                                                                                   | SAT                                                                                    |
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| <b>MARCH</b> | 23                                                                                            | 24                                                                                                                                   | 25                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 26                                                | 27                                                                                                                            | 28                                                                                                                                                    | <b>1</b><br>National Pig Day<br>World Compliment Day<br>National Frozen Food Day       |
|              | <b>2</b><br>Read Across America Day<br>Dr. Seuss's Birthday<br>World Teen Mental Wellness Day | <b>3</b><br>I Want You To Be Happy Day<br>National Anthem Day<br>World Wildlife Day<br>Fun Facts About Names Day<br>World Tennis Day | <b>4</b><br>National Grammar Day<br>Mardi Gras<br>Unique Names Day<br>National Snack Day                                                                                                                                                               | <b>5</b><br>Discover What Your Name Means Day     | <b>6</b><br>National Frozen Food Day<br>Name Tag Day                                                                          | <b>7</b><br>National Cereal Day<br>National Day of Unplugging<br>Middle Name Pride Day                                                                | <b>8</b><br>Girls Write Now Day<br>National Proofreading Day<br>National Genealogy Day |
|              | <b>9</b><br>Daylight Savings Starts                                                           | <b>10</b><br>International Day of Awesomeness                                                                                        | <b>11</b><br>National Dream Day                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>12</b><br>Plant a Flower Day<br>Girl Scout Day | <b>13</b><br>National Jewel Day<br>Popcorn Lovers Day                                                                         | <b>14</b><br>Learn About Butterflies Day<br>Pi Day<br>National Children's Craft Day<br>International Ask A Question Day<br>National Preschooler's Day | <b>15</b><br>National Shoe the World Day<br>National Quilting Day                      |
|              | <b>16</b><br>National Panda Day                                                               | <b>17</b><br>St. Patrick's Day<br>National Welllderly Day                                                                            | <b>18</b><br>Global Recycling Day<br>National 3-D Day                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>19</b><br>National Let's Laugh Day             | <b>20</b><br>International Day of Happiness<br>World Storytelling Day<br>First Day of Spring<br>Absolutely Incredible Kid Day | <b>21</b><br>World Puppetry Day<br>National Fragrance Day<br>National Flower Day<br>Memory Day                                                        | <b>22</b><br>World Water Day<br>Earth Hour                                             |
|              | <b>23</b><br>National Puppy Day                                                               | <b>24</b><br>International Day for Achievers                                                                                         | <b>25</b><br>National Pecan Day                                                                                                                                                                                                                        | <b>26</b><br>Make Up Your Own Holiday Day         | <b>27</b><br>World Theater Day<br>National Scribble Day                                                                       | <b>28</b><br>Respect Your Cat Day<br>Wear a Hat Day                                                                                                   | <b>29</b><br>National Smoke and Mirrors Day<br>Mermaid Day<br>Plano Day                |
|              | <b>30</b><br>National Pencil Day<br>Take a Walk in the Park Day                               | <b>31</b><br>National Crayon Day<br>Eiffel Tower Day<br>Dance Marathon Day                                                           | <b>March 2025 Daily Holidays &amp; Observances Calendar</b><br>Refer to this calendar for inspiration and themed activity ideas for your program! Find ideas below and click the Daily Holidays link to find related items to support your activities. |                                                   |                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                        |

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