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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



I hope the Pen Women, during my reign as your Minister of Happiness, nourished your mind, your creativity, tickled your funny bone, and enhanced your creativity.

Unanimous, yes, it was unanimous the gratitude that we all shared for the remarkable team of Ministers that kept the Honolulu Pen Women alive and thriving through 2012 – 2014.

Mahalo to Vice President: Elsha Bohnert, Treasurer: Carol Egan, Recording Secretaries: Barbara Clemens, Connie Dedona, Deborah Oakley-Melvin, Corresponding Secretary: Shan Correa, Membership Chair: Joan Gencarelli, Letters Chair: Susan Killeen, Arts Chair: Susie Anderson, Newsletter Editor: Norma Gorst and Luncheon Registrar: Alice Folkart

Unanimous, once again it was unanimous, the election of our new slate of officers for 2014 – 2016. The magic wand that will hopefully keep the Pen Women relevant to the members of our community of artists, writers, and musicians. has been passed on.

Please add your own fanfare as we welcome our new board.

President: ANN GOMMERS (Art)  
Vice President: MARCIA ZINA MAGER (Letters)  
Treasurer: SHAN CORREA (Letters)  
Recording Secretary: MARY FARKASH (Art)  
Corresponding Secretary: MARION COSTE (Letters)  
Newsletter Editor: ELSHA BOHNERT (Art & Letters)  
Membership Chair: SABRA RAE FELDSTEIN (Art)  
Luncheon Registrar: ALICE FOLKART (Friend)

Go forth and Be Happy,  
Sabra Rae Feldstein

MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT



**MESSAGE FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT**

For helping organize 18 meetings and celebrations over two years I owe a mountain of gratitude to our amazing speakers and gracious hosts.

**PUANANI BURGESS – "Building Beloved Community: Storytelling as Practice"**

**STEPHAN JOST – "What's New at the Honolulu Museum of Art?"**

Host: **Sabra Feldstein (Art)**

**SUSAN SCOTT (Letters) – "When I'm 64"**

Host: **Kaethe Kauffman (Art & Letters)**

**2013 HOLIDAY CELEBRATION: Margo Goodwill (Art), Leilani Madison (Friend), Susan Killeen (Letters), Marcia Zina Mager (Letters), Kris Barry (Friend), and entertainers Roshan & Shivani of Clear Sky Band**

**JEANNETTE PAULSON HERENIKO – "Just Keep Moving"**

Host: **Alice Anne Parker (Friend)**

**PAT CLOUGH – "The Prison Writing Project"**

Host: **Norma Gorst (Letters)**

**VICTORIA GAIL-WHITE (Letters), JOHN WHYTE WHITE, BREE BUMATAI, VICTORIA KNEUBUHL – "Front Row Seats: A Look at Community Theatre in Hawaii"**

Host: **Jan McGrath (Friend)**

Music: **Catherine Lee, violinist**

**DAVID BEHLKE, Juror of 2013 Honolulu Pen Women Biennial Art Show – "The Creative Process: Thoughts & Action"**

Host: **Jodi Endicott (Art)**

Music: **Vocalist Lucie Lynch**

**MAY 2013 CELEBRATION OF TALENT**

**Rachel Funk Heller (Friend) – May 2013 Readers Coordinator**

**Joan Gencarelli (Letters) – Spring Boutique Coordinator**

**LEIGH ANN PHILLIPS – Music, Sound & The Eyes of the Night**

**MAILE MEYER – "Beloved Words"**

Host: **Ann Gommers (Art)**

Message from the Vice President continued ...

Message from the Vice President cont...

**HAWKINS BIGGINS – "Aim & Shoot: Finding Your Photographer's Eye"**

Host: **Sabra Rae Feldstein (Art)**

**Baerbel Miller (Friend): Holiday Boutique Coordinator**

Music: **Marci Prins, harpist**

**2014 HOLIDAY CELEBRATION TRASH2FASHION SHOW – Ann Gommers emcee**

**Harpist Marci Prins, guitarist Paul Wilcox, storyteller Jeff Gere and all the Honolulu Pen Women members and Friends who participated as glorious Trash2Fasionistas**

