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National Poetry Month Events

Metro Detroit Writers Celebrate Poetry Month! Be Sure to Attend!

Sekou Sundiata, Professor Louie & The Crowmatix
Featured April 3, Monday, 7 pm at WSU

The Wayne State University Wayne Writers Forum Student Group & Africana Studies present acclaimed performance poet **Sekou Sundiata** whose work is filled with the sounds of blues, funk, jazz, and Afro-Caribbean percussion and reference to musicians such as John Coltrane and Miles Davis. He is a teacher of literature at New York City's New School University and has inspired the work of artists such as Ani DiFranco and M. Doughty of Soul Coughing. Sekou's most recent CD on Righteous Babe Records is *Long Story Short*. He is one of the most dynamic performance poets in the world. Don't miss this rare appearance. He took the Dodge International Poetry Festival by storm a few years back, and he is sure to rock WSU. Also featured are: Woodstock & NY's **Professor Louie and the Crowmatix** (featuring members of The Rick Danko Band, Bob Dylan's Rolling Thunder Review, The Joe Jackson Band, and more) performing their new CD *A Century of the Blues*. The new CD is a unique walk through the history of America's true musical heritage of the blues. Professor Louie has just returned from two tours of Russia. In addition, the band will play a few choice covers of The Band's & Bob Dylan's songbooks. This event takes place in the Bernath Auditorium of **The David Adamany Undergraduate Library** in the center of **The Wayne State Campus**. For directions call the library at (313) 577 5121 or visit www.wayne.edu **Free & Open to all.**



Sekou Sundiata

VieVee Francis and Jack Ridl Reading and Book Signing

New Wayne State University Press' Michigan Authors Series Kick Off

April 20, Thursday, 7:00 pm. We present Readings and Book Signings by the poets. The Wayne State University Press' two new books in their Michigan Authors Series featuring Detroit's **VieVee Francis** and Holland, MI's **Jack Ridl**. This event is hosted by Series Editors **Michael Delp & M.L. Liebler**.

VieVee Francis is a well-known poet in the Detroit area whose poems have appeared in numerous journals. This is her first full-length book of poetry. More than a narrowly themed text, *Blue-Tail Fly* is a book of balances, weighing the give-and-take of people and cultures in the arena of war. For lovers of poetry and those interested in American history, *Blue-Tail Fly* will illustrate the complexities of the American past and future.

Michigan poet **Jack Ridl** leads readers into reflective connection with the everyday world in this unique and enjoyable volume. *Broken Symmetry* is a collection drawn from the experiences of daily life and organized through the context of mathematics. Poet Jack Ridl uses remarkably clear and precise language to express a singular awareness of the world around us.

This event takes place at **The Scarab Club** 217 E. Farnsworth at John R directly behind the Detroit Art Institute. **FREE & Open to All.** Free refreshments compliments of The Wayne State University Press. Call: (313) 831-1250.

We need your help!

2006 MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE NOW

DON'T MISS OUT ON CONTESTS, WORKSHOPS, AND THIS NEWSLETTER. DON'T LET THIS BE YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER.

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Uptown/Downtown at the Baldwin Library National Poetry Month Celebration

Sunday April 23, 2006 at Baldwin Public Library, 300 West Merrill / Downtown Birmingham from 2- 4p.m. as part of Springfed Arts Metro Detroit Writers Poetry Month Celebration, we gift Metro Detroit with: **Vivian Shipley** (former Connecticut Poet Laureate & acclaimed author) and **Gerry LaFemina** (WV Poet & Director Frostburg University Creative Writing Program) **Vivian Shipley** (our poetry contest judge) is editor of Connecticut Review. *When There Is No Shore* is the 2002 recipient of the Word Press Poetry Prize, while *Crazy Quilt* was the 2000 Paterson Poetry Finalist. Vivian's workshop will be at the Scarab Club on Saturday, April 23 from 10-12. Don't miss it! **Gerry LaFemina's** latest book, *The Parakeets of Brooklyn*, received the 2003 Bodighera Prize in poetry, and was published in a bilingual edition of Italian and English. A long time resident of Michigan he now directs and teaches in the Frostburg Center for Creative Writing at Frostburg State University in Maryland.



Vivian Shipley



Gerry LaFemina

Again—Readings Are Free. The Baldwin Library is located at 300 Merrill Street in Downtown Birmingham. Maps are located at www.springfed.org. These readings are sponsored by The Friends of the Baldwin Public Library and Springfed Arts Metro Detroit Writers.

