

Dear Diamond State Branch Members and Friends,

The trees are turning those luscious orange, red and yellow colors . The leaves are falling blanketing the ground. Halloween is over and it's November. Time to get ready for the holiday season and our next Diamond State Branch Meeting.

### **October 22nd 2022 meeting overview.**

We had a productive October meeting talking about possible projects for our members for the next several months into 2023- plein aire, art workshop, artist/writers project.

#### **1. Art and Letters Project 2022-23**

Our last Joint Writers and Artists project was a great success even though we did not use it as the basis of an art show. Our branch members were most enthusiastic about another joint writing/painting project where the writers will choose an artwork to inspire them, and the painter/artists will choose a piece of writing to inspire a new visual creation.

**How it will be structured:** It was suggested by Cyndy Falcoff that the written pieces be collected, and the titles put into a hat from which the artist will choose one to use as inspiration. The artwork submitted will be done in the same fashion. The titles of the paintings will be placed in a hat and each writer will pull one out to use for inspiration. Artists and writers will not know which piece they will be getting. However, structuring the project this way will allow for more written work and more visual pieces to be part of the project. There will be do duplicates for each piece. It will also challenge us to push beyond what comes easy to us. The written pieces and jpgs of the artwork will be posted on our [Diamondstatepenwomen.org](http://Diamondstatepenwomen.org) website for reference. I am hopeful that a show featuring the new work and the inspirational writing and artwork will result from our efforts. We can talk about the project more and make more decisions about it at our November 12th meeting so please come and share your ideas.

**2. Carol Mangano** talked to us about how she came to journal events pertaining to her art and her classroom and art travels with her middle school students. Documenting these activities became an asset to her when writing for art grants.

**3. Cyndy Falcoff** talked to us about her first book of poetry, **Where Sky Meets Water**, which also features her own paintings. She talked about why she decided to do it, how she started, and her process of choosing paintings and writings that complement each other. I particularly enjoyed her whimsical poem, Beauty Secrets From A Bull Frog. Cyndy used Aztec Printing for publishing her book and was very

pleased with their help in this new venture. I'm sure she would be happy to share with you her experiences using them for your project.

**Reminder: November 12th Diamond State Branch Meeting Village of Brandywine Clubhouse**

**Board Meeting 10:30AM General Meeting/Luncheon 12:noon /Program to follow**

**Menu - Cheesy pasta and meatball bake, salad, pumpkin pie, coffee, tea, water Cost - luncheon/speaker fee \$20 pp**

**Program: Photographer Beth Trepper**

**PLEASE LET ME KNOW IF YOU PLAN TO ATTEND SO WE CAN PLAN. YES OR NOT THIS TIME IS SUFFICIENT.**

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## Beth Trepper

photographer / writer/ artist

Beth Trepper's eclectic photography portfolio comprises fine art, fashion, portraiture, figurative, documentary, landscape and entertainment images. In more than 400 solo and group gallery exhibitions, she has shown her work extensively throughout the U.S., Ireland, Europe and the Caribbean. As an entertainment photojournalist, Beth worked in the music industry for more than a decade, shooting album covers, interviewing international recording artists and writing record reviews for a nationally-syndicated magazine. In addition to numerous book, magazine and newspaper publishing credits, including AAAWorld Magazine, Billboard, The Irish Times, American Airlines and Islands Magazine, Beth's corporate

clients include Credit Suisse, Kenway Publications of Nairobi, Kenya, Capitol One Bank and Nemours/Alfred I. duPont Hospital.

Beth has won many photographic awards and in 2017, she was

awarded an Established Artist Fellowship from the Delaware Division of the Arts, a subsidiary of the National Endowment for the Arts.

In addition to her web site, [www.bethtrepper.com](http://www.bethtrepper.com), Beth's work is currently sold online in her Etsy shop.

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