

*National League of
American Pen Women*
Diamond State Branch



OCTOBER 2023 DIAMOND STATE BRANCH NEWSLETTER

Creative Week at the Beach 2023 is in the books!

We returned home energized from our "Creative Week at the Beach" in Rehoboth. All the artists were very determined to get some new pieces done despite the wind and rain from Ophelia the weekend we arrived. Some of us will have some very new work for our November **Everything Delaware** Show at the Station Gallery. The writers, Sandra Michel and Catherine Lawrence,



were also productive and shared some of their writings with the group. Catherine had a great time observing the chaos and plans to use the observations for new pieces of writing. Oh, boy! There were

walks to and from the beach. We had great dinners every night, endless food and conversations, violin music provided by Betsy and critiques of works in progress.





There were some shopping trips this year as well. Those who ventured out came home with new treasures. Kass Moran Freeman was generous with her critiques and sharing her painting skills. The rain did not impact on our productivity. It was wonderful to have Taralee Morgan stop by and have dinner with us one evening. We ended the week with our

traditional farewell breakfast at Cracker Barrel. Plans are already in the works for next fall. The tradition will continue!

Please mark your calendar-Branch Meeting Dates for 2023-24 calendar year

So members can better plan, here are the meeting dates for the entire meeting season: October 14, November 18, December 9, January no meeting, February 10, March 9, April 13, May 11. All meetings are on Saturdays at the Village of

Brandywine Clubhouse 5801 Concord Pike
Wilmington, DE

From Inspiration to Expression Exhibit Closes at the Henry Gallery

Betsy, Trina and I will be driving to the Henry Gallery on Monday, October 9th to collect our artwork and writings from creative



challenge exhibit. I know that many of you who could not make the opening did go to see the exhibit at a more convenient time. The **Kennett Library** is interested in having this exhibit on display sometime this coming winter. I will be speaking with the new owner of the **Palette and the Page** in Elkton Maryland about exhibiting in their gallery as well. We should discuss how we plan to keep the artwork and writings from this project available for future shows.

There is an article I submitted about the challenge and our exhibit at the Henry Gallery on page 10 in the 2023 Fall issue of the Pen Woman Magazine. Although only Kerin Hearn's painting and Maria Kean's poem are featured in the article, other Pen Women can access more images and writings from our challenge at nlapw.org/features/creative-challenge.

Everything Delaware-Diamond State Biennial Art Show

A reminder went out to members who want to participate in this event to send in their checks-**Entry Fee-artist \$40, writer \$15, artist/writer \$50**. Make checks payable to Diamond State Branch NLAPW.

Judge- Margaret Winslow-Chief Curator of the Delaware Art Museum will judge for awards on November 1st. You can read more about Margaret Winslow on the Delaware Art Museum website.

Awards- First Place, Second Place, Third Place and Honorable Mention awards will be given.

Station Gallery Post-cards- The post-cards for this show are in and I will bring them to the meeting next week. If you cannot attend, you can ask someone to take some cards for you.

Of note: Looking back through older photos, I found a jpg of the poster from the first Biennial Art Show I participated in as a new member and as new branch Art Chair replacing Barb Selby. It was October 2012. The theme for that exhibit was **Reflections**. Although we hadn't had themes for quite a while, we did have themes for the exhibits in the past.

Next Meeting -Saturday Oct 14th Village of Brandywine Clubhouse

Board Meeting 10:30 AM- Branch Social 12:00PM- 12:30PM- Lunch 12:30-1PM with Program to follow. Lunch-Quiche, salad, dessert, coffee/tea/water

Artist Mary Lou Hamilton. The title of the presentation will be **Exploration into the Mini.**

Mary Lou Hamilton will also be discussing gelli printing, explaining the process of print making using this method. She will bring samples of her work to pass around.

Lunch and Program Cost - pp \$20

If you haven't done so already, please let me know if you are planning to attend.

Members News We were sorry to hear the news that esteemed letters member, Caryl Huffacker has passed away on September 30th. A donation of \$35 in her honor was made to the Kenneth Symphony. Thank you, Maria Keane for taking care of this for our branch while we were in Rehoboth.

Please email me any news you might have to share with our branch for our next newsletter.

Mary Lou Griffin, NLAPW Diamond State Branch President