

The Branch

–November Meeting & Luncheon–

Join us at 11 a.m. on Nov. 18th
at TT Golf & Country Club
RSVP to Dot by NOON on 11/12/08

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President's Corner

I can hardly believe it is already November! It seems when the fall season starts, things move so fast that the first of the year is just around the corner. October was like a fog for me.

Our grandson, Max left for Iraq the first of October with his Marine unit. Our grandson in Texas is to leave sometime in January with his National Guard unit. Our son Keith was activated and is leaving for Ethiopia November 15. He is a Lt. Col. in the Army reserves. Another grandson will graduate from Navy basic the day before Thanksgiving and will be going into the Navy Seals. It was just a little much for this grandmother and mother to take in and accept all at once.

Minnette's Calligraphy session is just in time for holiday cards or perhaps some Haiku gift creations (see workshop details below). If you are interested in sharing your talent for a workshop, let me know and we will try to schedule it after the first of the year. We do have interest in various workshops, and it is wonderful to broaden our knowledge in different directions.



Eleanore McDade is coming down for Thanksgiving with her daughter and will be attending our November meeting. It will be good to see her on the 18th! *Meletha*

Our November 18th Program

Watercolors with a Different Twist
with Nelida DiLorenzo

Come see how Nelida creates art with her own individualized flair. She will share her work and her technique. Nelida uses watercolors on rice paper – specifically “massa” paper.

Nelida encourages her students to “make it fun and let it flow.” When one pushes imagination unique designs flow as one student's work clearly demonstrates. Nelida will bring some small samples of rice paper for members to experiment with.

Come learn from Nelida's expertise!

November Calligraphy Workshop ~

Minnette Webster will be sharing her calligraphy expertise and hosting this workshop for fellow Pen Women. You will learn:

- 5 different letter styles including Old English
- Borders and placement
- Tips for the holidays

Date: **Wednesday, November 12th**

Time: 10 AM to Noon

Fee: nominal material fee of \$5

Location: Minnette's home
3607 Savannah Lake Place
Valrico, FL 33594
813.689.8041

minnetteart@verizon.net

EMAIL Minnette to confirm your enrollment.
(For those w/o email, please call.)



Pen Women News

Brigitte Mailahn just learned that she received an Honorable Mention at Tampa Realistic Artists' Figure and Faces Show with her submission "Sunny Boy." This past Saturday, November 1st was the *Sketchcrawl* in Ybor City – drawing marathons held all over the world. Everyone had a lot of fun and the Artist Trading Cards created are now on display at the Old Hyde Park Art Center.

Carol Karrow is working on three portraits: one composition includes three people, another portrait is a puppy, and the last one is a portrait of a cat!

Eleanore McDade wrote the poem featured on page three. She will be sharing another one next month entitled "Going Green" which appeared in the October issue of the Young Harris College Institute of Continuing Learning (ICL) newsletter which is printed four times a year.

Meletha Everett gave a *Color Mixing* workshop to a group in Plant City. Her book on *Color and More* is selling well. Meletha will be working with other artists to assemble the miniature show in Dunedin this week.

Nelida DiLorenzo is teaching new art classes and painting with a group called "The Masters of Fine Arts." She recently demonstrated for the Zephyrhills Art Club and also for the EHAG art guild of Plant City.

Roxanne Tobaison will be exhibiting at the **35th Annual Temple Terrace Community Arts Festival** * – juried art show, arts and crafts, young artists work on display, plus food and entertainment for the whole family.

Date: Sat. & Sun., **November 8 & 9**

Time: 10 AM to 4 PM

Location: Riverhills Park along the Hillsborough River in Temple Terrace

Staci Backauskas is participating in the **Made by Hand*** show sponsored by the Hyde Park Art Center.

Date: Sat. & Sun., **November 22 & 23**

Time: Sat. 10 AM to 4 PM AND Sun. 11 AM to 4 PM

Location: Kate Jackson Community Center, 821 S Rome Ave in Hyde Park; 813.259.1608

* Lots of awesome art and gift items by local artists at both of these weekend events – stop by if you're able.

Staci has initiated a daily e-mail offering one inspirational Haiku (M - F). There's no cost if you would like to subscribe – please send an e-mail to: TheLanguageofLight@tampabay.rr.com with SUBSCRIBE in the subject.

Susan Weilbacher: Susan's family took a wonderful sentimental journey back to her parents' summer cabin in NC. She met her brother, enjoyed the brisk weather, and gloried in the colored leaves at their peak on the mountains. Susan and daughter Katie went on some terrific photo shoots. Susan even did a little painting lesson up in the mountains with two girlfriends.

Pen Women in Action

- On October 6th the Tampa and Clearwater groups hosted an outreach **Travel Writing Workshop** with Sandy Huff at the Bloomingdale Library with 14 participants in attendance. Those from the Tampa Branch were: Judy Johnson, Sandra Cameron, Peggy Little, Dot Setlow, Marcia Wilson, Carol Karow, Meletha Everett, Carlene Earl, and Susan Weilbacher.

- Sandy will be scheduling a *Memoir Workshop* in 2009!

- Pen Women members attended the recent outing to the **Big Cat Rescue**, on Monday October 27th hosted by several local art clubs: *Brandon League of Fine Arts* and *Tampa Realistic Artists*. (see caption to right)



Watch for lots of new art featuring these awesome big cats. Some paintings are already underway!



