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INTERNATIONAL ART AND FOUND DAY
DEBUTS IN SARASOTA COUNTY MARCH 12
Presented by the non-profit Sarasota Pen Women

Who doesn't love a scavenger hunt? On Wednesday, March 12, the 4th International Art and Found Day will make its debut at locations around Sarasota and Manatee Counties.

Lucky people in neighborhoods throughout the two counties will discover a wrapped piece of free art, music or book as they go about their day. The creative piece might be in a shop, restaurant, hotel, park bench, or a public space.

The free works of art have all been created by professional and local visual artists, writers and musicians from the Sarasota branch of the non-profit National League of American Pen Women, Inc.

"Finder's keepers!" said Wilma Davidson, president of the Sarasota branch, with a laugh. "The art will be a special gift to the person who makes the discovery."

"Sarasota Pen Women decided to take part in the annual March 12 International Art and Found Day, which began in Canada four years ago, to create a new year's gift from its member artists, writers and musicians, to the people of Sarasota and Manatee Counties," Davidson reported. "It's a way to engage the community and to keep the arts alive for everyone!"

"Our goal," she advised, "is not only to increase awareness of the talents of our members who paint, sculpt, compose and brighten our lives. We hope that these free artistic treasures, created by talented professionals, will bring joy and inspiration to the people who discover them."

Store owners, hotel and museum managers as well as other public and art-related organizations interested in participating in the Pen Women's inaugural International Art and Found Day are encouraged to contact the organization to learn how to take part in the one-day event.

"Many other major cities around the world have taken part in International Art and Found Day with great success," Davidson noted. "How fortunate we are to have so many art-related businesses and organizations right here. Art, as we know is best shared. By adding the

exciting element of discovery, we believe that the March 12 International Art and Found Day will be a success and a lot of fun.”

Visit artandfoundday.com to learn more about the International Day of Art. Visit sarasotapenwomen.org for more information on the work of Sarasota Pen Women. They are members of the National League of American Pen Women, Inc., the oldest multi-disciplinary arts organization for women in America, founded in 1897 in Washington, D.C., and a part of the Sarasota artistic community since 1957.

Each spring, through its Launching Leaders in the Arts community outreach program, now in its 47th year, Sarasota Pen Women award thousands of dollars to Sarasota and Manatee County public school seniors. Students compete for the awards by submitting original works in art, letters and music. Their work is judged by members, all professional, working artists, writers and musicians. Presentations are made at an annual luncheon award ceremony.

To take part in Sarasota Pen Women’s March 12 International Day of Art event and to learn more about their Launching Leaders in the Arts Outreach Program, contact president Dr. Wilma Davidson, at wilma.davidson@sarasotapenwomen.org

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