

Giving a Hoot

SEPTEMBER 2011

IT'S ALMOST TIME!

SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST:

- **Slate of Officers for 2012-2014**
- **Review of the fun stuff planned for our October Conference**
- **Florida Branch Presidents**
- **Going Green**
- **Business Meeting Information**
- **MUSIC Concert Details**

OFFICERS

- **President**
Laura Vaughan
- **1st VP**
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Caroline McKeon

Give a Hoot:
Volunteer Your
Time; Get
Involved!!

WE NEED YOU!

President Laura Vaughan's Message

Hi Ladies,

How I wish every one of you would be joining us in Sarasota for the *Doorway to Dreams* conference in October. We always have so much fun together...we may think of ourselves as creative women, but when we get together in a large group, we create amazing laughs and lasting friendships.

This year's Conference Chair, Sylvia Price, has planned some extraordinary adventures for you. It's not too late for you to sign up and enjoy the good times, the learning, and the lasting memories we so look forward to creating for each other.

We're excited that Pensacola has indicated they might attend. If your branch has not been able to come for a long time, we would love to see you as well.

NLAPW may be a large, national organization, but the branch contributions...their ideas, their artistic endeavors, their outreach projects...these are the things that make our entire organization so out-



This owl's orange eyes are very fitting for our October Halloween meeting.

standing, and make being a **Pen Woman** such a special privilege.

It is my privilege to be your Florida president, and I'm so looking forward to seeing you at the biennial conference.

Now, here is my costume idea:

I have a dream costume I would love to wear to the Art Awards dinner. Starting with my shortest black skirt over some black fishnet tights, I would slip on a very low-cut, sheer, black blouse over a black lace bustier; then add a red leather dog collar (rivets and all). My wig would be long, blonde, and curly; my lashes smashingly long; my lips and nails dark as night. The tallest, softest, squishy black leather boots with seven inch heels would be ideal; topped off with the most demure witch's hat I can find, I'd be oh-so-charming!

With warm regards,
Laura Vaughan
FSA/NLAPW President

Editor's comment: Dream on, Laura; there isn't a doorway in the country that would let you pass in that outfit!

2012-2014 FSA Slate of Officers

The nominating committee (headed by past Florida President Jeanne Rochford and including Jackie Hand, Sherrie Johnson, Mickey Gore and Pat Wilson) has worked very hard in strong-arming ... er ... uh ... I mean convincing the following women into volunteering their services for the next two-year term:

President
1st VP
2nd VP
Secretary
Treasurer

Sylvia Price
Christine Arens
Carol Welsh
Jean Rogers
Caroline McKeon

Sarasota
Orlando
Daytona
Clearwater
Sarasota

During our business meeting at the 2011 Florida Biennial Conference, this slate will be presented, and then the floor will be open for more nominations (if nominee agrees to the nomination). This meeting will be held on Saturday, October 29th at 10:30 a.m. All are welcome!

Our Creative Florida Branch Prezes



Come and meet each other over coffee in October!

“The 2009 event was so much fun, I promised myself I’d never miss another state conference. Sarasota’s Branch really rose to the occasion.”

Don’t Miss this Awesome Event in October at the Hyatt Regency in Sarasota



Boca Raton	Diane Brenda Bryan	561/487-2653
Cape Canaveral	Cathy Rayburn	321/773-7140
Clearwater	Sandy Huff (co-prez)	727/725-1015
	Jean C. Rogers (co-prez)	813/855-5479
Coral Gables	Aminta Konawicz	305/934-4299
Daytona Beach	Beverly Hanson	386/677-9166
Deland	Ellen Smith	386/736-2455
Ft. Lauderdale	Tamara Seymour	954/527-0407
Gainesville	Jeanne Rochford	352/335-9503
Jacksonville	Jan Atchley Bevan	904/388-1393
Lakeland	Linda Palmer	863/648-4537
Naples	Mary Anne Ringewald	239/948-1119
Orlando Winter Pk	Joyce Eaton Brady	352/735-7452
Palm Beaches	Robin Sweet	561/842-4656
Pensacola	Mara Viksnins	850/650-3105
Ruskin	Aleta Jonie Maschek	813/645-5871
St. Augustine	Yvonne VanDerLinden	904/269-4448
Sarasota	Barbara Jendrysik	941/387-9381
SW Florida	Andrea Perisho	239/945-3063
Tampa	Meletha Everett	813/685-1675
Vero Beach	Marlowe Arnold	772/562-6083

