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FEBRUARY 2016 NEWSLETTER

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BIENNIAL WRITERS' CONFERENCE

April 22 & 23, 2016 – 'Iolani School, Honolulu

Presenters

Roslyn Catracchia, Rich Fahle, Moses Goods, Michael Gruber, Constance Hale, Tiff Holland, Marcia Zina Mager, Pamela Rotner Sakamoto, Susan Scott, Jonathan Sypert, Brian Watanabe

Friday, April 22nd 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Evening reception featuring Jamie Ford, free & open to the public

Saturday, April 23rd 8 am – 5:30 pm

Keynote by Jamie Ford, workshops, book signings, lunch included

Conference Fee • \$150

Early registration before March 30th • \$125

Registration begins Feb. 12th, nlapwhonolulu.org



MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

DEAR PEN WOMEN MEMBERS & FRIENDS,

It is remarkable to me that we are already well into the New Year of 2016...and two months closer to the opening of our fantastic Pen Women's Writers' Conference, 2016... "Write Away!," headlined by Author Jamie Ford, and happening on April 22nd and 23rd. Mark your calendars!

Susan Killeen and Cynthia Christian as Co-Chairs along with a very supportive Conference Committee have pulled together an inspirational and illustrious group of speakers from whom we can all learn and be uplifted. So very important too, the subject matter covered by this year's speakers goes well beyond appealing to writers alone...but will stimulate all of us across each of our creative disciplines. Be certain to check out the list of fascinating sessions being offered and you can sign up on line starting February 12th... It's easy, just click on this link: nlapwhonolulu.org/conference.htm to sign up today!!

You can even order and pre-pay for certain books written by our visiting authors ahead of time and they will be delivered in your name for pick up at the Conference by Barnes and Noble!!!! Fantastic!

AND...we still need volunteers to help round us out as we prepare for the event, and also need help on the days of the event itself, Friday and Saturday April 22nd and 23rd. If you want to help, please email Cynthia (include your name and phone number) at: conferenceinfo@nlapwhonolulu.org.

The Conference is being held at the newly renovated 'Iolani School, a state-of-the-art facility with a beautiful auditorium, lots of on-site free parking and easy access. So if you have any time to give, we would ask that you come forward now and join in! It's a great group, lots of fun people to meet and lots to learn.

We hope to hear from you and will look forward to learning more about each of you as you join in with us in this momentous effort on the part of the Honolulu Pen Women to offer the best Writers' Conference on the Island of O'ahu...ever!!

Be well, be happy and create.

With affection and thanks,

Annie Gommers

Honolulu Pen Women President

FEBRUARY MEETING

FEB. 3, 2016

The February meeting was filled with information of upcoming events including a report from Susan Killeen and Cynthia Christian announcing the Presenters for the upcoming Biennial Writers' Conference. The workshop topics are varied and the cast of Presenters stellar. Check the NLAPW Honolulu website for more information. I think you will agree there is something of interest for everyone. They were also excited to announce that the *Honolulu Star-Advertiser* contributed \$1000 for scholarships for worthy students to attend the conference. The Conference Committee seeks everyone's help in getting the word out about the conference. There were postcards distributed to be pinned on community bulletin boards around town to encourage attendance. There was also a sign up list circulated for those who wish to volunteer at the Conference helping with a variety of tasks.

We were delightfully entertained by Victoria Gail-White and Lala Buzzell as they performed a scene from *Harold and Maude*, a play that was at the time shown at the Manoa Valley Theatre. The play afforded the opportunity for Delectable Detour #2 for those who chose to attend with dinner planned for after the show at Paesano's in Manoa Marketplace.

The Guest Artist was Jaimey Hamilton Faris who spoke on the topic of Art's Intimate Spaces.

Jaimey Hamilton Faris is Associate Professor of Art History and Critical Theory at the University of Hawai'i Mānoa. "Closeness, comfort, and recognition—these are fundamental to our relationships with each other and the world. Art gives us many opportunities to explore these intimate spaces of connection. In honor of Valentine's Day—and using a dynamic slideshow featured contemporary painters, sculptors, and more—this presentation explored artists who revel in the wonders of belonging—and the mysteries of the spaces in between."

Included in the slide presentation were Amish Kaponu, Amy Stallman, Lucien Freud, Marina Abramovic's amazing performance piece, "The Gaze" as well as three local artists Lynn Yamamoto, Mary Babcock and Kaili Chung who explore the similar topic of connection and spaces through their very different medium choices.

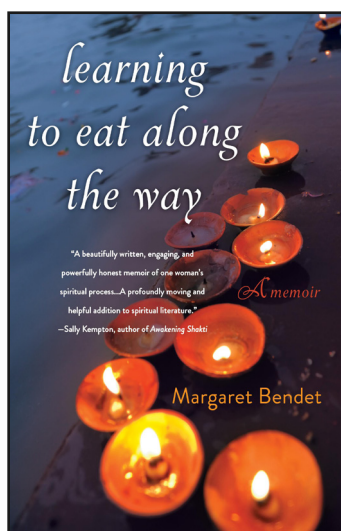
Jaimey's presentation challenged us to think of ourselves in relation to our environment as well as the space and separation between. Her presentation was at the same time engaging, stimulating and entertaining. Thank you, Jaimey!



