

2nd Annual SEPTEMBER SALE,

A DC Branch Outreach for the Pen Arts Building

September 30th, 2007, the National League of American Pen Women DC Branch sponsored its 2nd Annual September Sale at the Washington Club. Art, literature and music joined adding to the history of the site, the historic Patterson House, home of the Washington Club (#15 Dupont Circle).

Our guests entered the magnificent Italianate mansion designed by the renowned architect Stanford White for Mr. and Mrs. Robert Patterson of Chicago. Its construction was completed in 1902. (Patterson House is the only remaining intact example of Architect White's work in the Nation's Capital.) The Pattersons only spent the "social season" in this house; however, when the President's Mansion was being renovated, this building served as the temporary White House during the presidency of Calvin Coolidge. It was here that President Coolidge



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received Charles A. Lindbergh as a guest, June, 1927, after Lindbergh's historic transatlantic flight the preceding May.

After entering the building, walk up the elegant marble double stairway. On the second level is the balcony from which Charles Lindbergh waved at the largest crowd ever assembled at Dupont Circle. 500,000 people had gathered to greet their hero. Back inside and to your right is the famous Ballroom where Cissy Patterson entertained the rich and famous (many stories here!). This was the artists' exhibition area with its bright

chandeliers, high ceilings and lovely antique wood floor. For the authors, tables were set in the big room beyond the Ballroom. With a stage at one end for our speakers (including **Dina Mattos McGreevy**,) the tables spread around the room for the authors, in the middle was an area where the food will be located (thanks to **Whole Foods'** donations). Florida NLAPW member **Martha Lou**



Martha Lou Perritti

Perritti played her own compositions on the Baby Grand.

From the Ballroom with the art into the next room with authors and food, what a great way to enjoy the famous Patterson House and to get a head start on holiday or personal shopping. Our September Sale was one more function to add to the history books of the Patterson House, the Washington Club and the National League of American Pen Women.