(Center) Sandy Huff with Tampa Pen Women **Writing Workshop** attendees.



Pen Women **Big Cat** attendees included: Carlene Earl, Meletha Everett, Judy Johnson, Peggy Little, Brigitte Mailahan, and Roxanne Tobaison.

The Two Faces of Green

by Eleanore C. McDade

The 21st century is here
and the need grows for fresh air,
clean drinking water,
natural gas, wind turbines, hybrid cars,
the list goes on . . .

The world grows more aware each day
of the urgency
to clean up the environment.
How proud America can be at the
great strides it has made "Going Green."

Washington – the White House – "up on the hill" . . .
gradually slipping and sliding – down the hill.
Wall Street, hedge funds, derivatives, short-selling
drowning in green sleazy slime –

It continued to grow and spread,
filling in the cracks and crannies,
clogging all the pipe lines.
We slept while they backed up.

If everything that was tainted in greed
gradually turned slime green...
how long would it take for this nation
to "Go Green" and come to a grinding halt?

Eleanore C. McDade
September 29, 2008

Member Exhibitions

Colorful Reflections at the Jacey Gallery

(November 7th to December 2nd)

Gainor Roberts will be showing several of her
"Feeling Series" paintings which are large symbolic
still life paintings depicting different emotions.

Opening Reception: Friday, November 7th
Time: 7 to 10 PM
Address: 4802 Gunn Hwy. Suite 114, Tampa, FL

For information contact Gainor at 813.779.3570

"Chinese Watercolors"

Resident Artist Exhibit at University Village

(Month of November - Open daily 9 AM to 9 PM)

Dee Carroll DeVane will be showing her Chinese
Watercolors in the Art Gallery in the Commons
located between the east and west resident
buildings.

Opening Reception: Thursday, November 6th
Time: 3 to 4 PM
Address: 12401 N. 22nd Street, Tampa, FL 33612

For information contact Dee at 813.975.5957

Member Workshops



Dunedin Fine Arts Workshop

A Modern Approach to Egg Tempere*

Date: Sat. & Sun., November 15 & 16

Time: 9 AM to 4 PM

Location: Dunedin Fine Arts Center
1143 Michigan Blvd.
Dunedin, FL 34698

*Workshop includes all supplies

Register by calling: 727.298.3322

Visit: www.dfac.org

Next workshop is scheduled for Feb 21 & 22.

Robbie Miles

Ikebana and Sumi-e

Date: Saturday, December 6, 2008

Time: 10:30 AM to 3 PM

Fee: \$50

Location: 8715 Palisades Drive
Tampa, FL 33615

Participants will make Ikebana style flower
arrangements; then paint the arrangements. Bring
a container for your arrangement. Robbie will
provide flowers and floral supplies.

Register: robbie.smiles@verizon.net or call
813-243-4271

The **Tampa Branch of the NLAPW** meets the third Tuesday of each month from September through May.
Location: Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club, 200 Inverness Avenue, Temple Terrace, FL 33617

We gather at 11 AM to socialize and our meeting starts promptly at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is \$7.50 per person.
Please join us and bring a guest. Reservations are requested by the Thursday prior to the meeting.

October 21st Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 11:30 by president Meletha Everett, at the TT CC. Meletha read some inspiring words. Salute to the flag followed. Our guest, Gunni Price was introduced. Gunni is originally from Sweden and is anxious to become a member.

Treasurer reported a balance of \$1,438.47. Last month's minutes are as emailed, and in the newsletter.

Old Business: Meletha gave the results of the questionnaire that has been circulated: more workshops were high on the list. To that end, Minnette Webster will be hosting a workshop on calligraphy on Nov. 12 at her house 10 til Noon. More information will follow.

The workshop on Travel writing presented by Clearwater member Sandy Huff was well attended, and enjoyed by all. There will be another on Memoir writing in the not too distant future.

New Business: Program chair Carol Karow asked for input on how to compensate our program presenters, and how to fund same. She moved that we have a gift certificate or some monetary compensation for our guest. Staci Backauskas seconded. After many questions, Roxanne Tobiason amended the motion to read "increase the standing amount of \$20.00 to \$25.00". Motion passed. Virginia Halloway donated \$100.00 to begin a programming fund.

Staci volunteered to get together with Carol and Minnette to discuss means of increasing both membership and our funds. After all this lively discussion, Shirley reminded us that we are a "Professional Organization" and NOT a "Club."

Meletha gave a very informative and interesting report on her latest visit to Washington D.C. and her stay (on the 4th floor!) of the Pen Arts building. Brigitte Mailahn won the 50/50: \$7.00. The meeting adjourned at 12:05.

The October program was presented by Staci Backauskas: "Creating Haiku", and how to frame and present it in an artful manner. (We are all now accomplished poets!) Staci has offered to compile our works and make them available to everyone.

Dorothy Setlow, for Barb Routen, Secretary



Brigitte Mailahn

~ REMINDER ~

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Dot Setlow: d3rdbyr@gmail.com or call Dot @ 813.238.0127

November / December Birthdays (B) & Anniversaries (A)

11/2	A	Judy Freeman
11/6	A	Nelida DiLorenzo
11/15	B	Mary Ellen O'Brien
12/5	B	Judy Freeman
12/17	B	Meletha Everett
12/22	B	Eleanore McDade
12/30	B	Robbie Miles