**Annual Dues: \$ 40.00
55.00
6.00**

**National Dues
National Dues for Members at Large
Florida State Association Dues**

Come Join Us at the Hyatt

**DOORWAY
TO DREAMS**



**Celebrating
Creative
Women**

**Thursday, October 27
through
Sunday, October 30, 2011**

**Call to make your
room reservations:**

888-421-1442

If you haven't registered for the conference, please [e-mail Caroline](mailto:caroline@fsanlapw.com) and she'll send you the form, or you can download it from www.fsanlapw.com.

There is still time to contribute to Art, Music and Letters prize monies.

Let's Go Green...One Way to Help



No one pays money in printing fees anymore, at least no one with any sense. With all this hype for going green (and rightfully so), I think it's time we got with the program.

**Reduce
Reuse
Recycle
... and
E-Mail**

FSANLAPW is making a plea to all its members to give a hoot; get with the 21st century and elect to get all of your communications via e-mail instead of snail mail.

In the first place, e-mail is almost immediate ... no waiting for the postman. In the second place, it saves money - a LOT of money. Here we are, a 501(c)(3) tax exempt entity, giving money when we can, yet we spent \$1,233.27 in

getting our 12-page conference newsletter out; of that amount, \$278.40 was spent on postage.

Certainly we realize that there are many members who do not even have a computer let alone an e-mail address and we are more than happy to see that you get a hard copy. **If you need a hard copy, let us know.**

All newsletters will continue to be posted on our website at www.fsanlapw.com.

"We spent over \$1,200 [in printing and postage] in sending out the conference newsletter. What a waste of money and resources."

Conference Business and Other Things:

Each branch is asked to bring three copies of a written report, telling what your branch has been doing. You will have three minutes to present this at our business meeting. (Snail mail or e-mail your report if you are not planning to attend the conference.)

Please advise Sandy Huff of the names of your delegates so that she can provide them with voting credentials. (huffsandy@aol.com)

Only credentialed delegates may vote;

New standing rules will be voted on; Any branch delegate may present a written motion (forms will be available), once seconded discussion will ensue;

Branches: All desired **new business agenda items** must pass a vote at the branch level, then sent to Laura to be put on the agenda for the business meeting;

Halloween costumes for Saturday night are welcomed but certainly not required.

Creativity Pays

At this year's *Doorway to Dreams*, we will be paying out plenty of money. And we are happy about that! Hopefully, you got your contest entries in on time, especially after extending our deadlines to the first of September. It is always our hope to engage as many Pen Women as possible.

Many thanks to all members and branches who donated money! If you want to contribute, e-mail dreamweb@dreamport.com.

As of the publishing of this newsletter, here is where we stand with our contests and award monies:

100.00	Pen Woman of the Year
100.00	Individual Achievement
50.00	Newsletter
50.00	Yearbook
50.00	History (Elizabeth Bentley award)
1,000.00	Scholarship Award

We will also be awarding over \$1,900 in ART, LETTERS and MUSIC awards. That's over \$3,200 in cold, hard cash!

You won't want to miss THIS CONFERENCE!



Creativity is a gift, right at the tips of your fingers...right in the palm of your hand. Use it!

Branch Websites

Of our 20 Florida Branches, the following have websites. If you are viewing this newsletter online, you can see these websites by clicking on the branch name. If you are viewing a printed copy of this, you can go online to www.fsanlapw.com then click on Branches and it will take you to the page where these hotlinks can be accessed.

