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October 16th
11:00 AM
At the Country Club



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Carol Karow, Judy Freeman and Mary Ellen O'Brien wish a fond farewell to Eleanore McDade.

Brandon Center Place...Here We Come!

Take-In: November 1st, Thursday, 2-3 PM (this is important to keep this time as there is a children's Theatre in the morning so that will be a busy time for the center). **Reception: Sunday November 4th, 3-5 PM** (members of Brandon League of Fine Arts are encouraged to bring a finger food item).

Take Out: November 30, Friday at 1:30 PM (There will also be a Children's theatre that morning so you would not be able to get your work out in the morning).

Inventory: Roxanne Tobaison has agreed to be in charge of the inventory list. Please let her know which 3 or 4 pieces you will be bringing in: We need this info:

Artist name, title, media, selling price, and insurance price (cost of materials). Thanks to Susan Weilbacher who handled this.

Mailing Labels: Minnette Webster has agreed to be in charge of the mailing labels for the invitations. Anyone who has not already sent in mailing label info will have a chance to address their own postcards at our October meeting. **YOU MUST PROVIDE STAMPS THOUGH for these.**

A special thanks to Marcia Wilson who created our postcard and handled coordinating everything with the printer.

~Roxanne Tobaison, Chair



Brigitte's Invitation Design

President/Editor's Corner



Caroline McKeon

Summer has come and gone; it's just incredible. While I realize many of our members travel during these hot months, I'm never able to break away from my work schedule to take time away.

I have been quite busy in this position of NLAPW FSA Treasurer. Our October conference is upon us and there has been so much to do to get ready for this event. I will be attending, as well as Meletha.

On a local level, our branch entered two contests: Newsletter and Yearbook. The only fees that were charged was postage, so it cost our branch relatively nothing. I have high hopes of winning one of these contests.

At our April Executive Council meeting in Ormond Beach, past FSA President Jean Holmes agreed to spearhead an effort to have appointed national oversight committees to take a great look at prospective members' applications. I was just thrilled when Jean phoned from Washington to say that Michelle Grasso-Downs would get her certificate in MUSIC. Better late than never.

It's going to be a strange year, I think, without Yvonne Crissey and now with Eleanore McDade leaving us. It's give and take...ebb and flow...just part of the cycle I guess. Now with branch approval on Barb Routen, we have only to wait for approval from National. That should come quite soon.

If anyone is interested in taking over the Membership Chair, please let me know. In the meantime, both Shirley and I will see to it.

Ladies, thanks to all who entered our contest for the cover of our Center Place invitation. Congrats to Brigitte Mailahn, our winner, whose delightful owl will help spread the word. ~ 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.



Eleanore shows off her cake at her last meeting with the Tampa Branch.

Judy Johnson: For the newsletter, it was a busy summer, traveling to Italy, the beach, the South Central states and the North Carolina mountains. It's good to be home for awhile. Art-wise, I had two paintings accepted for the BLFA Artworks 2007 Juried Show, hanging the month of September at Center Place. Three paintings have been accepted for the Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Exhibit in Washington, DC. I was honored to receive the Single Artist Contribution Award: The Brandon News & Tampa Tribune Brush Strokes Award for Excellence in the Arts.

Mary Ellen O'Brien: I have a painting in the Brandon Art League show and I have one in the St. Pete Art Center show; I had one accepted at the Rattner Art Museum in Bethesda, MD under the sponsorship of Silk Painters International.

Minnette Webster: I taught art to high school aged kids at a school for severely mentally challenged children for six weeks. My granddaughter (13) from Jackson, WY, spent the summer with me, I went on a wonderful birthday trip with my friend George to MI, AL and LA. Now I am back teaching at the YMCA, Prison and Nursing Home. I turn 70 in October! (Surprised I made it to 70!)

Nelida DiLorenzo: I spent the summer in my studio painting and teaching high school teens the art of drawing and painting to pursue a career in Art. It was very satisfying.

Carol Karow: Painted two small cabins, one on the Potomac; completed two portraits in pastel and working on another; Teaching a one-hour charcoal class on Mondays; Oil painting classes on Thursdays. Might teach pastel classes at Center Place in November.

Artworks 2008 Open Exhibition Show in Brandon – September, 2007: Members who were accepted into the juried show were Carlene Earl, Meletha Everett, Nelida DiLorenzo, Judy Johnson, Peggy Little, Brigitte Mailahn, Mary Ellen O'Brien and Roxanne Tobaison. Virginia Rhan (Halloway) Won Honorable Mention for a small watercolor painting, *Growing Sweeter*.

Roxanne Tobaison was featured in *Southern Living* - Sept issue in the 2nd section (Florida Living page 38).

Brigitte Mailahn featured in an article in the August issue of Brush Strokes called *Valrico Arts Volunteer is a Renaissance Woman*.

Eleanore McDade: Addressed the audience at the dedication ceremony of the Treva Moore Reading Room and the presentation of my rendering of the Bruton Memorial Library on Sunday, June 10, 2007. The rendering was then hung in the main lobby where it will remain as a permanent piece of artwork. The Woman's Club of Plant City commissioned me to do the work commemorating their 85th anniversary this year.

To order Crystal Clear Bags (minimum order of 100 for \$40) for all our members who do cards, prints, etc. may be interested in ordering: www.ClearBags.com; phone: 800.328.1847. (Submitted by Eleanore McDade.)



What's up in Music?? Michelle Grasso-Downs, that's what!

Meletha Everett presents her with Music credentials at our September 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.

