



National Society of Arts & Letters

Clearwater/Tampa Bay Chapter

September 2014



President's Message

Welcome to our Chapter's 49th year!

I hope you all had a great summer! Your Board has been busy all summer planning for this year's Award Competition in Drama, the Holiday Party, membership meeting entertainment and a new fund-raising event to be held at Syd Entel Galleries and Susan Benjamin Glass. Please read about all these happenings on the following pages.

In an effort to shorten the length of the **General Membership Meetings**, the format of the meetings will change. The meeting will start promptly at 12:00 noon (social time 11:30 - 12:00). Following the introduction of guests we will have our entertainment, followed by the luncheon and brief business meeting. We hope this will accommodate our members who need to return to work in a timely manner. Because of the shortened business meeting, we will be including more information in the newsletter as to local board and National actions, treasurer's report and details about upcoming events, so please read your newsletter carefully.

This newsletter also contains the invitation to our first General Membership meeting in October. Read more about the entertainment Jill has secured in this newsletter and send your reservation in promptly to Sue Bowles. Let's all make an effort to attend.

Gail

Chapter Meetings 2014/2015 (all meetings are on Wednesday at the Belleair Country Club unless noted)

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| Sept. 17, 2014, 10:30 a.m. Board Mtg. | March 4, 2015, 10:30 a.m. Board Mtg. |
| Oct. 8, 2014, 11:30 a.m. Luncheon Mtg. | March 11, 2015, 10:30 a.m. Luncheon Mtg. |
| Nov. 5, 2014, 10:30 a.m. Board Mtg. | Saturday, March 21, 2015, 10:00 a.m. Drama |
| Sunday, Dec. 7, 2014, 6:00 p.m. Holiday Gala | Competition, Music Hall Gibbs Campus SPC |
| Jan. 7, 2015, 10:30 a.m. Board Mtg. | April 1, 2015, 10:30 a.m. Board Mtg. |
| Jan. 18, 2015, 3:00 p.m. Fundraising event at Syd Entel Galleries and Susan Benjamin Glass | |
| Feb. 4, 2015, 10:30 a.m. Board Mtg. | April 11, 11:30 a.m. Awards Luncheon |
| Feb. 11, 2015, 11:30 a.m. Luncheon Mtg. | May 6, 2015, 10:30 Board Mtg. |

June 3, 2013, 10:30 am. Board Mtg. - 11:30 a.m. Luncheon Mtg.

Board News

Your Board of Directors took the following actions at their meetings on June 25 and Sept. 17th;

- * Increased active members' dues from \$45 to \$55, effective in February 2015. New members shall pay the new fee upon joining. (Please note that \$30 of this fee is forwarded to National.)
- * Increased the one-time initiation fee to \$45 effective immediately. (Please note that \$35 of this fee is forwarded to National.)
- * Increased the cost of the annual April Awards Luncheon to \$37.50 per person. This increases each member's responsibility to purchase four tickets for a total of \$150.

These actions were taken to insure that we may continue to:

- * Send our Awards Competition winner to the National Convention at an approximate cost of \$1,000 each year.
- * Plan and execute three competitions (Award Competition, Winston Voice, Winston Art) each year at a cost of \$4,750.
- * Provide for increased operating expenses such as insurance, printing, postage, etc.



Mark your Calendar!

This Year's Holiday Party will be held on Sunday December 7th at the Belleair Country Club

Unlike previous years, we will have a sit-down dinner not a buffet. It will be held in the Belle Terrace and tickets will be the same as last year, \$50.00 each

Invitations will go out in mid-October, so make a note and keep the date free

Come and enjoy some festive cheer and entertainment

We look forward to seeing you



Membership News



Please welcome new member **Jonathan Richard Toppe (Melanie)**
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Johnathan has been a registered architect for 42 years and serves as vice chairman of the Florida Board of Architecture and Interior Design. His architectural work includes a broad range of building types including multi-family, office, universities, public and private schools, museums, performing arts centers and more.

His current community activities include Dean's Advisory Board of FSU College of Visual Arts, Theater and Dance, Resident Architect/Planner Principal Architect for the Dr. Pallavi Patel Performing Arts Conservancy, David A. Straz Jr. Center for the Performing Arts, and President and founding member of the Suncoast Performing Arts Foundation.

Membership Directories will be distributed at the October membership meeting and Holiday Party. If you are unable to attend either of these events, please ask a friend to pick up your directory.

Save the Day

NSAL presents: **"C'est Art"**

Sunday, January 18, 2015 - 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Syd Entel Galleries & Susan Benjamin Glass
Safety Harbor



Join us for an afternoon of beautiful art in print and glass. Enjoy wine and hors d'oeuvres while viewing the works of Chagall, Picasso and other Modern Masters.

This fundraiser is to benefit our upcoming Drama competition, as well as Art and Voice scholarships.

If you would like to invite a friend mail the address to: Leslie Freedman at 1612 Farrier Trail, Clearwater 33765 - or call: 727-712-8810

You can make a difference!

Each year the Clearwater/Tampa Bay Chapter gives awards and scholarship totaling \$4,750 to promising young artists to assist them in furthering their studies and careers. The awards/scholarships are as follows:

Career Awards Competition:	1st Place:	\$2,000
	2nd Place:	\$1,000
	3rd Place:	\$750

Winston Art and Winston Voice Scholarships:	1st Place:	\$250 (2 each)
	2nd Place:	\$250 (2 each)

Please consider assisting in this wonderful endeavor by underwriting in any amount one of the awards or scholarships. The awards/scholarships will be presented in your name, and you may present the award at the Awards Luncheon in Paril. Your gift will be acknowledged in the Awards Luncheon program and in Chapter Newsletters. Idea: get together with your friends and sponsor an award/scholarship as a group.

Donations to our operating fund would also be greatly appreciated. These funds send our awards winner to the National Convention and assist with cost of hosting the local competitions.

Your gift can make a difference in a young artist's life.



Where are they now!

Hannah Zazzaro

Twenty-one-year-old Hannah Zazzaro, our 2011 second place winner of the National Shirley Rabb Winston Scholarship in Voice, made her singing debut last month at 54 Below, New York City's premier cabaret supper club, in the annual "Barely Legal Showtune Extravaganza" by Broadway composers Sam Carner and Derek Gregor.

The senior musical theater student at the University of Cincinnati's College Conservatory of Music, is a graduate of Countryside High School. She was a vocal winner of the 2010 Walker's Rising Stars and featured in the HBO documentary, Master Class, with Bobby McFerrin, a program that offers young emerging artists from around the country the chance to be mentored by some of the world's greatest artists.

Community Award

Nominations for the Community Award are now being accepted. Send your nominations to:

Denna Shiben at lucienne@mindspring.com or Leslie Freedman at veggiesrwe@aol.com