

# The Tampa Palm



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Artist: Carol Karow

“I have always tried to hide my efforts and wished my works to have a light joyousness of springtime which never lets anyone suspect the labors it has cost me.”

~ Henri Matisse

## The President's Corner

I don't know about all of you but I'm more than ready for SPRING!

Have you voted in the national election yet? Use your green ballot from your magazine and exercise your voice. I would appreciate your vote, if you so choose. Deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup>.

and Dot Setlow to work with her. If asked to serve, consider carefully about sharing your talents in a leadership position for our branch. We need everyone's help to keep pushing forward and we need you.

As always, please continue to invite guests

and prospective members to our lunch meetings. I look forward to seeing you on March 16<sup>th</sup>.



*Meletha*

*“An optimist is the human personification of spring.”*

~ Susan J. Bissonette

The national Biennial will be coming up in April. I will be leaving for Little Rock, Ark. April 7<sup>th</sup> and return the 12<sup>th</sup>. I'll give you a report at our April meeting.

Mark your calendar for March 23<sup>rd</sup>. We have reserved 1:00 P.M. for a tour of the newly opened Museum of Art in downtown Tampa. Suggestion: get together and car pool to save gas and parking fees. Let's meet in the lobby of the museum between 12:30 - 12:45. The cost for the tour will be \$7.50. I hope you don't mind, I reluctantly told them we were senior citizens.

I appointed Judy Johnson as chair of the nominating committee with Virginia Holloway



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## Upcoming Meeting Programs ~

**March - Melany Duquin** is a prolific singer-songwriter-guitarist and business women. Her award winning music has garnered national praise and is selling worldwide. Melany (an east coast PW branch member) is traveling west to visit with on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

**April - Tampa Pen Women** Roxanne Tobaison (artist), Deb O'Reilly (writer), Gainor Roberts (artist) will host a panel discussion on *Promoting Yourself*. Gunni Nelson Price will serve as time keeper and facilitator. Mark your calendar for April 20<sup>th</sup>!

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# Pen Women News

Art, Letters, & Music

Members Share . . .



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**Debra** O'Reilly has been appointed Blogmaster for the Career Thought Leaders Consortium, "a think tank of career industry leaders working collaboratively to support both our colleagues and job seekers worldwide...throughout all phases of career development, job search, long-term career management, and career fulfillment." [Extracted from the website: [careertoughtleaders.com](http://careertoughtleaders.com)] She will be managing blog submissions to CTL from Invited Experts worldwide.

**Eleanore** McDade's article appeared in the winter Young Harris College ICL (Institute for Continuing Learning) winter edition. Eleanore's watercolor rendering of "The Glenda Gooch House" was her most recent achievement; it was donated to the Union General Hospital. The story was featured in the *North Georgia News*.

**Gunni** Price submitted four miniature paintings to the Florida Miniature Art Society Show and two were purchased. Congratulations! Gunni will be showing nine of her larger paintings during the months of March and April at the South County Regional Library gallery in Ruskin.

## Winter Doldrums

It's that time of the year again... "Chestnuts roasting on an open fire...Jack Frost knocking at the door. Sleigh bells ringing...skating on the frozen pond...curled up with a good book while the wind blows outside and snow piles high in drifts galore.

Enough! The chestnuts have recoiled into black shrunken pieces of charcoal. No sleigh bells are ringing for the horses are sheltered in a warm barn. Only the howling wind outside can be heard. Sleet and snow pound against the window pane and pile up on my roof above.

I've read the books I had saved for my winter readings and magazines just don't cut it. I just must turn my thoughts to spring...yes, glorious spring, when the birds once again sing their beautiful mating calls. Ice melts from the mountains and begins to flow into the rivers that once again run freely, dancing over river rocks as they travel to their intended lake.

My W-2 and 1099 Forms arrived in the mail today, along with financial statements from Bernie Madoff, Inc. and the Federal Bailout Bank of No Return. Just a little reminder that soon I'll have to gather up my foreclosure information, loans and credit card debt to start compiling the data before the April 15<sup>th</sup> deadline to file with the IRS (In Route Spending) which means, it's spent before it arrives.

But wait! Spring brings rain, lots of rain, then mud! Everywhere! "Leave your shoes outside!" can be heard in lots of households where children abound...not just 10 year olds...some are 20, 40 and even 60! With the coming of spring the need to shampoo the rugs and wash the windows also arrives. Dust is everywhere! It is also time to plant that garden if I want fresh tomatoes and cucumbers. Grass begins to grow which reminds me that I still haven't had the belt repaired on the lawn mower.

Hmmm...come to think of it, I received a new book for Christmas? Ah, there it is! I think I'll just curl up here by the fire with this new book and some hot cocoa. "After all, tomorrow IS another day."