[Boca Raton](#) - [Cape Canaveral](#) - [Clearwater](#) - [Daytona Beach](#)
[Ft. Lauderdale](#) - [Jacksonville](#) - [Orlando-Winter Park](#) - [Sarasota](#)
[Southwest Florida](#) - [St. Augustine](#) - [Tampa](#)

~ Florida has 448 Members with 20 Branches and 8 Members at Large ~

Our Generous Pen Women

The following donations were made to the various contests and awards by these generous Pen Women:

ART: \$332.50	LETTERS: \$182.50	MUSIC: \$210.00
Boca Raton - \$ 12.50	Boca Raton - \$ 12.50	Boca Raton - \$ 50.00
Cape Canaveral - \$ 10.00	Cape Canaveral - \$ 10.00	Daytona Beach - \$ 50.00
Daytona Beach - \$ 50.00	Daytona Beach - \$ 50.00	Orlando/Winter Park - \$ 25.00
Orlando/Winter Park - \$ 25.00	Orlando/Winter Park - \$ 25.00	Sarasota - \$ 75.00
Sarasota - \$ 75.00	Sarasota - \$ 75.00	Margaret Meissner - \$ 5.00
Kathleen McDonald - \$ 150.00	Margaret Meissner - \$ 5.00	Debra Oliver - \$ 5.00
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SCHOLARSHIP: \$280.00		
Cape Canaveral \$50; Daytona Beach \$50; Orlando/Winter Park \$25; Sarasota \$75; Tampa \$19, Vero Beach \$18 Jan Godown \$20; Sherrie Johnson \$4; Margaret Meissner \$14; Debra Oliver \$5		

Celebrating the life and creativity of **Gail Jones**, the **SW Florida Branch** will be presenting a \$200 award in her honor during the Art Awards Dinner on Saturday night, October 29th. Though Gail is no longer with us here on earth, her spirit continues to inspire the members of her branch.

Boca Branch Announces Essay Contest

The Boca Raton Branch is announcing an Essay Competition ... for more info, e-mail: polowhite@aol.com.

PRIZES:	First Prize:	\$75.00
	Second Prize:	\$50.00
	Third Prize:	\$25.00



All we need is Music!

The music members of the FSA / NLAPW are pleased to announce the first **Conference Composers' Concert** on Friday, October 28th following the meal segment of the Creative Woman's Music Awards Dinner. After the presentation of the music competition awards, listeners will experience the compositions of Sheila Firestone, Alice Moerk, Halide K. Smith, Christine Arens and Maveh Barker. A wide range of expressive styles will come together for a memorable evening of music. We look forward to seeing you there! ~ **Chris Arens, Music Chair**

Boo-tique



All Florida Pen Women are invited to sell their "creative creations" in the Creative Women's **Boo-tique** during the 2011 FSA Conference. On Friday, Oct. 28th (from 5:00-6:30 PM) there will be an Art Boutique and on Saturday, Oct. 29th (5:00-6:30 PM) there will be a Letters and Music Boutique. Each participant will be responsible for her own sales. (Remember to bring small bills/change for cash sales.) As in past conferences, 20% of the sales receipts will be donated to FSA-NLAPW and 80% is yours. At the end of the sales period, please pay your sales commission in cash or check (made out to FSA-NLAPW) to the Boutique Chair. Contact Barbara Jendrysik at jendrysik@aol.com for more information.

Conference Registrations to Date

In alphabetical order, registrations received through September 1st are:

Christine Arens, Marlowe Arnold, Alice Boudreau, Lynn Bowen, Joyce Eaton Brady, Jeanne Norman Chase, Honey Costa, Janet Crane, Patricia Davidson, Alice De Caprio, Ellen Di Piazza, Julee Docking, Carol Doenecke, Sheila Firestone, Marcia Freedman, Barbara Hansen, Bev Hanson, Sandy Huff, Barbara Jendrysik, Annie Keht, Aminta Konawicz, Francine Levy, Amanda MacCormac, Kathleen McDonald, Caroline McKeon, Margaret Mills, Alice Moerk, Carol Morris, Andrea Perisho, Marsha Perlman, Joan Peters, Patsy Piety, Lucerne Popp, Sylvia Price, Lee Ravine, Gainor Roberts, Jeanne Rochford, Jean Rogers, Marianna Ross, Barb Routen, Nell Rude, Audrey Sagers, Rosalie Silver, Halide Smith, Brenda Spalding, Linda Spencer, Mary Kaye Stevens, Gerry Tatham, Barbara Turner-Grace, Mary Twitty, Lorraine Vail, Laura Vaughan, Elaine Waidelich, and Carol Welsh.

