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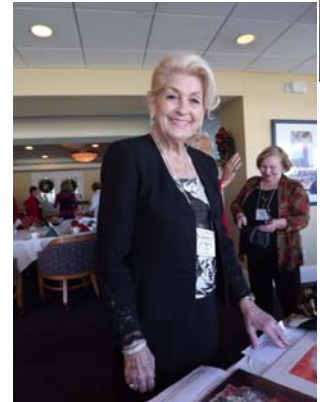
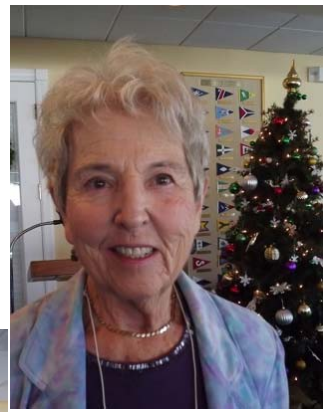
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END OF 2011: SARASOTA PEN WOMEN MEMORIES



Our **December 14th Holiday Meeting** at Bird Key was A BLAST! We had fun singing Christmas carols with Alice on piano and Kathleen on guitar. The food was sensational; the silent auction was fun, the donated items were so unique and the company was SUPERB!



A PRESIDENTIAL BRIEFING ... BY BARBARA JENDRYSIK

As 2011 comes to a close, we have some wonderful

hoping to reach all of our members through BOTH means. **Cheers to a healthy, happy 2012!**

Pen Women memories. This is the first electronic newsletter by editor Caroline McKeon. You will also still receive the "Sunbeams" by regular mail in January by editor Carol Doenecke. We're

See you at our January 11th meeting!

~ Barbara





Bird Key Yacht Club (above) - Ca d'Zan (below)



2012 MEETINGS AND PROGRAMS

January 11th: St. Paul's Church - 11:30 am: Bring a Brown Bag Lunch (\$5) and enjoy Halide's Music with Pen Pal Poets; also Artist Rilla Fleming will speak on the restoration of the Opera House on the Ca d'Zan and other art projects. The address is:

2256 Bahia Vista in Sarasota
Phone:# 955-6479 11:30 am
(Board meeting at 10:00 am)

February 8th Bird Key Yacht Club 11:30 am: Our program will feature Ron McCarty, Curator and Keeper of Ca d'Zan; John and Marble Ringling's legacy, 100 years in

Sarasota, *Then and Now*. Menu and form will be in January's hardcopy newsletter.

March 21st: Awards Luncheon at LaurelOaks (more info to follow)

April 11th: Annual Business Meeting Bring a brown bag lunch to Ken Thompson Parkway; join us at the picnic tables on Sarasota Bay.

For all Brown Bag lunch meetings, please pay \$5 at the meeting to help defray costs.



Creativity refers to the phenomenon whereby a person creates something new (a product, a solution, a work of art, a novel, a joke, etc.) that has some kind of value.
- Wikipedia

PLEIN AIR ... ALL ARE INVITED

Next Plein Air Painting is on January 18, 2012 at South Lido Park from 9:00a - 12:00p. Meet in the parking lot. For additional information and if you plan to attend

contact: Joan Peters at 941-365-9960 or jsp45@yahoo.com

Remember, writers could use some fresh air too. Come join us ... ALL DISCIPLINES.



WRITERS WRITE ALRIGHT

Open to all Pen Women is a seat at the writers' table. Amy Elder moderates a writers' group made up of Sarasota Pen Women that meets the first and third Monday of each month. Typically, five or six women will show up to critique each other's writings. It's never the same women and it's never dull. Each member is given approximately 15 minutes to read her submission; reading is not mandatory though. After a writer's

submission is read aloud, group members critique the work. It could be simple grammatical corrections, or suggestions on using a better word or saying something in a different manner. If you have an interest in joining this group, please email Alice Moerk at amoerk@tampabay.rr.com and she will keep you informed as to dates and times of upcoming meetings. If you're a writer, this will keep you on track!

Newsletter



To submit items for our newsletters, please email Carol Doenecke at doenecke@verizon.net or Caroline McKeon at dreamweb@dreamport.com

BILL BUCHMAN CREATIVELY BREAKS OUT

Wowing us at our **November** meeting, artist, writer and jazz musician Bill Buchman just couldn't resist the white piano at the back of the room. His music had been playing throughout lunch; his books, CDs and art supplies were on various tables around the room, but all of that would have to wait. Bill headed straight to the back corner of the room, sat down at the piano, and broke into a musical medley. To say he delighted us would be an understatement.



Then too was his story on *barking in the audience* as an example of Dadaism. Bill

did not bark though, as many of us had hoped. (If you missed this, ask someone who was at the meeting.)

What he did do in such an inspiring way was to read passages from his book *Art is an Attitude: The Art of Figure Drawing*. He said all beings are creative beings; that creativity is making something from nothing. He made it sound so easy.

