



October 2021 Diamond State Branch Newsletter



President's Message

The weather is getting cooler, and it is again time to get back into the swing of our fall meetings and activities. I am eager to hear what our members have been doing and creating over the summer months. Weather had changed our plans for spending time together this summer. Unfortunately, we were unable to have our Creative Day on the Brandywine. Tragically, Billie Travalini's cabin was swept away in the severe storms and flooding that followed the September hurricanes. We are so sorry for Billie and her family who had treasured that place of serenity. We will remember our wonderful times there under the trees by the river. We are grateful to Billie for sharing her special place with us over the last few years.

Diamond State Biennial Art Show at The Station Gallery October 8 – 30, 2021

Opening Reception – Friday October 8th from 5 – 8 PM

It is that time again for our Branch Biennial Art Show. We are so fortunate to have this event hosted by the Station Gallery in Greenville. Thank you, Michele Foster for your work in organizing this event. I look forward to seeing our members there this coming Friday. Ask your family and friends to stop by the Gallery this month to see what work our creative members have on exhibit.

Our Next Branch Meeting will be on Saturday October 23, 2021, at the Village of Brandywine Clubhouse, Setting Blvd. Wilmington, DE 19803

Board Meeting 10:30 AM Membership Meeting and Lunch 12 PM

Menu-Deli wraps, dessert, beverage \$6.00 Please bring a friend or artist who you think might be interested in knowing more about Pen Women and our Branch

We need a head count so please let me know by Oct. 21 if you will be joining us.

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Oct 23rd Program:

- Introduction to our newest members, Catherine Lawrence, Letters; Joan Supplee, Art, and Carol Mangano, Art
- Members, please bring a special summer project to share with our group

- Mature Woman Grant recipient selection-

The Mature Woman Art Grant is given by NLAPW every two years to a woman over the age of 35 who has never been a member of NLAPW. The Grant was initially intended to help “older” women who had not had the opportunity to pursue their artistic goals until after raising their families. I have received 17 interesting submissions for the grant from women across the U.S. Two years ago, Tracey Landmann was the 2019 recipient of the Grant and is now a member of our Branch. There were no local artists who applied for the grant this time, therefore, I would like our Branch to help me decide who out of the top five applicants I select should be our 2021 Art Grant recipient.

Rehoboth Beach Week 2021



It was another great week in Rehoboth Beach for our Diamond State Branch to close out summer and welcome fall. We were so fortunate to again have wonderful weather while we were there. The house on Pennsylvania Avenue has become a familiar home away from home for those who choose to go each year. Everyone was vaccinated and the Covid restrictions and fears of last year seemed to have faded away. Our artists were able to find special places to plein air paint at

the beach or around the area. There was one special project lead by Catherine Bosk: a long sheet of paper was spread out on the outside tables and together we helped to create a colorful piece that Carol Mangano later used to make earrings. There are plans to have scarves made from this artwork as well. We are never short of creative ideas when we get together. Our members took turns with making lunches and dinners. Taralee Morgan joined us for dinner one evening and we helped her with the mailings for the upcoming 2021 Scholastic student writing competition. There were shopping trips to special stores. There was also time to quietly sit and read or chat and make plans for our meetings and programs. All in all, a productive week which ended with a traditional parting breakfast together at the Rehoboth Cracker Barrel Restaurant. Thank you, Betsy for all the work you do to make this event happen every year.

Members News

Iris Gray Dowling – New Book

The Title is: "*Open Your Eyes (Discover the Cecropia Moth)*". I did the drawing and coloring of all the illustrations of butterflies and moths and painted some backgrounds. I spent a lot of hours during the Covid 19 year and a half preparing these pictures.

