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CREATIVITY AWARDS GIVEN TO STUDENTS

Excerpts from 4/10 *Herald Tribune Community Central* by Erica Neport

Fostering the arts, the National League of American Pen Women expanded the annual monetary awards luncheon to recognize talented youths from both Sarasota and Manatee counties excelling in art, letters and music.

Members extended the awards luncheon opportunity to both counties as a reminder to young and old that the arts are vital in the community and beyond. The event was March 21 at the Laurel Oak Country Club, Sarasota. "We are here to foster the arts," music chair Alice Moerk said, "That's where the soul is found."



Dr. Alice Moerk joins Sergio Bastian, left, pianist Antonena Ishkova for Mathew Mulhern, and Patrick Braga

Pine View School student Anna Beatty placed first in the letters program for her poem, *Light*. "I keep observing the world around me and looking for inspiration everywhere," Beatty said just before her award presentation. "I draw inspiration from nature and other people; definitely a lot of my writing

comes from observation." Beatty said she was surprised to learn she placed first in letters with a poem she wrote describing how the ordinary shifts to extraordinary through light.



Sarah Ida Tedesco 3rd Place, Rebecca Mayper merit, Kerstin Cook 2nd Place, Anna Marie Beatty 1st Place

Another Pine View student, Patrick Braga, placed first in the music program for his *Apollo, Youth* ballet, and Sarah Rhodes of Venice High School was awarded first Place for her *Face Cubed* painting in the art category.

Manatee County students from Southeast High School, Erin Kenney and Kerstin Cook, and Sarah Ida Tedesco, of Manatee School for the Arts, received awards at the event. Recognized students from Sarasota County schools also included Riverview High School's Anna Zelijazkow and Rebecca Mayper, Sarasota High School's Julia Adkins, Pine View's Sarah Neher and Sergio Bastian, Venice's Ainya Khachetoorian and North Port High School's Mathew Mulhern.

Braga, the music winner, started playing the piano at age 5. He plans to pursue music composition as a minor degree and is contemplating a double major in economics and urban studies. In July, the 18-year-old started composing *Apollo, Youth*, a ballet about the story of the Greek god Apollo in his youth and all his adventures and romantic relationships.

"This was kind of my first piece I've ever really done," Rhodes, the painter, said. "It was definitely an experiment." To be quite honest, Rhodes said, she and her teacher ripped the canvas all the way down to the side. "So, that's where all the different squares come in," she said.



Left to right: Julia Adkins, Ainya Khachetoorian, Sarah Aubrey Neher, Sarah Rhodes & and Anna Zelijazkow

Sarasota Pen Women Chairs for this event were Alice Moerk, Music; Amy Elder, Ronni Miller, Dannie Russell and Elizabeth Waterson, Letters; Barbara Turner Grace and Kathleen McDonald, Art. [See page 5 for complete list of winners.](#)



A PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING ... BY BARBARA JENDRYSIK

This is our "wrap-up" issue for the year. Included are photos from

our Awards Luncheon. What a great event! Be sure and join us during the summer at a Pen Woman luncheon, if you're in town.

And we hope to see everyone back in the Fall at our first meeting in October. Have a fantastic summer! May all your summer dreams come true!

SUMMER LUNCHEON SCHEDULE



We're planning on meeting during the summer just to get together. We individually order from the menu. We will send out e-mails to remind you of the dates. **Mark your calendars:** Please let Barb Jendrysik know three days in advance if you plan to attend at jendrysik@aol.com or by phone (941) 387-9381.

May 09 11:30 a.m.	The Lazy Lobster - 5350 Gulf of Mexico Drive Longboat Key
June 13 11:30 a.m.	Cafe Baci - 4001 S. Tamiami Trail Sarasota
July 11 11:30 a.m.	Rosedale Country Club - Rte. 70 in Bradenton From 1-75 take exit 217A, turn left at first light Call Halide Smith (941) 751-4178 to make a reservation
August 08 11:30 a.m.	Captain Brian's Seafood Restaurant 8421 N. Tamiami Trail, Sarasota
Sept. 12 11:30 a.m.	Marina Jack's Restaurant - #2 Marina Plaza Sarasota Bayfront Downtown