**MARK W. TRAVIS – "Playing with Time: How the control of time is a rare and powerful writer's tool"**

Host: **Alice Anne Parker (Friend)**

**EDEN LEE MURRAY – "Many Moving Parts"**

Host: **Alice Anne Parker (Friend)**

**ANN GOMMERS (Art) – "Life Written in Stone: The Magic of Picture Rocks"**

**LAVONNE LEONG & JANE GILLESPIE – "How to Make a Children's Book in Ten Easy (And Not So Easy) Steps"**

Host: **Victoria Gail-White (Letters)**

**MAY 2013 CELEBRATION OF TALENT**

**Marcia Zina Mager (Letters) – Readers Coordinator**

**Cheers and chocolate to our Registrar Alice Folkart (Friend) and our Webmaster Marsha Eaton (Friend)!**

**Thank you and goodbye to Alan Wong's Pineapple Room where we have held our meetings for 12 magical years!**

**Hello and a warm thank you to the helpful and hospitable Banquet Managers of The Pacific Club and to Rachel Funk Heller (Friend) who invited us to make the Club our home!**

**View slideshow: <http://nlapwhonolulu.org/recap2014.htm>**

**Thank you for the privilege of serving as Vice President and Minister of Trouble. I look forward to continue the pleasure of being your Newsletter Editor.**

**Warmest aloha and a hui ho,  
Elsa Bohnert**

# 2014 Lorin Tarr Gill Writing Competition

## 2014 LORIN TARR GILL WRITING COMPETITION

The Lorin Tarr Gill Writing Competition, supported by the Gill family, has been rewarding excellence in creative writing for 35 years. Lorin Tarr Gill was a reporter and fiction writer and remained an active member of the Honolulu Pen Women until her death in 1979. This year's Competition received inspired entries from Oahu and neighbor islands, as well as several states on the mainland.

Among the winners were four Honolulu Pen Women members. Congratulations to: **Marcia Zina Mager** (Letters) for winning 3<sup>rd</sup> place in both Poetry and Fiction, **Kaethe Kauffman** (Art & Letters) for her 1<sup>st</sup> place win in Nonfiction, **Nancy Alpert Mower** (Letters) for 3<sup>rd</sup> place in Nonfiction, and to **Waimea Williams** (Letters) for Honorable Mention in Nonfiction.

### Poetry

1. Catherine Mau Primavera - *In the Wood of Your Dreams*
  2. Susan M. Soong - *From the Fragrant Mountains*
  3. Marcia Zina Mager (Letters) - *Epitaph*
- Honorable Mention - Tamara Moan - *The Dead Sea*

### Nonfiction

1. Kaethe Kauffman (Art & Letters) - *The Girdle*
  2. Karen Edlefsen - *The Return Trip*
  3. Nancy Alpert Mower (Letters) - *The Other Other*
- Honorable Mention - Waimea Williams (Letters) - *Blood at the Stone*

### Fiction

1. Maralyn Kurshals - *The Silent Drum*
  2. Sue A. Francis - *Soulmate*
  3. Marcia Zina Mager (Letters) - *Quest*
- Honorable Mention - Barbara A. Plum - *Never Too Late*



## PEN WOMEN IN THE NEWS



*Angel Hero*, the inspired-by-a-true-story, breakthrough novel of Honolulu Pen Woman in Letters who goes by the pseudonym, **Lizbeth Hartz**, was published by Mighty Quill Press in April 2014. This riveting read is available on Amazon in e-book and paperback formats. (Check out <http://mightyquillpress.com>. Lizbeth's blog also resides there.)

Dazzled by open-hearted Vic Lazzarini, demure Lizbeth is befuddled by the puzzle of his friendship with furtive Jaku. With Vic she feels the razzamatazz, and dreams of true love with this Prince Charming she's found after too many frogs. But a grizzly crime in the drizzling rain of a Hawaiian Valentine's Day morning shocks her out of her fantasies and pulls her into the greatest battle of her life. Who can Liz turn to when lies, lust, and violence catapult her into deadly danger? Will she drown in the quicksand of despair as she struggles between fear and conscience? The stakes are dizzying. Now in paperback, the book no one can stop talking about.

"*Angel Hero* is alive with feeling, both sexual and spiritual. By turns vivid and gritty, ethereal and romantic, this exquisite book tells a love story that evokes laughter, tears, and wonder in equal measure."