Downtown/Uptown Series at the Baldwin Library for March International Women's Month

Sunday March 26, 2006 at Baldwin Public Library, 300 West Merrill/ Downtown Birmingham 48009 / (248) 647-1700 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

We are proud to present: National Book Award Winner **Karen Swenson** from New York City, **Detroit Poet Aurora Harris** and **Metro Detroit Poet Zilka Joseph**.

Deadline for Metro Detroit Writers Contest, April 13 LAST CALL!!!! PLEASE JOIN

Get that Poetry or Prose revised and pop it in an envelope, along with your membership fee if you have not joined for 2006. This is an exciting time of the year. We encourage everyone to participate.

| POETRY | PROSE |
|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1st Prize \$100 | 1st Prize \$100 |
| 2nd Prize \$ 50 | 2nd Prize \$ 50 |
| 3rd Prize \$ 25 | 3rd Prize \$ 25 |

Please note, we have amazing judges this year! For Poetry, **Vivian Shipley**: She is editor of Connecticut Review and the Connecticut State University Distinguished Professor. In 2001, she won the Robert Frost Foundation Poetry Prize and she has won numerous other awards. For Prose, **Craig Holden**: His hospital experiences inspired his acclaimed first novel, *The River Sorrow*, his second novel, *The Last Sanctuary* earned further praise from Robert B. Parker, Tony Hillerman, James Ellroy, and others. Every year Metro Detroit Writers are so fortunate to have such excellent national judges for our contest. This 2006 Members Only contest is funded and sponsored by Springfed Arts-Metro Detroit Writers.

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Submission Guidelines: Free submission for 2006 Metro Detroit Writers only. To join or renew your membership please see article and coupon in newsletter. No name on poetry or prose. Prose (prose includes fiction, nonfiction & memoir) must be double-spaced 10 pages or less, pages stapled. (An excerpt of a longer piece may be used.) A cover page should include your name, address, phone #, email, and title of piece. Poetry should include 3 poems no more than 5 total pages, with name, address, phone #, email, and titles of poems on cover sheet. All submissions must be typewritten. Include your membership check & form with the contest application. Outside envelope should state poetry contest or fiction contest in the upper left hand corner with your return address. Deadline must be postmarked by April 13, 2006. Entries must be unpublished. Manuscripts that do not follow the above rules will be discarded. Your manuscript is non-returnable. Winners will be announced in the June Newsletter and will be invited to read at the 2006 Lit Fest in conjunction with The Detroit Festival for the Arts June 10-11, 2006.

MEMBERSHIP INFO MAY ALSO BE FOUND AT www.springfed.org

Arts in the Spirit: An Oakwood Hospital Project - April 7th W/ M.L. Liebler & The Magic Poetry Band and special guests Professor Louie & Miss Marie

April 7, Friday 7 pm *Arts in the Spirit @ Oakwood Hospital* presents a special National Poetry Month Performance by M.L. Liebler & The Magic Poetry Band (featuring Faruq Z, Bey and Ron English) and from Woodstock, NY, Professor Louie and Miss Marie (The Crowmatix & The Rick Danko Band) at The Oakwood Hospital & Medical Center in their Kalman Auditorium located at 18101 Oakwood Blvd-Dearborn. (Located between The Southfield Freeway and Rotunda Drive. Use the North Entrance.) FREE & OPEN TO ALL. For more information call (313) 586-5492

Arts in the Spirit is an arts initiative of Oakwood Hospital directed by Lisa Rutledge with MDW's Liebler)

Springfed/Metro Detroit Writers Offer ALL LEVEL Poetry Workshops

This offering of spring workshops is an example of Metro Detroit Writers success in presenting high quality events to our memberships. Sign up now!

This spring we have four incredible offerings. Members taking Swenson & Shipley Workshops - fee will be \$40 for the two.

Karen Swenson, Poet from New York City will facilitate a workshop Saturday, March 25 10-12 noon. Fee \$25 for members

Vivian Shipley, poetry judge for our contest, presents a workshop Saturday, April 22, 10-12 noon. Fee \$25 for member

(MEMBERS: Get Swenson & Shipley Workshops for only \$40 total for both)

Please fill out the form below and send to M.L. Liebler, Director, Springfed Arts Metro Detroit Writers, P.O. Box 120, Roseville, MI 48066.

