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Artist: Carol Karow's drawing was chosen for the new Member Directory in a secret ballot at the October Pen Women meeting.

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“Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery. And today? Today is a gift. That’s why we call it the present.”

~ Babatunde Olatunji, 1927 - 2003

The President's Corner

I hope everyone had wonderful holidays. January is a great time to think about channeling and directing creative energy to carry you throughout 2010. Planning, writing, sketching, doodling and visualizing develop creative thoughts and set the stage for

a productive year.

Let's begin our January table discussions by sharing something that you would like to achieve this year. Our conversations can be the catalyst to inspire you want to try something new. Or perhaps you will solve a challenge you have been struggling with.

The Tampa Pen Women Branch has an exhibition at Center Place in Brandon for the month of January. The reception on Thursday night was well attended. Several people sold work that evening and some had bites that might later lead to sales.

A number of our members have been accepted into the *International Miniature Florida Exhibit* that will open in Dunedin this month. If you have never been to see this show, please make an effort to do so. These small works come from all over the world and you will certainly be surprised at the variety of subject

matter as well as the manner in which it was accomplished in this small format.

I will be announcing a winter mini-workshop for our members. I will disclose details as soon as

possible. Please continue to invite prospective members to our meetings.

I'll see you at our January meeting on the 19th!

“Channeling and directing creative energy . . . for a productive 2010.”

Meletha



Our January Meeting Program

How to Paint the Right Picture with Words and Music

Debra O'Reilly and **Barbara Routen** will present “How to Paint the Right Picture with Words and Music” at the January NLAPW-Tampa Branch meeting. When Debra and Barbara heard Carol Karow's program last year called “How to Start a Portrait,” they were surprised that Carol's observations about drawing with charcoal could be applied to their writing.

They have distilled 11 of Carol's points into a program about art, writing and musical composition that will engage multiple senses. It will remind Pen Women that although writers, composers and visual artists use different media, the processes of creating various art forms are surprisingly similar. (See photo of Debra and Barb on page 2.)

Pen Women News

Art, Letters, & Music



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Barb and Meletha, two of our State Conference winners.

Meletha writes:

"I enjoyed having the December meeting celebration at my house. I believe everyone outdid themselves with the menu. I think we had the best food ever. I spent Christmas Day in the emergency room at the hospital as Bill fell and broke three ribs. He was admitted to the

hospital with complications. Since coming home, my house is like grand central station with nurses coming and going. I am counting on 2010 being better, but I'm keeping my fingers crossed just in case.

I am to judge an art and craft show on Monday. My granddaughter Margaret Meletha, an engineering student from the University of Texas is flying in on Wednesday and will fly out on Monday before our meeting. I hope that I can keep her busy with interesting things to do."



↑Our creative President, **Meletha**, whipped up a branch poster for the State Conference.

L-R **Debra** O'Reilly and **Barbara** Routen go over notes for their writing workshop at Debra's house in Brandon. →

Photo by Susan Weilbacher.



Sheila Blow reports:

"The Central West Region of the Florida Committee of the National Museum for Women in the Arts (NMWA/FL) will be having an art exhibit at the Hillsborough Community College Gallery in April 2010.

The **Reception** will be on **April 8th** at **5:30 PM** on the Dale Maybry campus. The exact address is:

4001 W. Tampa Bay Blvd.

Tampa, FL 33614

The gallery is located in their library.

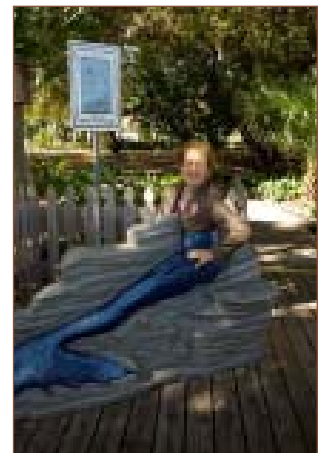
Sheila has accepted a position on the board of directors for the new Museum of Florida Women Artists. The Florida Committee members and Executive Board members had a vision in 2000 of creating a statewide museum in Florida honoring women's work and has been proactive in the creation of such a museum.

The Central West Region of NMWA/FL had one of their recent meetings at the Weeki Wachee State Park. They gave us a wonderful discount for the banquet room and fantastic lunch for our meeting and a free day at the park. We saw two mermaid shows and had a beautiful boat ride."

Mary Ellen O'Brien poses as a mermaid at Weeki Wachee.

Photo by Sheila Blow.

Mary Ellen is also one of our State Prize Winners!



2009 State Conference

Congratulation to our State prize winners! An *Award of Excellence* was given to **Mary Ellen O'Brien**, for her Silk Painting entitled, *Florida Fauna*. **Barbara Routen** won 2nd Place in the *Short Non-Fiction Essays and Articles, Published* category for her article *Art Classes Help Female Inmates "Escape" from Prison*. The article features the classes taught by Tampa Pen Woman, Minnette Webster.

Meletha Everett received the FSA/NLAPW Individual Achievement Award. Here is the state newsletter article by Yvonne VanDerLinden, St. Augustine Branch.

"Under the 'Big Top' in Sarasota recently, an 'Art Whiz' by the name of Meletha B. Everett won the Individual Achievement Award.



↑ Susan & Meletha – festive dress for Opening night (Circus theme!)



↑ Caroline & Susan – Partying!

Meletha is both an Art and Letters Member, and currently is president of the Tampa Branch. Most recently, Meletha's work has been exhibited in Australia and Wyoming, and one of her paintings was selected by the Tampa Hillsborough Expressway Authority to be enlarged and embedded on a tower at the Brandon Parkway. The Brandon News and Tribune Brush Strokes honored Meletha for Excellence in the Arts—Lifetime Achievement in the Arts. Congratulations to this talented Pen Woman!"

Susan Weilbacher and **Barbara** Routen supplied us with lots of wonderful State Conference photographs. Thank YOU!



↑ Barb learns she has won!



Owls by Dot Setlow

Gunni and Bob Price attended the Art Reception & Awards Saturday night. →



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

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.

Center Place Art Exhibition

Thanks to a dedicated Tampa Pen Women team, the art was hung and cases were ready for the opening reception on Thursday evening, January 7th. Our exhibit will be featured at Center Place in Brandon for the entire month. ■



L-R Mary Ellen, Valerie, Gunni, Virginia, and Carlene work on setting up the show. →



↑ Staci talks about her writing with two guests and Peggy at her display table.



↑ Susan & Gunni are hanging Val Titus's painting.



↑ Nelida and her work



↑ Dot & Melinda sample the goodies

Barb coordinates her music for entertainment, Carlene enjoys ↓

January Meeting Reminder

Date: Tuesday, January 19th

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club

RSVP by NOON on Wed. the 13th

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January

Birthdays (B) & Anniversaries (A)

1/4	B	Stephanie Moreland
1/15	B	Barb Routen
1/15	B	Virginia Halloway
1/15	A	Virginia Halloway
1/30	B	Claire Gardiner

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