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Artist: Carol Karow

“The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.”

~ Eleanor Roosevelt

The President's Corner

Do you have dreams for 2010? Have you established goals or written plans that you would like to accomplish this year? I have found that by planning my day and my project goals, I get more done. I really need all the support tools that I can muster these days. Of course Bill's health and needs come first.

Adjustments are made as needed, but planning helps me to stay focused.

With so many challenges in our world these days, let's fill our meeting with positive energy. By working together we can make this a wonderful and productive year for the Tampa Branch.

We welcome Gainor as she has stepped up and assumed the Treasurer's job for the remainder of this year as Caroline has a full plate this tax season. Thank you Dot for your willingness to always step in whenever we need you. Our meetings, newsletters, and events are successful due to our wonderful

members who donate their expertise – thank you to all of you.

Our second exhibition at Center Place represented the diversity and talents of our Tampa Branch members. Thanks again to everyone who took part and for those who stepped up for the sign-in and hanging committee.

“Dreams are the touchstones of our character.”

~Henry David Thoreau

The show looked great and gave us exposure in the community. A lot of people pass through



Center Place each week for meetings, classes and other functions so the work is viewed by a lot of people. Members had sales and gathered some leads from this year's Center Place exhibition.

As always, please continue to invite guests and prospective members to our lunch meetings. I look forward to seeing you on February 16th.

Meletha ■

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Our February Meeting Program ~

Charrie Hazard Moscardini is an award-winning journalist and writer whose latest work, *Falling into the Sun, A Novel*, was released in July 2009 and was subsequently awarded Best Published Fiction by the Florida State Association, National League of American Pen Women, Inc., at its biennial conference this past November. One of the major themes in *Falling into the Sun* is learning how to follow the creative calling that exists within all of us but so often becomes blocked.

Charrie will talk about the creative life and unblocking the creative self.

For more information about Charrie, please visit her Web site at www.CharrieHazard.com, beautifully designed by our own, very talented Caroline McKeon. (See Charrie's photo and bookcover on page 3.) ■

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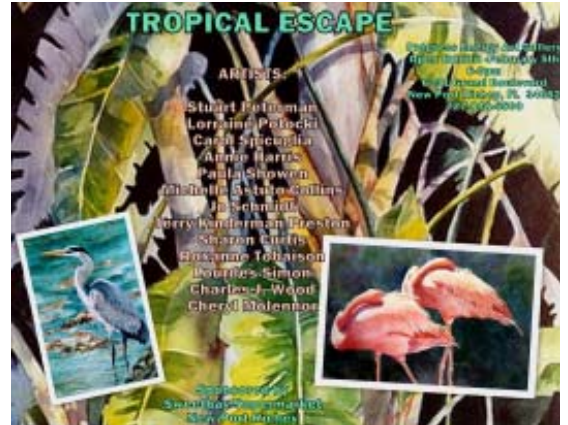
Caroline McKeon met with French citizen Herve Guitard and is designing his website NoPlasticPlanet.org to help bring awareness to how plastic is poisoning our oceans. This most worthwhile message needs to be heard far and wide. Caroline estimates the site will take 3 months to complete. For now, a simple shell is up on the web.

Marcia Wilson was inspired to start working on the design and copy for her website, Marcia's Creative Solutions. She attended a business conference last week which generated several leads, so she is excited that this project is well underway. **Susan** Weilbacher solved her dilemma for a current headshot when she emailed pictures taken from last month's meeting. Susan gave Marcia several variations to choose from – even the green background is perfect!

Meletha Everett judged a senior art show and presented a program on “design” for an art club.



Roxanne Tobaison has six of her watercolors in the Progress Energy Gallery. The February and March exhibit is called the Tropical Escape. It's a group show. All of the pieces chosen for the flyer are Roxanne's (below)!



Roxanne also has her *Tampa Theatre* painting featured in the 2010 Tampa Bay Business Journal Book of Lists.

Roxanne is delighted to have completed her 2 ½' x 4' watercolor commission piece titled, *Florida Endangered* (below). It has been a work in progress since November. It is a collage of two difference scenes – deep forest where the eagle's nest is, wet land and bird sanctuary. ■



“Commitment leads to action. Action brings your dream closer.”