Registration Fee is now \$65

e-mail Caroline (dreamweb@dreamport.com) if you need a registration form.

Nell Rude (Sarasota) was our very first registrant for this year's conference!

CONFERENCE SCHEDULE in a Nutshell

Many thanks to Sylvia Price, our 2011 Conference Chair ... Great Job, Girl!

Thursday, October 27th

1:00—2:30 p.m. *DREAM DELIGHT*: a Write it Out® Expressive Writing Workshop. A motivational and expressive writing workshop with Ronni Miller will begin your creative process. Experience, feel, write, celebrate and enjoy!

3:00—5:30 p.m. Take a creative tour of your choice: Tour of the Ringling College of Art and Design OR take a behind-the-scenes tour of the Van Wezel Performing Arts Center. The Van Wezel tour will cost \$5.00 per person, payable that day. Ringling tour is free.

6:30—8:00 p.m. *MAGICAL DINNER BUFFET*. Relax over dinner with fellow Pen Women from around the State.

8:00—9:00 p.m. *THE MAGIC OF THE MANATEE PLAYERS* – Enjoy a performance by the Manatee Players of selections from various musicals presented at the Manatee Performing Arts Center. What a wonderful way to end a magical, inspirational, creative day!

Friday, October 28th

9:00 - 10:15 a.m. *GOLDEN ARTIST COLORS DEMONSTRATION* - Artist Kevin Tobin creates magic with a lecture/demo on such topics as Glass Bead Gel, Iridescent, Digital Grounds, Open Acrylics, and Quasi Holographics.

10:30-11:30 a.m. *INSPIRED BY PAINTINGS TO WRITE POETRY* with Marlowe Olson Arnold. Throughout the years, paintings have inspired poets to write. This workshop will study the connections between arts and poetry.

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. *LUNCHEON WITH KEYNOTE SPEAKER: Women, Words and Wishes* - Valada Parker Flewellyn is an author, poet and curator of the exhibit, "A Pilot Lights the Way", currently on display at the Naval Aviation Museum in Pensacola, Florida.

1:45 - 3:00 p.m. *CREATIVE DREAMS DEFERRED* Mary Kaye Stevens will present a lively, interactive workshop.

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. *FLOWER FANTASY* - Join us for a discussion of flowers and the arts with a floral artist and gardener.

3:30 - 4:30 p.m. (*Concurrent session) *EMBOSSING DEMONSTRATION* with Jeanne Norman Chase

7:00 - 9:30 p.m. *CREATIVE WOMAN'S MUSIC AWARDS DINNER* ... Come and enjoy a wonderful music presentation by our Music Members.

Saturday, October 29th

9:00 - 10:00 a.m. *SHAKING THE MUSE LOOSE: MY SERENDIPITOUS JOURNEY IN POETRY* with Lorraine A. Vail

10:30 - 12:30 p.m. *"DOOR WAY TO DREAMS" FSA COUNCIL MEETING* - open to all Pen Women

1:00 - 2:30 p.m. *CREATIVE WOMEN'S LETTERS AWARDS LUNCHEON*

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. *OPENING THE DOOR TO ABSTRACT AND COLOR* Cheryl Lynn Looker is the presenter.

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. *CREATIVE WOMEN'S ART AWARDS DINNER* (If desired, come in Halloween costume)

NLAPW National President Sharyn Greberman will be joining us ... come for dinner and welcome Sharyn and husband Mel!

8:30p.m. -10:00p.m. Art Exhibit Reception in the Ballroom: All entries in the Art competition will be on display.

Sunday, October 30th

9:30 a.m. *HONORING CREATIVE WOMEN - BRUNCH* - We'll say our final goodbyes to the Creative Pen Women we've lost these past two years, and we'll introduce our new state officers. Various other awards will also be presented.

Caroline McKeon, Visiting Editor

Giving a Hoot

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A wise old owl sat on an oak ... The more she heard, the less she spoke;

The less she spoke, the more she heard. Now why can't we be like that wise old bird?! (Author Anonymous ... a Roud Folk Song selection)