Calling Class of ’69 Authors

The sparkling scene of our 45th Class Reunion Gala Dinner will be a reimagined space in the Penn Library and the venue has inspired us to showcase the authors among us.

If you are a published author—fiction, non-fiction, poetry, art, diet tips, you name it—we want your work to be seen. We will display your work (limited to two submissions per classmate) along with a brief description, your bio, and your photo. Our reunion begins May 16, but the time to alert us about your interest in our Authors’ Showcase is NOW.

Please don’t delay! Put down your quill pens and email Lisbeth Willis at lisbethw@upenn.edu or phone her (215-573-7061). Then, follow-up with your bio and photo. Don’t worry about format. We will make it look pretty. (For a guide to content and length, see sample below.)

We are looking forward to your submissions.

Peggy Miller Franck
Class of 1969 Committee Chair

Sample:

Prides Crossing: The Unbridled Life and Impatient Times of Eleonora Sears
by Peggy Miller Franck CW’69
**About the Book**

Nicknamed the “Universal Female athlete,” Eleonora Sears cut a swath through society in the first half of the 20th century as one of the world's greatest sportswomen and the most versatile female athlete in American history.

Sportswriter Grantland Rice said that “the two girls who did the most to turn the world spotlight on their sex, with the possible exception of Cleopatra, were Eleonora Sears and Babe Didrikson Zaharias.” Babe carried the torch, but “Eleo” Sears lit the spark. *Life* magazine included her in their list of the most remarkable women in the past two hundred years. In addition to her athletic triumphs, Eleo Sears was one of the first women to fly a plane and to drive an automobile, and she was the first woman on record to fight a speeding ticket.

**Prides Crossing** is the first complete biography of Eleonora Sears, the self-liberated daughter of one of Boston’s First Families, whose career has been celebrated in the annals of sport. Author Peggy Miller Franck paints a dramatic portrait of Boston society and the woman who personified the technological and social upheavals that rocked the twentieth century. Ben Bradlee of The Washington Post called *Prides Crossing*, “A wonderful romp with an extraordinary character!”

**About the Author**

Peggy is the daughter of Eleonora Sears’s financial advisor and racing-stable manager, and her special access to Eleonora Sears’s family and friends and a wealth of other primary sources has greatly enhanced the story. Peggy is the principal of Peggy M. Franck Interiors, an interior design business that is in its fourth decade. Peggy works with special needs children and adults in the therapeutic riding program at the Thorncroft Equestrian Center in Malvern. Her literary work has appeared in a variety of publications and online at The Huffington Post and The Daily Beast.

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