—Elaine Leilani Madison, Ph.D., Professor of Literature, emerita, Hawaii Pacific University

"Ms. Hartz adds another dimension to what might have been merely an entrancing story—a spiritual dimension. She shines a light on the souls of the actors and investigates the karmic forces driving them and the outcome. *Angel Hero* is an engrossing and rewarding read. It is not to be missed."

—Alice Folkart, novelist, memoirist, widely published poet, facilitator for on-line poetry forum *Perfect Day for Poetry*, co-administrator and participant in the *Practice* forum of the *Internet Writing Workshop*.

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The poems "Revelation" by Elsha Bohnert (Art & Letters) and "Uahi Kanaka" by Kaethe Kauffman (Art & Letters) were selected for inclusion in the 2014 Savant Anthology of Poetry, to be released in June 2014.

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Carol Catanzariti and Rita Ariyoshi read their Sunset Inn stories as part of a panel at the Hawaii Book and Music Festival on Sunday May 4, 2014.

PEN Women in the News continued...



"Green Room" by Connie Dedona

Connie Dedona's (Member At Large) poem, "Sweet Persephone," is featured on the Pen Women's National Poetry Month website (<http://www.nlapw.org/2014/04/21/national-poetry-month-day-21-sweet-persephone/>) In addition, Connie's photograph, "Green Room," was featured as Art of the Week on Day 4 of National Poetry Month. (<http://www.nlapw.org/2014/04/04/art-of-the-week-and-day-4-of-national-poetry-month/>) Connie Dedona is now a Member At Large.

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Linda Hutchinson (Art) and Elizabeth Train (Art) are in the Aloha Ho'omaluhia exhibit this month at Ho'omaluhia gardens in Kaneohe.

The show will be up until May 30. Liz has two fused glass pieces and two fiber pieces in the show. Linda has a painting.

At Ho`omaluhia Botanical Garden Visitors' Center Gallery, 45680 Luluku Rd., Kaneohe HI 96744

## ANNOUNCEMENTS



Please join Historic Hawai'i Foundation for a public presentation and release of Historic Hawai'i Foundation's upcoming booklet, "Hawai'i Civic: Civic Architecture in the Territory of Hawai'i, 1898-1940."

Thursday, June 12, at 5:30 p.m.

University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's School of Architecture, Room 214

The illustrated talk by researcher and author Don Hibbard is scheduled for Thursday, June 12, at 5:30 p.m., in the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa's School of Architecture, Room 214. The presentation is free and open to the public. Parking is available at UH lots for \$6. Light refreshments will be served.

"Hawai'i Civic" showcases civic architecture which emerged in Hawai'i at the turn of the 20th century through 1940, also known as the Territorial Period. Dr. Hibbard's architectural history tells the story of civic design in the turbulent era through text and photos, historic architect Tonia Moy is the project manager, with Viki Nasu overseeing design and production and Hawkins Biggins providing breathtaking photographs. Special mahalo to Hawai'i Council for the Humanities, Hagadone Printing Company, Fung Associates, Inc. and Susan Schofield for funding support.

<http://historichawaii.org/2014/04/28/june-12-hawaii-civic-civic-architecture-in-the-territory-of-hawaii-1898-1940/>

Announcements Continued...

## Love on the Road 2014 Writing Contest

We are pleased to announce our second annual international Love on the Road Writing Contest, which will lead to the second annual edition of our Love on the Road anthology. We hope this year's contest and anthology will be as successful as last year's. Here's how it will work.

We'll accept submissions from May 1, 2014 to July 31, 2014.

We at Malinki Press will choose our favorite 12 submissions and send those to our independent panel of judges. The judges will choose first-, second-, and third-prize winners. We'll announce the winners in September and award them prizes of \$200, \$100, and \$50, respectively, paid that month.

We will work with Dublin-based Liberties Press to publish Love on the Road 2014: Another Twelve Tales of Love and Travel as a trade paperback. We will also make the paperback available via Amazon and Flipkart, and publish it as an ebook. For submission Guidelines: <http://malinkipress.com/lotr2014>

## Hawaii Craftsmen

Join us for our annual COMMUNITY KILN where you can...

- purchase a bisque tea bowl you can glaze & fired with the artists participating in RAKU Ho'olaule'a
- purchase a tea bowl that is already fired
- visit and learn from the artists who will have clay works fired at camp for sale!



