

The Branch

Our next meeting:
Tuesday, April 15th
(Tax Deadline)
At 11 a.m. at the
Country Club



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Nominating Committee Announces Slate

The Tampa Branch's nominating committee presents the slate for elections to be held at our April 15th meeting:

- President – Meletha Everett
- 1st V.P. – Judy Freeman (and Membership)
- 2nd V.P. – Carol Karow (and Programs)
- Secretary – Barbara Routen
- Treasurer – Caroline McKeon

The committee thanks those who accepted our nomination and hope our members give them their full support.

Please keep Marcia Wilson in your prayers while she deals with family matters and the illness of her mother.

Our April Program

Janet Casto, our speaker for our April meeting went from the stressful atmosphere as an operating room RN to a *Stampin' Up!* independent demonstrator. She and her husband, Rod, moved from Orlando to Temple Terrace five years ago when he accepted a position at the University of South Florida.

She is active in the community as a member of the Temple Terrace Woman's Club, a board member of the Woodmont Clubhouse Association, Inc., a board member of ACTT (Aquatic Center of Temple Terrace), and as a board member and an ambassador for the Greater Temple Terrace Chamber of Commerce.

President/Editor's Corner - Friday, April 4th



Caroline McKeon

Was an interesting State Council Meeting we had the last weekend in March in Gainesville. We stayed at Cabot Lodge right off the interstate. What a mess getting there though ... traffic was at a standstill three different times. Truly, we were traveling 80 mph one minute and then coming to a screeching halt the very next. From what I could tell, it was mostly snowbirds leaving us!

The Board Meeting was held on Friday night with the council meeting going on the next day. New state officers were installed:

- President, Kathleen McDonald
- 1st VP Barbara Hansen
- 2nd VP Laura Vaughan
- Secretary, Sheila Firestone
- Treasurer, Caroline McKeon

The outgoing President, Jeanne Rochford, handed out quilt squares with instructions, asking that all branches participate in the quilt's creation. The deadline for each branch's completed square is May 31st. Since we haven't gotten this info prior, our branch can vote on

whether we want to participate. And of course that would require someone to take this on to see it gets done. (Even just one member is enough.)

Florida has lost two branches: In March, St. John's River emailed our state president to say it was dissolving. At our council meeting, an Ocala Branch member read a prepared statement saying their branch was pulling out as well.

It's all about membership, Ladies. It's new blood that keeps branches alive. Thanks to all of you for helping spread the word and getting new members to join and helping our branch to thrive!!

~ Ciao for Niao ... Caroline



What's Up In Art & Music



ART membership include architects, cartoonists, craftswomen, choreographers, designers, graphic artists, illustrators, painters, photographers and sculptors. All credentials will be submitted with proof of payment for works or services within the last five years. In addition, the painter, sculptor, craftsman or graphic artist must show proof of work accepted for at least three select juried exhibitions within the last five years. Professional women eligible for the **MUSIC** membership may present professionally published original compositions or original creative arrangements, original unpublished compositions or creative arrangements that have been performed in a public forum. All credentials shall be submitted with proof of payment for works, or proof of performance in a public forum.

Mary Ellen O'Brien has been invited, as a member of the Silk Painters International group, to design a banner for the Hot Air Balloon Festival in Santa Fe, New Mexico. After the event, the banner will hang in the new Hot Air Balloon Museum. She will have a huge (45" x 72") banner in the Santa Fe museum.

Mary Ellen is also on exhibit in the Tacey Gallery, 4802 Gunn Highway, Suite 114. The exhibit opened with a gala Friday, April 4.

Roxanne Tobaison has received notice that her acrylic painting, "Transition," has been accepted in the NLAPW BIENNIAL 2008 (National) Show which will be held in Alexandria, VA in April.

She will also have a solo exhibition - "A Journey Through Florida" in watercolor at the Kotler Gallery in the John F. Germany Library, 900 N. Ashley Drive. The exhibition runs from April 30 through May 26, 2008. An opening reception is scheduled Thursday, May 8 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. The reception is free and open to the public.

On March 31st, she won an *Award of Honor* at the *2nd Annual SouthShore Plein Air Festival* (Ruskin), and one of my completed pieces was sold during the reception.

Meletha Everett judged the Tampa area High School art exhibition at Center Place for the month of March. She also participated in "Celebrate The Arts" at Fishhawk Creek Elementary school.

She did an ink demonstration with quill and balsa wood for the Zephyrhills Art Club and exhibited paintings at the GBAC gathering at Jenny James. The last weekend in March, Meletha installed the Florida State Association officers for 2008-2010 at the Gainesville Council Meeting.



What's Up In Letters

Professional women eligible for **LETTERS** membership include authors, co-authors, advertising sales promoters, compilers, dramatists, editors, genealogists, lecturers, librettists, lyric writers, periodical writers, photo journalists, poets, press writers, script writers for communication media or motion pictures, research workers, and musicologists. All credentials shall be submitted with accompanying proof of payment within the last five years.

With Marcia up north with her mother and family, and Caroline mired in taxes, and Shirley on the heels of steering the nominating committee and finishing out the programs for the year, and Stephanie returning to Texas and doing some writing for a website, and the rest of our writers being strangely silent, this area appears to be quite lacking. Come on writers...WRITE!!!!

So You Think You Know Everything

"Stewardesses" is the longest word typed with only the left hand and "lollipop" with your right. Bet you tried this out mentally, didn't you?)

No word in the English language rhymes with month, orange, silver, or purple.

"Dreamt" is the only English word that ends in the letters "mt". (Are you doubting this?)

