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–September Meeting & Luncheon–

Join us at 11 a.m. on Sept. 16th
at TT Golf & Country Club
RSVP to Caroline by NOON on 9/10/08



President's Corner



Fall is here and with it comes all the activities it entails. I have no clue what happened to those last three elusive months that seemed to have gotten swallowed up. Do you?

It's time to get ourselves geared up for a productive year. Carol is working on programs to be inspirational so you will want to go home and begin working on that next creative project. We plan on having some workshops by our members. Sharing talents and expertise with each other will make each of us better professionals in our disciplines.

Our **September Share Meeting**: We are all anxious to see and hear what you have been working on during the summer. Bring a sampling and give us an overview. If you know of a prospective member, bring them along and have them bring some of their work also.

I have a **Questionnaire** that I would like for you to fill out and return to me either by e-mail or at the September meeting. This will direct us in the way you wish our Branch to progress in the next two years. See you at our September 16th meeting! *Meletha*



Branch Project Workshop

Working together! One of my workshop visions for consideration is to create a branch project with a patriotic theme, encompassing all three disciplines.

One thought is to write words to music and have designs or paintings to go with the theme. Instead of only one piece of art selected, I envision using them all! Each piece of art work would express the theme in a different way. I think it would be interesting and fun to see, hear, and read our members' creations. Perhaps this exhibit could be hung at Center Place.

The workshop can further explore and experiment with the theme and program. Ideas are welcomed!

Carol Karrow, 2nd VP and Program Chair

Contest Criteria Workshop

Linking to Meletha's *Questionnaire* that is attached to this newsletter, Caroline suggested this idea earlier this summer. The focus of this workshop would be to provide information to our members about contests dates, deadlines, and criteria specific to our Biennial State Conference.

At our informal July meeting, Caroline voiced the desire to see more of our branch members entering Pen Women sponsored contests. She feels that we are one of Florida's active branches and yet we are not as visible in the state and national activities. She also reported that money awards are given out and feels our members have the talent to capture some of it!

If you like Caroline's idea, please jot it down on your *Questionnaire* and submit it to Meletha.



Pen Women News & Light-hearted Notes

Carlene Earl's painting of *White Peonies* shown here is one of the two paintings sold at a gallery in May.

Deb O'Reilly is welcomed as our newest writer member. Her email is debra@resumewriter.com

Meletha Everett's reunion went well. They had a great program and more than usual attended. Two hundred and seventeen people attended, the most ever. Meletha printed her booklet which she will share with us at our September meeting.

After visiting with family for another 4-5 days, she and Bill went on to Williamsburg, to Jamestown, Paris, TN, and finally on to Clarksville. Unfortunately Bill had a mild stroke while they were in Williamsburg. She reports that he is doing OK now.



Nelida DiLorenzo has been traveling all summer and is still in Vermont. She has been taking a lot of photos and doing a lot of drawings during her North and South America traveling. She plans to attend our September meeting.

Roxanne Tobaison is currently working on a commissioned watercolor collage for a Colonel at MacDill Air Force Base. She did a watercolor demonstration last Saturday at The Creative Native Art Gallery, 5307 N. Falkenburg Road, Tampa 33610. The gallery walls are full of wonderful pieces – be sure to stop by and visit.

Roxanne is working as the co-facilitator of the *Bring Arts Alive* on September 6th – five different galleries/venues. She says this is a Greater Brandon Area collaborative Gallery-Cultural Hop, sponsored by the Greater Brandon Arts Council and the Brandon League of Fine Arts.

Staci Backauskas has stepped into the brave new world of Internet selling and has created her own shop at [Etsy.com](http://www.JaiCreations.Etsy.com) for the plaques and wall hangings she makes with her Haiku. You can check it out at www.JaiCreations.Etsy.com. August was a busy month for Staci, who has completed her eighth book, *Ego: A Primer*, which is currently being edited in preparation for submission to agents and editors.

Staci's blog is *The Language of Light* and the SKIRT direct address is <http://tampabay.skirt.com/node/9716>

Judy Freeman just started a Blog. She says it could become addictive. Her Blog is www.butterflyfarmpottery.blogspot.com

I visited Judy's Blog and loved it. I just had to share Rosalita and friends!



MEET ROSALITA OUR CORPORATE GREETER



Sharing Current Creative Work



Robbie Miles: Discover the beauty of Asian Brush Painting with instructor Robbie Miles where flowers bloom, birds sing, animals frolic, and we soar over beautiful landscapes.