At Camp Mokule'ia  
 68-729 Farrington Hwy across from Dillingham Air Field,  
 Waialua  
 Plenty of free parking!  
 Sunday, May 25 from noon- 4:00pm  
 637-6241  
 See you at the beach for clay & fun!!



## Beyond the Moon

Children's Literature Hawai'i, along with the Hawai'i Council for the Humanities, Chaminade University, and the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa present the Seventeenth Biennial Conference on Literature and Hawai'i's Children: BEYOND THE MOON: Journeys Imaginary and Real

June 5, 2014, at Tenney Theatre | June 6-7, 2014, at Chaminade University, Honolulu, Hawai'i

For information: <http://www.childrensliteraturehi.org/>



## MAY MINUTES - May 7, 2014

### Agenda:

Sabra Feldstein, outgoing president; her last time as "Minister of Happiness."  
The Lorin Tarr Gill Awards.  
Slide Presentation by Elisha Bohnert.  
Election of New Officers.  
Readings by members and Friends.



The Lorin Tarr Gill Awards. 35th year. Susan Killeen, Coordinator.

### *Fiction:*

1st place: Marilyn Kurshals, "The Silent Drum"  
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Minutes continued...



### Slide Presentation by Elsha Bohnert

With excellent slides Elsha reviewed our branch programs from 2012-2014. She also noted "the core of women behind the scenes" who made our meetings and events memorable.



### Election of New Officers for 2014-2016.

The following slate of new officers was unanimously accepted by members present:

Ann Gommers, President  
Marcia Zina Mager, Vice President  
Shan Correa, Treasurer  
Mary Farkash, Recording Secretary  
Marion Coste, Corresponding Secretary.

**MAY MINUTES Continued ...**

The new committee members were also named.

Both outgoing and incoming officers received congratulatory handmade leis, designed by Baerbel Miller. Two funky crowns created by Kris Barry were bestowed to the outgoing President and Vice President who in turn bestowed them to their incoming colleagues. Members who volunteered to serve another term in other capacities received a colorful trash art lei in addition.

**Readings**

Rosemary Mild (Letters), memoir, "Lies I Should Never Have Told"

Elsha Bohnert (Art & Letters), autobiographical story, "God Sits on a Bench"

Lizbeth Hartz (Friend, pen name of Pamela Gibson), from her novel *Angel Hero*.

Marion Coste (Letters), "Animals Do the Most Amazing Things"

Rebecca Woodland (Letters), nonfiction, "The Tao of No."

Ilima Stern (Letters), "Maunawili," a poem she sang in Hawaiian

Waimea Williams (Letters), "Need Some Dream Time"

Norma Gorst (Letters), poems, "Gecko Blues" and "Into the Shadows"

Kaethe Kauffman (Letters), poem, "Uahi Kanaka," a historical account of Hawaiian war prisoners

Marcia Z. Mager (Letters), poems, "Impossible Mamaki" and "Gone Astray (You cannot put the moon in jail)"

Alice Anne Parker, (Friend), memoir, "Gorgeous Insanity"

Carol Catanzariti (Letters), 3 poems from Vietnam war era: "Walking Through Rice Fields," "On the Road to Kuchlee," and "Olduvai". Carol also made some poignant comments.

"Listening to the readings, I feel the words are raining down blessings."

**Other Business:**

Elsha Bohnert presented a clever trash art brooch to Sabra Feldstein in appreciation of her services as President. Elsha created the \$3 trash art brooch as a humorous comment to the \$3000 brooch gifted to the outgoing National Pen Women President. Kris Barry provided the basic materials for the brooch.

Susan Killeen is working with Don Brown regarding stories being solicited for National Public Radio. Susan will send an email to invite interest. Details are in this May 2014 Newsletter.

The next NLAPW/Honolulu meeting will be in September 2014. Sabra closed the meeting with wishing everyone happiness.

Respectfully submitted by Rosemary Mild, Acting Recording Secretary  
May 7, 2014



## LINKS

**HONOLULU PEN WOMEN:** <http://nlapwhonolulu.org/>

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<https://www.facebook.com/groups/210724839090882/>

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For more pictures of meetings, see:  
<http://estrogenrising.blogspot.com>