~ **Eleanore McDade**; December 16, 2009



"I love spring anywhere, but if I could choose I would always greet it in a garden."  
~Ruth Stout

## Tampa Branch Program History ~ Fall 2008 through Spring 2010

We have had an outstanding set of programs over the past two years. Carol Karow, outgoing Program Coordinator writes, "Thank YOU to everyone who helped with finding such interesting programs. I appreciate all of the Pen Women who have shared their talents and helped us to learn and grow."

### 2008

MEMBERS - summer project sharing; September 2008

#### WRITER/ART

October 21, 2008; Staci Backauskas; presented Haiku; everyone created and wrote their own Haiku poem

#### ART

November 18, 2008; Nelida DiLorenzo, demonstrated her technique using watercolor on rice paper

### 2009

#### INSPIRATION - Writer

January 20, 2009; Marcia Wilson; creating meaningful intentions for 2009

#### WRITER

February 17, 2009, Debora M. Coty; shared her writing wisdom

MEMBERS - Fund Raising & Outreach Discussion; March 17, 2009

#### MUSIC

April 21, 2009; Virginia Rhan Holloway; presented and played music written by Carrie Jacobs, a famous American Pen Women

#### ART

May 19, 2009; Carol Karow; portraiture information and demonstration – model, Meletha Everett

MEMBERS - summer project sharing; September 2009

#### WRITER

October 20, 2009; Christine Taylor; Through the Lens, A Time Forgotten

#### COMMUNITY

November 17, 2009; Dawn Johnson; Deputy Director of Programming, Tampa Museum of Art

### 2010

#### INSPIRATION - Writers and Musicians (singers, songwriter and guitarist)

January 19, 2010; Deb O'Reilly and Barbara Routen; explored how writers, artists and composers think alike and do things similarly

#### WRITER

February 16, 2010; Charrie Moscardini; poetry writing, member of the Clearwater Branch and professor at the University of Tampa

#### MUSIC

March 16, 2010; Melany Duquin; Singer, songwriter and guitarist plus business woman

#### INSPIRATION - Writer and Artists

April 20, 2010; Roxanne Tobaison, Deb O'Reilly, Gainor Roberts with Gunni Nelson Price as facilitator; panel discussion on *Promoting Yourself*

TBD; May18, 2010



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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.

## NLAPW Tampa Branch

### February 16, 2010 Meeting Minutes

Our schedule was turned upside down in February when lunch was served after our social time yet before the meeting started. Meletha asked members at each table to discuss what standing rules the branch should keep or add now that branches must follow national bylaws.

After lunch (still before the official start of the meeting), Charrie Hazard Moscardini of the Clearwater Branch spoke about her novel, *Falling into the Sun*. She talked of finding what she felt was her calling writing – and not letting fear and judgment keep her from following that creative life.

At 12:45 p.m. President Meletha Everett called the meeting to order, read inspiring words and introduced second-time visitor Bonnie Phillips.

Meletha announced that Gainor Roberts (not present) was temporarily taking over the position of treasurer while Treasurer Caroline McKeon was busy with tax season.

Meletha asked who would like to tour the new Tampa Museum of Art after the March meeting, and nearly every hand was raised.

The branch has a copy of Eudora Welty's book, *One Writer's Beginnings*, if anyone would like to borrow it. (See Barbara about it.)



Barbara mentioned that Melany Duquin will present a musical program at the March meeting and encouraged everyone to attend. Melany is a talented, award-winning composer, singer and guitar player.

Roxanne Tobaison had the winning ticket, drawn by Charrie, and won \$5. Roxanne drew another ticket and Peggy Little won.

At 12:50 the meeting was adjourned.

~ Barbara Routen, Secretary



### February Meeting Reminder

**Date:** Tuesday, March 16<sup>th</sup>

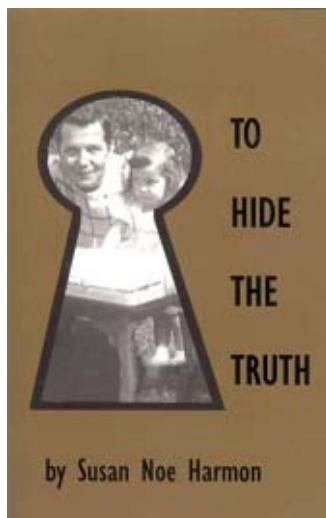
**Time:** 11:00 a.m.

**Location:** Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club

**RSVP by NOON on Wed. the 10<sup>th</sup>**

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Barbara Routen said she had the book called *To Hide the Truth* by Susan Noe Harmon who was a guest speaker at a branch meeting last year and offered it to anyone who wanted to read it. Gainor created the cover art for the book.



Brigitte Mailahn

#### March & April Birthdays (B) & Anniversaries (A)

3/20	B	Carlene Earl
4/5	B	Peggy Little
4/10	A	Brigitte Mailahn
4/25	A	Robbie Miles
4/30	B	Susan Weillbacher

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