List workshops you will attend

Check amount enclosed _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone & e/mail _____

Visa / MasterCard / Discover (please circle)

Card# _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

PLEASE: make checks out to **Springfed Arts**

Performance Poetry Legend Rare Detroit appearance, Karen Finley April 21st@ Scarab Club

Mark your calendars for an evening in Detroit's Literary Arts History. **April 21, Friday 7:30pm** Wayne State University's English Department, Metro Detroit Writers and The Scarab Club present *An Evening Karen Finley* at **The Scarab Club** 217 E. Farnsworth at John R directly behind the Detroit Art Institute. **FREE & Open to All.** Call: (313) 831-1250. **Karen Finley** is an innovative and controversial New York based performance artist/literary figure/visual artist. She has been featured on many television shows. She was a semi-regular face on Bill Maher's "Politically Incorrect" and one of her performances was famously edited out of Dennis Miller's cable show. She also posed for Playboy magazine and became a poster child for arts censorship. Finley gained much notoriety for her show, "We Keep Our Victims Ready" The show made her run afoul of Senator Jessie Helms who used her performances as a focal point for a movement to eliminate the NEA. She will be reading and performing from her new book on the Verso Press entitled *George & Martha*. Author of several books, she is a professor at New York University in New York City. This reading marks Karen's first time in Detroit.



Karen Finley

The Brighton Public Library Celebrates Poetry Month

April 11, Tuesday at 7:00pm, M.L. Liebler & The Magic Poetry Band with Faruq Z, Bey, and Ron English will perform at **The Brighton Public Library** located at 100 Library Drive, Brighton, MI 48116. This is an excellent opportunity for our West Metropolitan Area writers to attend. **Free & open to all.** For more information, please call (810) 229-8924

National Poetry Month Open Mic Night

April 13, Thursday at 7:30pm Metro Detroit Writers present **National Poetry Month Open Mic Night**. The last Open Mic was well attended. Bring two of your VERY BEST poems and come read. This event takes place at **The Scarab Club** 217 E. Farnsworth at John R directly behind the Detroit Art Institute. **FREE & Open to All.** Call: (313) 831-1250. **Cheri L. Roberts** will host this season finale. If you have questions, please e-mail Cheri at Cherrion@aol.com

Poetry Month at the Ferndale Library

The Ferndale Arts and Cultural Commission with support from **Springfed Arts Metro Detroit Writers** presents a poetry reading at the Ferndale Library on Saturday, April 8 from 2-4 p.m. The featured readers will be **Sophia Rivkin, Rebecca Rank, Linda Sienkiewicz and Dawn McDuffie**.

Sophia Rivkin was First & Third Place winner of the Metro Detroit Writers Poetry Contest last year. She has won many, many awards over the past years. She is a participant in the Metro Detroit Writers' Advanced Poetry Workshops.

Linda Sienkiewicz has been widely published in literary journals such as *Prairie Schooner*, *Clackamas Literary Review*, *Spoon River*, *Permafrost* and others. She was Second Place & Honorable Mention winner of the Metro Detroit Writers Poetry Contest last year. She and her agent are working on the sale of her first novel.

Dawn McDuffie teaches poetry for Metro Detroit Writers. She has earned an MFA in Poetry from Vermont College. She has studied translations with Rick Jackson and has been invited to study abroad this summer.

Rebecca B. Rank is the winner of the Third Coast Poetry Prize. She has published both creative non fiction and poetry, and her poetry has appeared in over 20 journals, including *Smartish Pace*, *River City*, *The MacGuffin*, *Iris*, *Phoebe* and many others. An excerpt from her memoir, *Some Time in Crime*, appears in *Feminist Studies*.

The Ferndale Public Library is at 222 W. Nine Mile Rd., one block east of Woodward. For information: Doug Davis 248 544 2832.

The Plymouth Book Cellar is Proud to Present The Honors Poetry Series and Open Mic

Honoring the poets and writers who came before us, our contemporaries and ourselves. Friday, March 24, 2006, 7 pm to 9 pm at **Book Cellar & Caf **, 840 W Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth, MI 48170-1602

Welcome to "YOUR POETRY GROUP" for March, 2006

SECOND SUNDAY of every month, from 1:30 to 3:30 PM. Our next session is April 9. Around the table readings of poems. Reading time is divided one poem or five minutes per turn. In THE GOLD ROOM (Alt. Is Waldorf Room) at the Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth, Michigan, 48170-1687, Tel. 734-453-0750, Entrance and parking at the rear of the building behind Penn Theater, info. Don Hewlett, 734-369-2798, donhewlett@aol.com Future schedule May 14. This is a public library, I ask for the reader's discretion of language used in the works read.