A note from Staci Backauskas: The Life Enrichment Center, the only self-funded center for active older adults in Hillsborough County (located at Linebaugh and Boulevard North), is looking for a Creative Writing teacher for their Wednesday morning class that meets from 10a to 12n. The class encompasses all kinds of creative writing, including fiction, poetry, memoir, and creative non-fiction and currently runs in 8-week cycles where 5 of the weeks a topic is taught/discussed and three of the weeks are dedicated to students reading their work and obtaining feedback from the instructor and class members. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Ronna Metcalf, Executive Director, at 813-932-0241 or via e-mail at lifenrichment@ij.net Or you may contact NLAPW member Staci Backauskas at 813-231-0310 or at fifthgoddess@yahoo.com Members, please keep this posting confidential as the class will not be informed until someone is hired.

Remember our plans for a recipe book: Marcia Wilson answers: I am unable to answer the question about when the recipe book will be ready; it will be a committee decision. Once I have this project behind me, I will start sending emails about the recipe book and get some feedback from folks. The committee will need to meet and set some goals and guidelines.

The recipe book project has to involve everyone as it will take everyone's active participation to contribute recipes electronically in Word or at least "typed" into an email. Handwritten recipes will just put too much burden on the layout and production team.

Shirley Adema and Caroline McKeon have collaborated on a booklet called, *Conceive It—Achieve It—Believe It: A Guide to Starting Your Own Business*. Its grand debut will be in one of the glass cases at Center Place in November.

This 'n That



Lenore (Lenny) Freeman is transferring her membership from Gainesville. We are blessed to have her in our midst.

We had 22 members at our last meeting. That's a great turnout for our "What I Did Over the Summer" meeting!



Meletha, Minnette and Carol look through the repertoire of Barb Routen's writings. Unanimous branch approval followed. Barb's application has now been sent on the national Letters Chair for national approval.

October/November

Birthdays (B)

Anniversaries (A)

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| 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 |
| 11/2 | A | Judy Freeman |
| 11/6 | A | Nelida DiLorenzo |
| 11/15 | B | Mary Ellen O'Brien |

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If you still have not gotten your updated (new and improved) yearbook, see Dot Setlow!

Also, remember that your page can be updated and made available to our members.

E-Mail your changes to Caroline at:

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A Summary of the Minutes of Sept. 18, 2007 meeting

In the absence of both our President and our First Vice President, our Second Vice President, Shirley Adema, called the meeting to order at 11:35 AM. Caroline's illness was a last minute and sudden happening, so Shirley took over without an agenda, and thanked all present for coming. Eighteen members were present, and four guests: Lenore (Lenny) Freeman, an Arts member transferring from Gainesville, Barb Routen, soon to be a Letters member, Dorie Anderson, and Gainor Roberts, both artists from Zephyrhills.

Secretary Dot Setlow read the minutes of the last meeting. They were approved as read and filed. Treasurer Judy Freeman gave her report: we have a current balance of \$1241.70. This was accepted and filed.

Old Business:

Marcia Wilson reported on the progress toward our proposed cook book: so far we have a catchy title: Fabulous Fantastic Finger Food. Marcia had a variety of formats to pursue, and showed some interesting old books to use as guides. She is gathering her committee to start some serious work. We need recipes, ladies!

Meletha Everett reminded us that the gift for the state president has to be ready by next month to present to her. She moved that we send \$25.00; so noted and passed. Judy will send a check to Sandy Huff.

New Business:

Some sad news: we are losing our First Vice President, Eleanore McDade. She will be moving to the North Georgia hills. We have yet to find the procedure to replace her. She will be sorely missed, but we wish her well.

Shirley announced that our next meeting's program will be presented by Marcia Wilson: a demonstration on weaving. This is something to look forward to.

Roxanne Tobaison gave an update on the members' show at Center Place in Brandon in November. We had 4 designs from which to choose a cover for the program, and a clever one by Brigitte Mailahn was tops. Things are well in hand: all forms ready, labels for mailing will be handled by Minnette Webster and Marcia Wilson, and Susan Weilbacher will be in charge of the inventory of items to be exhibited (Susan would like your list by Oct.1.) Now all we need is work to exhibit. Marcia and Caroline will be doing the invitations on the computer. Get your list for mailing invitations to Minnette or Marcia; we need 200 to qualify for the bulk rate, and all must go at the same time.

Meletha had some good news. After the Music Chair at headquarters turned down several qualified members, including our own Michelle Grasso-Downs, several branches (including ours) sent petitions to Washington in protest. Michelle now has been qualified in MUSIC – passed by the National Board, and signed by the National President.

Shirley Adema won the 50/50: \$9.50.

Our First Vice President, Eleanore McDade, arrived at 12:10 – just in time for lunch and her farewell cake.

The meeting adjourned at 12:15 for lunch.

During lunch we were privileged to view the work of prospective member, Barbara Routen. Afterward she won a unanimous vote of approval.

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

We are looking forward to our upcoming program featuring Marcia Wilson with her art weaving project. THIS should be interesting.

In November, Brigitte Mailahn will be giving our hands-on demonstration

program. Our venue for November will be that nice backroom at Perkins. We will be ordering our meal of choice from the menu. So remember, DON'T go to the country club for our meeting in November! The rest of the lineup is fleshing out nicely. As soon as I have

the complete listing of programs, we will publish it in the newsletter. Thanks to all our members who participate in making sure our programs are creative and informative. See you next month.....Shirley!