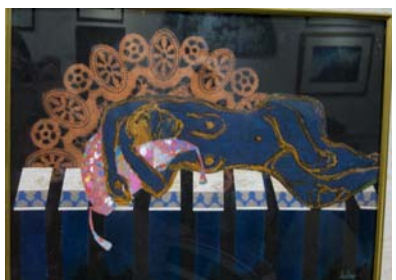
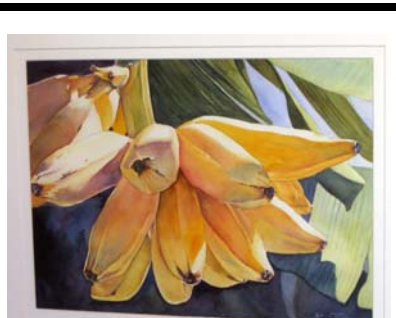
A total of 15 members enjoyed a bag lunch in the park on Ken Thompson Parkway after the 4/11 Business Meeting. Nell Rude provided a luscious cake for dessert. The weather was superb and the company delightful. The photos were taken by Halide Smith with her new camera.



MEMBER NEWS



Joan Peters is part of *Light Chasers: Plein Air Painters of the Sun Coast*. The exhibit ran from March 16 through the 30th at The Celery Barn in Sarasota.



Ronni Miller



Ronni Miller will sign copies of her new book *Cocoon To Butterfly-A Metamorphosis of Personal Growth Through Expressive Writing* on SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2012 from 1-4 PM at Circle Books, St Armands Circle, Sarasota. The book, part memoir and part how to write a memoir, reveals the truth of her life previously veiled in her short stories and novels.

Ronni Miller invites you to join her at A CREATIVE RETREAT FOR PEN WOMEN:

AUGUST IN CAPE COD- TUESDAY, AUGUST 28-FRIDAY AUGUST 31 2012

Experience an expressive writing and painting retreat workshop at a fishing village in Cape Cod, home of the Wellfleet oysters farmed in the Bay. See www.writeitout.com for more details.

OCTOBER IN TUSCANY- FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19-FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26 2012

Experience an expressive writing and painting retreat workshop focused on the senses at the four star Villa Le Barone, Panzano in Chianti, Italy. Create surrounded by olive groves in the Tuscany hills and dine on gourmet regional food from their own farms. See www.writeitout.com for details on the workshop, and see www.villalebarone.com for details on the hotel. Ask Amy Elder for her opinions on her adventure there in 2007. Scenes of Ronni's third novel *A Woman Of A Certain Age* are set in Villa Le Barone. Contact Ronni Miller RMillerWIO@aol.com or 941-359-3824 for more information on the workshop.

A WRITE IT OUT® CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP – SIX SESSIONS

THURSDAYS, APRIL 26 to MAY 31, 2012 FROM 1:30-3:30 PM

Exercises include art, music and theater focused on fiction, nonfiction, poetry and theater writing. See www.writeitout.com for more information.

A WRITE IT OUT® EXPRESSIVE WRITING WORKSHOP- FOUR SESSIONS

SATURDAYS MAY 5 to MAY 26, 2012 FROM 10:30AM-12:30 PM

Writing exercises focused on expressing feelings, memoirs and experiences for healing and personal growth. See www.writeitout.com for more information.

See the BOOK MIDWIFE CONSULTANT Ronni Miller if you need help to write and organize your book RMillerWIO@aol.com 941-359-3824.

ArtCenter Manatee

At left, Sue Lynn Cotton's *Bananas in the Afternoon* won third Place at the ArtCenter Manatee show called Light and Drama. Another painting by Sue Lynn Cotton and then one by Julee Docking.

MORE MEMBER NEWS



Four members of Sarasota's Pen Women exhibited at the juried show Players Theater in Sarasota from March 14th through April 15th. Alice Benjamin (left) won a Merit Award.

The other three Pen Women are Ellen Mason (below at left), Marge Bennett (far right) and Carol Doenecke (not pictured). These women are also members of WCA.

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Congratulations to our members Marge Bennett, Barbara Jendrysik, Ellen Mason, and Nell Rude whose work has been juried into the Pen Women Biennial exhibition in Washington, DC. It was exhibited at the Charles Sumner School in April.