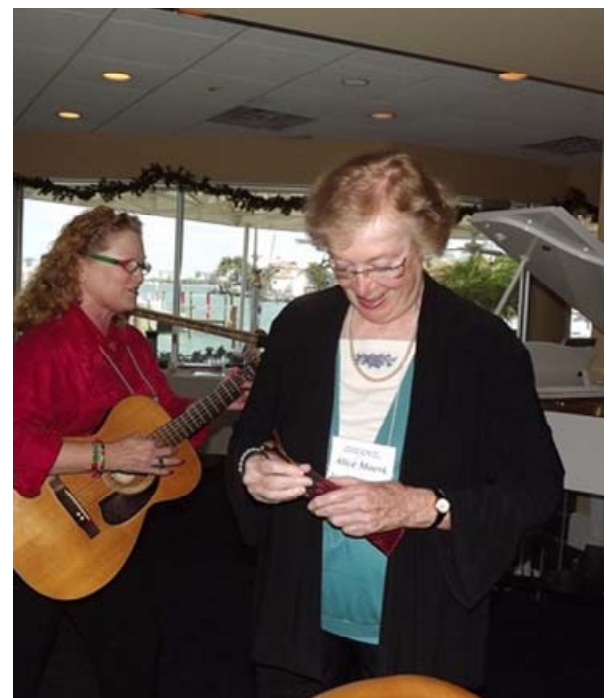
In true form, Bill not only demonstrated his craft, he invited Pen Women to join him at the front table to try their hands at the style for which he is famously known...figure drawing.



"Creativity is making something from nothing"
Bill Buchman

"Imagination is the beginning of creation. You imagine what you desire, you will what you imagine and at last you create what you will."
George Bernard Shaw

MORE CHRISTMAS PHOTOS



Pen Women Exhibit at Plymouth Harbor on Sarasota Bay

700 John Ringling Blvd. , Sarasota, FL

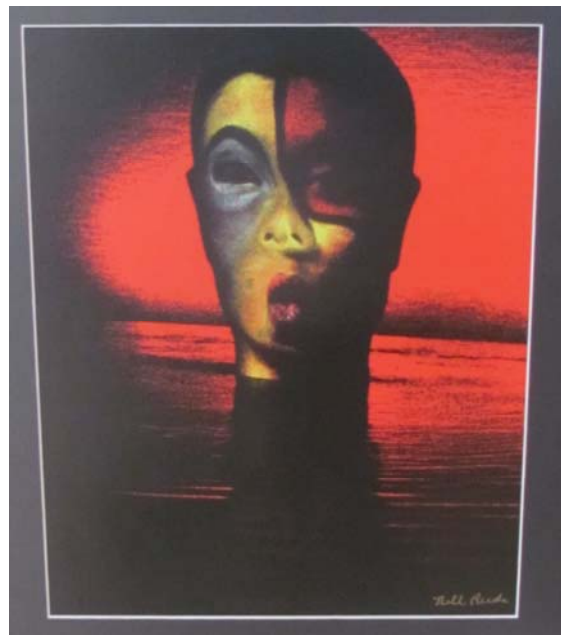
February 6 - March 3, 2012

RECEIVING	Saturday, February 4 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
RECEPTION TO MEET THE PEN WOMEN ARTISTS	Tuesday, February 7 4:30 - 6:30 pm Set-up for writers to bring their books is from 3:30-4:30 pm
ENTRY FEE	\$15.00 for 2 entries
PICK UP OF WORK	Saturday, March 3 10:00 am - 1:00 pm
CONTACT PERSON	Nell Rude 941-923-1149

2011 Biennial Art Entries



OCTOBER STATE BIENNIAL CONFERENCE AT THE HYATT



What Are Pen Women?

Pen Women look like other women,
But we are not like other women.

We are women who express ourselves
through one or more of the three Creatives:
Music, Art and Letters.

Our Creative Expression
Is more than a pastime;
It is a profession for which we have been monetarily recognized.



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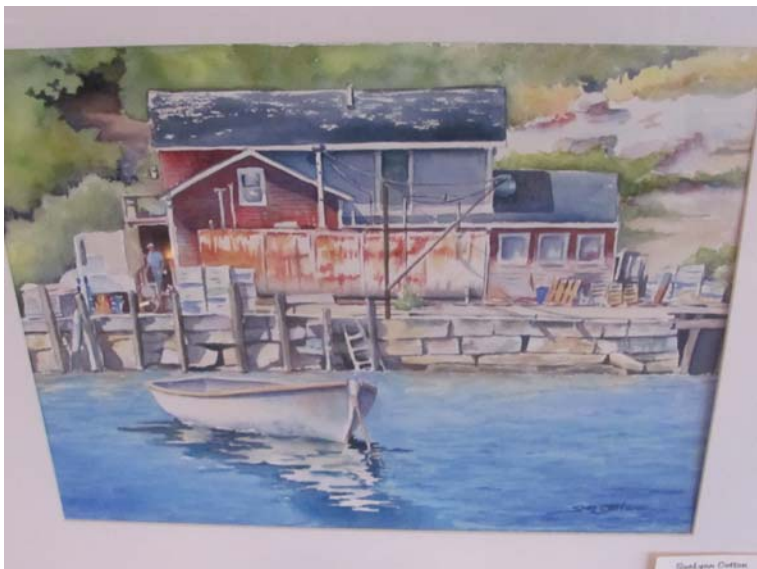
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