

HOOT O' THE OWL

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Clearwater Pen Women Create Teeny-Tiny Treasures

Books and more books... The Clearwater Pen Women crafted 40 exquisite books on Saturday, July 7th at Sandy Huff's house. Amid all the laughter, chomping, flying scissors, flashing pens, glue and paper, we turned out 40 delightful little books to put in the "goody" bags at next October's Florida State Pen Women conference.

Bookmakers were Cyd Essock, Sandy Huff, Ronnie Sue Irland, Pat Freed, Daina Graziunas, Judith Overcash, Cynthia Smith, Charrie Moscardini and Kathleen Dowd. We give many thanks to our guest and prospective member, Judith Overcash, for contributing the idea, directions, artistic paper and decorations.



Teeny-Tiny, Part Two

We still have another 40 books to make, so plan to join us on Sunday afternoon, September 9th from 2 to 5 pm. Sandy will make supper (you pay a \$2 donation) which will probably be some sort

of casserole, and she'll supply beverages and a scrumptious dessert.

Before you come to the teeny-tiny event, please create up to 10 pre-meeting designs on 8 ½ x 11 watercolor paper. You can paint, scribble, or whatever; the more abstract and colorful, the better. Some of you may want to use computer graphic art, which is fine, just print it on card stock paper. Also, bring any available ink stamps, stickers, gel pens, etc. to decorate the books. Bits of poems or scraps of music also make interesting decorations. This is real artsy-craftsy and lots of fun.

WHEN: Saturday, September 9; **TIME:** 2-5p.m.

WHERE: Sandy Huff's house

3530 Fairview St.; Safety Harbor

725-1015 *******RSVP!*******

WHAT: Create miniature booklets for the fall convention goody bags. Sandy will provide and prepare the food; we will each bring \$2.00.

Lois Rector Passed Away July 15, 2007

Photos and article by Sandy Huff



Lois was founder of the Fiber Arts Institute, taught fabric arts, exhibited at the National Arboretum and dozens of other venues, and mostly encouraged and cajoled a whole generation of wannabe people into being real artists. She and her friends created banners, scarves, dresses, jackets, 2-D art, and even a whole room you could walk through!



It's hard to express how much I learned from Lois Rector. When I transferred in to the Clearwater, FL branch of Pen Women around 1978, she was there -- bright eyed and cheerful and full of ideas. Her procion dyeing classes were great fun. She attracted and encouraged so many talented, creative people. I'm glad I didn't sell any of the pieces I made in her workshops.

It's hard to think of a world without Lois...she was one of those people who just seemed to always endure, never complaining. I had a running board and grab bars installed on my last 2 vans so she and another elderly friend could climb up into the tall seats. Lots of times I had to boost her up, and we cackled about it. Her walker (I called it her PopeMobile) folded up in the back.

Editors comment: We will all miss Lois. As she leaves this world, we recognize her great talent, her many accomplishments, her ability to get things done and change the environment for the

better, her keen interest in others, her sense of humor, and most of all, her spirit. Farewell, old friend! We miss you.

Goodbye (for awhile) to Anne Anderson

On June 13th, 2007, twelve Pen Women and friends met at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension in Clearwater to celebrate President Anne Anderson's outstanding leadership and to give her a sendoff to Anniston, Alabama where she will work on her Master's Degree in Community Journalism. There were gifts and cards for Anne, who described what she would be doing in Anniston.

A delicious potluck was provided by all who were in attendance: Anne Anderson, Charrie Moscardini, Rosemary Potter, Kathleen Dowd, Judith Overcash, Sally Matthews, Pat Freed, Jeannie Carlson, JC Lind, Sandy Huff, Ronnie Sue Irland and Daina Graziunas. The food selection was delicious and dynamic. Everyone updated what they were doing recently, and Judith Overcash showed us some of the books we would be making at Sandy's house and had everyone fold a paper the same way as hers. A great time was had by all.



Congratulations, Anne. Good luck! Contact Anne at aander8130@aol.com to get on her "Bama Blog" mailing list.