PLACES I'VE NEVER BEEN

I have been in many places, but I've never been **in Cahoots**. Apparently, you can't go alone. You have to be in Cahoots with someone. ~ I've also never been in **Cognito**. I hear no one recognizes you there.

~ I have, however, been **in Sane**. They don't have an airport; you have to be driven there. I have made several trips there, thanks to my friends, family and work. ~ I would like to go to **Conclusions**, but you have to jump, and I'm not too much on physical activity anymore. ~ I have also been **in Doubt**. That is a sad Place to go, and I try not to visit there too often. ~ I've been **in Flexible**, but only when it was very important to stand firm.

~ Sometimes I'm **in Capable**, and I go there more often as I'm getting older. ~ One of my favorite places to be is **in Suspense**! It really gets the adrenalin flowing and pumps up the old heart! At my age I need all the stimuli I can get! (Thanks to Orlando Pen Woman, Linda Spencer for this!)

2012 STUDENT AWARD WINNERS IN ART, MUSIC & LETTERS

The 2012 Student Art Awards winners are:

First Place - Sarah Rhodes
 Venice High School, Sarasota County
Face Cubed

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Second Place - Anna Zeljazkow
 Riverview High School, Sarasota County
Her Eye

Third Place - Ainya Khachetoorian
 Venice High School, Sarasota County
Koi

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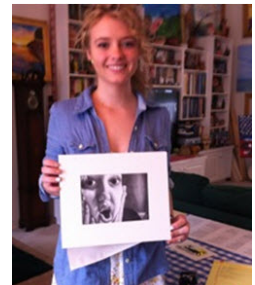


Merit

Merit Award - Erin Kenney
 Southeast High School, Manatee County
Skyline & Turnstiles

Merit Award - Julia Adkins
 Sarasota High School, Sarasota County
Portrait of Nature

Merit



Merit

Merit Award - Sarah Aubrey Neher
 Pine View High School, Sarasota County
Alicia!

The 2012 Student Letters Awards winners are:

First Place: **Light** Anna Marie Beatty

2nd Place: **Skeletons** Kerstin Cook

3rd Place: **Girl Under Construction** Sarah Ida Tedesco

Merit Award: **A Mother's Love** Rebecca Mayer

The 2012 Student Music Awards winners are:

First Place: Patrick Braga - **Apollo, Youth** - ballet

2nd Place: Mathew Mulkern - **Prelude to a Journey**

3rd Place: Sergio Bastian - **Reflections**



Our thanks to
all our Judges!

MUSIC

Dr. Alice A. Moerk

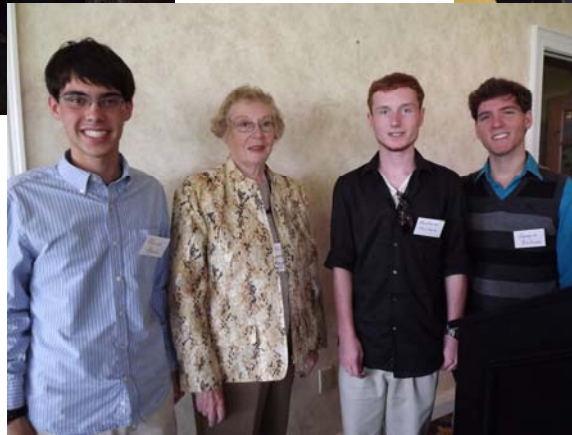


LETTERS

Amy Elder (left)

Ronni Miller (center)

Elizabeth Waterston
& Dannie Russell (right)



ART

Kathleen McDonald, (left)

Barbara Turner-Grace (right)

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If you do not have email, mail to DreamWeb - 11404 SunCreek Place - Tampa, FL 33617. Electronic submissions are preferred.

A Gift

white feather sailed across the sand
landing near my resting hand
white feather, wispy light
soft as silk, a writer's quill

wonder who the bearer be
who blew this feather close to me
fragile plume feather light
lives eternally

just glad
12.12.00

Alegria G. Elias

Twin Feathers

twin feathers lay upon a wet sandy beach
sea bird dropping his signature
two feathers to save and keep

fragile feathers rest in my hand
silky smooth flower from a bird
recalling moments of other times

Just Glad
02.21.12