Our eyes are always the same size from birth, but our nose and ears never stop growing.

The sentence: "The quick brown fox jumps over the lazy dog" uses every letter of the alphabet. (Now, you KNOW you're going to try this out for accuracy, right?)

The words 'racecar,' 'kayak' and 'level' are the same whether they are read left to right or right to left (palindromes). (Yep, I knew you were going to "do" this one.)

There are only four words in the English language which end in "dous": tremendous, horrendous, stupendous, and hazardous. (You're not doubting this, are you?)

There are two words in the English language that have all five vowels in order: "abstemious" and "facetious." (Yes, admit it, you are going to say . a e i o u)

TYPEWRITER is the longest word that can be made using the letters only on one row of the keyboard. (All you typists are going to test this out)

The microwave was invented after a researcher walked by a radar tube and a chocolate bar melted in his pocket. (Good thing he did that)

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds. (Some days that's about what my memory span is)

Babies are born without kneecaps; they don't appear until the child reaches two to six years of age

Leonardo Da Vinci invented the scissors.

Peanuts are one of the ingredients of dynamite!

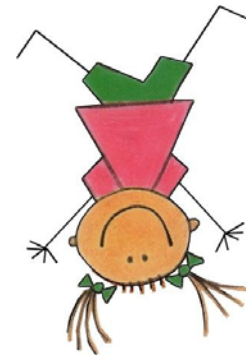
Rubber bands last longer when refrigerated.

The winter of 1932 was so cold that Niagara Falls froze completely solid.

There are more chickens than people in the world.

Winston Churchill was born in a ladies' room during a dance.

Women blink nearly twice as much as men.



April, May and June

Birthdays (B)

Anniversaries (A)

4/05	B	Peggy Little
4/10	A	Brigitte Mailahn
4/30	B	Susan Weilbacher
5/12	B	Shirley Adema
5/15	A	Mary Ellen O'Brien
5/16	B	Carolyn Matheny
5/18	B	Roxanne Tobaison
5/22	B	Carol Karow
6/01	A	Peggy Little
6/10	A	Carlene Earl

Now you know everything!!

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of the above logo for our
FSA State Conference last
October. Thought I would
share it with you.

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found online:

www.flpw.org/book.htm

A Summary of the Minutes of March 18, 2008 meeting

The meeting was called to order by President Caroline McKeon at 11:32 AM, at the Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club. Present were 18 members and one guest.

In lieu of a spoken prayer, our group observed a moment of silent prayer. This was followed by a salute to the flag.

Judy Johnson's guest, Melinda Albritton, was introduced. We have hopes of introducing her as a member in the not too distant future!

Treasurer Judy Freeman reported a balance of \$1323.42.

There were no additions or corrections to the minutes for Feb. 19, 2008, as presented on E-mail, so they were accepted.

A bit of news from Caroline, garnered from our ex-National president Anna DeBella per our treasurer's balance: since we are a 501 C-3 organization, and under the "umbrella" of National, this is NOT "our" money, and should be spent. If National has a need and asks for money, we are required to send it. However, what is accumulated in our PRETTY PINK PIGGY BANK, so lovingly crafted by our treasurer Judy Freeman, IS our "slush fund".

Old Business: Shirley Adema and Marcia Wilson have graciously consented to continue producing the newsletter. Please note: Shirley's time is a valued commodity, so if you have something to share, DO NOT call HER, but DO E-mail or snail mail her your news (preferably between the 15th and the 20th of the month) – she does NOT make "house calls" to garner the news from you.

Shirley reported that the nominating committee has come up with a slate for 2008-2010, minus a volunteer for 2nd Vice President (who handles membership).

President: Meletha Everett

1st Vice President and Membership Chair: Judy Freeman

2nd Vice President and Program Chair: Carol Karow

Secretary: Barbara Routen

Treasurer: Caroline McKeon

Announcements: Stephanie Moreland is now a member of our Tampa Branch. She still resides in Houston, TX, so we may not see her too often. But since she is a Travel Writer, we just may! Welcome aboard, Stephanie.

It was good to see Minnette's smiling face again. Her doctors advised her that she is now well enough to undergo the needed shoulder surgery, which will be done in May. All this and she still has classes at the prison. Her show honoring her artists will be at Center Place July 13th. Let's plan to attend.

Our 50/50 was won by Sandra Cameron -\$9.50.

The meeting adjourned for lunch at 12:00 noon.

Our program was presented by our own Lennie Freeman: Blind Contour Drawing. This was a most delightful way to top off a good lunch: so much laughter is certainly good for the digestion as well as for the soul. Thank you Lennie.

Any additions or corrections to the minutes please contact me via E-mail or 'phone at 238-0127.

Respectfully Submitted, Dot Setlow, Secretary

The Tampa branch of the NLAPW meets the third Tuesday of each month from September through May at the Temple Terrace Golf & Country Club at 200 Inverness Avenue in Temple Terrace. We gather at 11 AM to socialize and our meeting starts promptly at 11:30 a.m. Lunch is \$7.50. Come and join us!

Programs Coming Up By Shirley Adema, Programs

Lenny Freeman presented a great program in March. Janet Casto will be our speaker for the April 15 meeting. She is a demonstrator for *Stampin' Up!* Her program is interactive. She will

demonstrate how to use *Stampin' Up!* for home décor, greeting cards, craft projects, and scrap booking. Even though this will be participation, we will

still be meeting at the Country Club.

Our May meeting will be a wrap up before we break for the summer, and our new officers will be installed, so **don't miss it!**