Saturday classes: Sept 13 & 27th; 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Tuesday evening: Sept. 16 & 30th; 7 to 9:30 p.m.
Classes will be held at 8715 Palisades Drive in Tampa.
Fees are \$20 per class or all 4 classes for \$60. Register by calling (813) 243-4271 or emailing robbie.smiles@verizon.net



Robbie Miles is part of a show featuring artists from the Enspirati group at the Centre Club that is running now through November in downtown Tampa. To learn more about Enspirati and the Global Arts Movement, check online at www.globalartsmovement.org/index.php and look for "Connecting Cultures Around the World Through Art."



Roxanne Tobaison: Do any of you ladies that have lived here a long time recognize this place? I thought I would paint this as it holds many fond memories of my childhood.

It is the Pickford's drug store . . . all boarded up now. However, when I was in junior high school, (Oak Grove Junior High – past Gov. Martinez was a teacher there then) I would stop there before or after school for a cherry coke.

Now this is really letting you know how old I am. It is one block West of Armenia on Hillsborough Avenue. Next door they had the absolutely best foot long hotdogs I've ever tasted at Yum Yum's.

Our 2008 / 2009 Tampa Branch Programs

September: Bring your art, music, or writing! This is your opportunity for show and tell. We are all anxious to see and hear what you have been working on during the summer. Please bring a sampling for table top display. Each person will have the opportunity to give us a brief overview of their work and upcoming projects.

February or March: Carol is looking for an artist to present a program for one of these months. If you are interested or have an artist to suggest, please contact Carol Karrow at (813) 681-3161 or email her at carolkarrow@verizon.net.



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.



this along . . .

Yes, consumers have found ingenious uses for the ordinary dryer sheet. Here are just some of the “Bounce beyond the dryer” ideas for freshening stored items, closets and hampers, and for removing dust from electrostatic items.

- Florida Love Bugs: use a wet Bounce dryer sheet to wipe them off your car without scraping or damaging your paint.
- It will chase ants away when you lay a sheet near them; it also repels mice.
- Golfers put a Bounce sheet in their back pocket to keep the bees away.
- It takes the odor out of books and photo albums that don't get opened very often.
- Repels mosquitoes. Tie a sheet of Bounce through a belt loop when outdoors during mosquito season.
- Eliminates static electricity from your television (or computer) screen. Since Bounce is designed to help eliminate static cling, wipe your television screen with a used dryer sheet to keep dust from resettling.
- Spread them around foundation areas, or in trailers or cars that are sitting. It also keeps mice from entering your vehicle.
- Freshen the air in your home or car. Place an individual sheet of Bounce in a drawer, hang in the closet, or put a one in your vacuum cleaner. Place a sheet of Bounce under the car seat.
- Prevent musty suitcases. Place an individual sheet of Bounce inside empty luggage before storing.
- Clean baked-on foods from a cooking pan. Put a sheet in a pan, fill with water, let sit overnight, and sponge clean. The anti-static agent apparently weakens the bond between the food.
- Eliminate odors in wastebaskets or laundry basket. Place a sheet on the bottom of the basket.
- Collect cat hair. Rubbing the area with a sheet of Bounce will magnetically attract all the loose hairs.
- Eliminate static electricity from Venetian blinds. Wipe the blinds with a sheet of Bounce to prevent dust from resettling.
- Wipe up sawdust from drilling or sand papering. A used dryer sheet will collect sawdust like a tack cloth.
- Prevent thread from tangling – run a threaded needle through sheet before beginning to sew.
- Deodorize shoes/sneakers – place a sheet in shoes overnight.
- Put a dryer sheet in your sleeping bag and tent before folding and storing them. Keeps them smelling fresh.

Go to www.bouncesheets.com for more clever uses and stories.



Brigitte Mailahn

September / October Birthdays (B) & Anniversaries (A)

9/14	B	Dot Setlow
9/14	B	Gainor Roberts
9/20	A	Sandra Cameron
9/23	A	Dee DeVane
9/27	B	Nelida DiLorenzo
9/29	B	Marcia Wilson
10/4	B	Marjorie Raus
10/4	B	Angela Santos
10/9	B	Sandra Cameron
10/18	B	Minnette Webster
10/24	B	Judy Johnson
10/28	A	Meletha Everett
10/30	B	Caroline McKeon

~ REMINDER ~

September 16th Meeting & Luncheon

Please join us for our sharing meeting and September luncheon. Bring your art, music, and writing!



Date: Tuesday, September 16th

Time: 11:00 a.m.

Location: Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club

RSVP by NOON on Wednesday the 10th

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