NEXT MEETING

Wednesday, March 2, 2016
11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
The Pacific Club
1451 Queen Emma Street
Honolulu, HI 96813

Speaker: Margaret Bendet
Topic: Taking a Step Back



We all have our stories, and telling these stories is part of what makes us human. It's a way we share and discover and learn; beyond this, it's enormously satisfying.

Margaret Bendet, formerly the features editor of the *Honolulu Star Bulletin*, will lead some simple exercises as an introduction to writing memoir. At the heart of memoir is the statement *I remember...* With this straightforward beginning, you can explore any part of your life you wish. And why wouldn't you? Most of us spend hours of our day focused on other people's stories, looking at other people's lives, entertained by other people's imaginings. There is so much for us to learn when we take a step back and look at ourselves, delve into our own wealth of experience.

Margaret Bendet now lives on Whidbey Island in Washington State, where she teaches classes in memoir writing and works as an independent editor and writing coach. She recently published the book *Learning to Eat Along the Way: A Memoir*, which begins when she was living in Honolulu and a member of the working press. Following an interview with an Indian holy man—in the book, she calls him “the swami”—Margaret makes a precipitous move. She leaves home and job to follow the swami in pursuit of enlightenment—unconditional and unending joy—and winds up facing demons that were inside her all along. Margaret's story about how she overcame intense infatuation, anorexia, and bulimia has been called “honest, raw, warm, funny, and real.” She hopes that it will inspire you to tell your own story. margaretbendet.com/book



**DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS:
12:00 NOON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26**
NLAPWHONOLULU.ORG/MEETINGS.HTM

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Creative Visions

Louis Pohl Gallery, 1142 Bethel Street, Honolulu, HI

Artists Reception: First Friday, Feb. 5

On Exhibit: Jan. 7-Feb. 20

Vivian Ursula Bratton (AHA Member) and Helen laea's art exhibit "Creative Visions" is on display at Louis Pohl Gallery from Jan. 7 to Feb. 20.

Gallery hours: Tuesday thru Friday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.,
Saturday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Your Love Legacy

Hyatt Regency Waikiki

Saturday, Feb. 20

Take love to a new dimension at the LOVE LEGACY creation event! Rejuvenate your mind, rekindle your love! Be guided in creating your very own Love Legacy with John Cruz, Kealoha, and Miranda Ellis as they share their poems, personal stories and music.

Our modern day troubadour, John Cruz is a Grammy award winning artist as well as a multiple Na Hoku Hanohano award-winner whose generosity of spirit has been felt by many. Live Local Island Style! Feel spellbound by the love as John weaves his music into Kealoha's poetry performed live. At this event Kealoha, Hawaii's Poet Laureate, will be available to help you write YOUR very own Love Legacy that you get to perform later on stage! Plus, enjoy the passionate lyrics of Miranda Ellis, her pop/rock edge style of of singing matched by none.

Come enjoy and become a part of the artistry of John Cruz, Kealoha, and Miranda Ellis, as you create YOUR love legacy at this unforgettable event! For more info and to purchase your tickets, go to yourlovelegacy.com. 100% of donations and all proceeds go to [Pua's Fund](#).



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Call to Artists for New Honolulu Country Club Art Show "H2O 2"

1690 Ala Puumalu Street, Honolulu, HI 96819

Prospectus For Exhibition: Feb. 28 - April 10

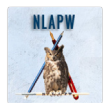
Opening Reception: Mar. 6 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

This show is about everything to do with water! Viewing it, feeling it, splashing through it, seeing it cascade in all it's glory, seeing the underwater magic, viewing its reflection, seeing its power, experiencing its tranquil or violent nature. These are just a few of the thoughts about the importance of this life sustaining element. So, Jennifer Rothschild, HCC Curator, would like to invite you to show some of your images that translate this flowing and provoking theme. All mediums are open new the exploration of feeling wet! The entry date is Feb. 28, from 8:30 to 9 a.m. Shows runs to April 10, 2016. Their will be a grand winner selected for best use of the theme and overall presentation. Also a People's Choice Award. View the new prospectus [here](#).

If you are currently in the "Fresh Start" art show the pick up of your work will be from 8:30 to 9:30 a.m. on Feb. 28, 2016. Jennifer wishes to thank the nineteen artists that were well represented in this all media show. She has your show certificates if you did not receive yours at the opening reception. Also if you have any questions, please contact her at onoaloha@hawaii.rr.com.

See more announcements on our [Upcoming Events](#) page!

LINKS



NLAPW website:
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