~Marcia Wieder

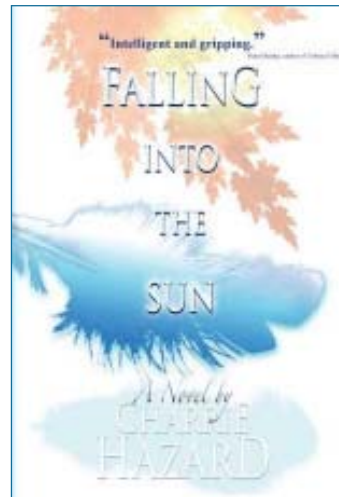
The February Speaker ~

Charrie Hazard Moscardini



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Owls by Dot Setlow

Don't miss the next PW meeting! RSVP to our Meeting Liason: Dot Setlow d3rdbyrd@hotmail.com 813.238.0127

Our March Musician & Guest ~



Melany Duquin is a prolific singer-songwriter-guitarist and business woman. Her award winning music has garnered national praise and is selling worldwide. Melany's upcoming 3rd album "Hidden Jewel" is a saucy mix of blues, jazz and pop with songs that reach out and grab your soul.

Melany started her production company Happy Moon Enterprises in 1989, performing on stage, radio and television. In 2004, she opened the Kidstuff Guitar & Voice School, which she plans to expand nationally. Melany and her fiancé Tim Perkins, aka Mr. Science, have been an active force in their community for many years working with organizations like Very Special Arts, bringing the arts to special needs kids. Their latest project is a kids' theater group called Odd Broadway Players.

Melany (an east coast PW branch member) is traveling west to visit with us. **Please mark your calendar for March 16th** and bring some friends and prospective members along to hear this wonderful program!

Find out more at www.Melany.us. ■

Fun at our January Meeting ~

Debra O'Reilly & Barbara Routen's program was inspired by Carol Karow's portrait program and demonstration last June.



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 *Wednesday* prior to the meeting.

Mary Ellen O'Brien listens as Minnette Webster tells about her Prison Art Program. ↓

NLAPW Tampa Branch January 19, 2010 Meeting Minutes

At 11:40 a.m. President Meletha Everett called the meeting to order and asked where did 2009 go? What work do we have to show for it? Did we offer anyone a helping hand? Did we make a difference? 2010 gives us a chance to wipe our slate clean and challenges us to improve ourselves. Then she led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Judy Johnson introduced visitor Bonnie Phillips, artist, writer, singer and painting teacher. There were no minutes from the December party/meeting; Meletha said the food was the best ever and we donated 84 pounds of food, which Dot Setlow delivered, to Metropolitan Ministries.

Caroline McKeon produced the treasurer's report and said we've increased our scholarship donations. Meletha, Caroline, Susan Weilbacher and Barbara Routen reported on the state convention. Mary Ellen O'Brien won a ribbon for a painting there.

Meletha reiterated that any time we have a show reception, writers and composers may display and sell their works, as Staci Backauskas and Barbara did at Center Place.

Mary Ellen shared a photo of a painting of hers (inspired by a photo of Barbara's) which won a ribbon at the Carrollwood Cultural Center show.

Can the branch present a fee-based, spring outreach for Minnette Webster's Prison Art program?

The lunch discussion topic was "What problem are you experiencing and how can you work it out?" Meletha asked Barbara to play, during lunch, the CD "Old Friends and Old Songs" that Barbara and her husband, Mark Routen, recorded.



Debra O'Reilly and Barbara (above) presented the program "How to Paint the Right Picture with Words and Music," inspired by Carol Karow's 2009 "How to Start a Portrait" program.

The meeting adjourned at 1 p.m.

~ Barbara Routen, Secretary

February Meeting Reminder

Date: Tuesday, February 16th

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club

RSVP by NOON on Wed. the 10th

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A recent Georgia newspaper article featured member Eleanor McDade and a local paper featured PW Judy Freeman, a former branch member.

Congratulations to Virginia Halloway, who won second place in portraiture at the 35th annual International Miniature Art Show at

the Leepa-Rattner Museum of Art in Tarpon Springs. The exhibition continues through Sunday, Feb. 7.

There currently is no workshop scheduled for February. All NLAPW Florida State Association branch reports are online at www.fsanlapw.com.

Carol Karow won \$10 in the 50/50 raffle and gave it to the scholarship fund. Bonnie Phillips drew her ticket. \$8.08 was collected from members for the scholarship fund, for a total donation of \$18.08.



Brigitte Mailahn

February & March Birthdays (B) & Anniversaries (A)

2/3	B	Mariam Vidal
2/5	B	Pat Tully
2/29	B	Lenny Freeman
3/20	B	Carlene Earl

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