Other Poetry Readings:

2nd Tuesday, 7:00 PM, Barnes & Noble, Guest Reader, Open Mic Poetry, 17111 Haggerty at Six Mile, Northville, MI, 248-348-0696 Patti Stoner B&N coordinator. Your Host, Lauren Chiasson, The Barefootpoet, If you would like to be a featured reader contact CRM2648@bn.com, LaurenCpoet@aol.com

3rd Thursday A Gathering of Writers formerly (The Poetry Tribe Of Plymouth Series) meets on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:30 P.M. at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 844 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth, MI. Director ann . . ."E" Horvath with selected Guest Hosts. Monthly features and an open mic. All are welcome, there is no charge. Direct questions to ann . . ."E" Horvath, poetanne40@aol.com or CO-HOST: Rachel Schreiber. rbschreiber@sbcglobal.net, 04-20-2006 Gloria Alvernaz Mulcahy 1st Thursday, 7:30 and 9:30 PM, please join Poetry In Motion with venue leader Marc Maurus, MaurusPoet@yahoo.com, at the Plymouth Coffee Bean Co. 844 Penniman Avenue, Plymouth, MI April 6, venue finale for the season will be T. Anders Carson, Venue will start in September. In May the 1st Thursday spot at the Plymouth Coffee Bean will be filled with the start of CrossRoads poetry series with Van Baldwin.

Members Conduct Journaling Circle at Haven

Springfed Arts-Metro Detroit Writers and Cheri L. Roberts, Director of Community Outreach would like to thank poets, Karin Hoeffcker and Rebecca Vlasic, who have generously volunteered their time to conduct a monthly Poetry and Journaling Circle with the women at Haven, a shelter for abused women and children.

SA-Metro Detroit Writers are proud to have such caring and conscientious members, willing to give of their creative talents to spread the joy and deep value of the written word to those in need. The first circle is slated to begin in April! If you would be interested in volunteering your creative talents for community outreach projects contact Cheri L. Roberts at Cherrion@aol.com

Far Field Retreat for Writers May 18-21 at OU

Far Field Retreat for Writers is a four-day retreat—May 18-21—for aspiring and established writers to explore writing ideas and techniques, mingle with other writers, and write on the relaxing and beautiful campus of Oakland University in Rochester, Michigan. The sixth annual conference in 2006 includes an opening night dinner at Meadow Brook Hall followed by three more days of poetry, fiction, and creative nonfiction. Workshops, readings, and panel discussions will be presented by established writers and teachers. This year's guests include award-winning authors Lee K. Abbott and Heather Sellers in fiction, Dinty Moore in creative nonfiction, and Nancy Eimers in poetry. Poet Mary Ann Samyn is the Director of the Far Field Retreat for Writers.

The cost for all workshops, on campus housing, the included meals (breakfast from Panera Bread, two lunches and two dinners), and readings is only \$450. A commuter option (minus housing only) is also available for only \$400. The registration deadline is May 1, 2006. E-mail at farfield@oakland.edu or click on www2.oakland.edu/english/farfield/index.cfm

Ludington Poetry Fest 2006

WHAT DO POETS Thomas Lynch, Judith Minty, Jack Ridl, Keith Taylor, Anthony Butts, William Olsen, Elinor Benedict, Jackie Bartley HAVE IN COMMON?

They're all leading intensive workshops at Ludington Poetry Feast 2006 – May 18 – 20 A weekend of great poetry in a small town on a big lake.

POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN INTERNATIONAL POETRY CONTEST 2006

The annual Poetry Society of Michigan International Poetry Contest is open to poets across the globe. One neither has to reside in the state of Michigan nor be or become a member of the organization to enter. Entries must be accompanied with a check or money order payable to Poetry Society of Michigan (or PSM) and mailed to PSM Contest Coordinator, c/o Liberty R. O. Daniels, Post Office Box 614, Allen Park, Michigan 48101-0614. For submission guidelines <http://www.nfmps.com/mi/>, Deadline is August 1.

Winners are selected/notified by August 31. Winning poems are published in the fall edition of *Peninsula Poets*. Unless otherwise notified, prizes are \$75, \$50, and \$25 for first, second, and third place in the Category 1-Premier, and \$25, \$20, and \$15 for first, second, and third place in all other categories.

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MEMBERSHIP LEVEL & BENEFITS GO ON AND ON!

Premium for \$40 membership or higher is the acclaimed, autographed, over 200 page book of poetry *Cornucopia* by Molly Peacock. To see more about Molly visit www.mollypeacock.org. Also coming up for members this season, we have Poetry Craft Talks/Workshops to offer including Vivian Shipley, Karen Swenson, and many others.

MEMBERSHIP LEVELS & BENEFITS

Student and Under Employed Membership \$30

Monthly newsletter and entry in Poetry/Prose Contest.

Basic Membership \$40

Monthly newsletter, entry in Poetry/Prose Contest, \$50 off Springfed Arts retreats.

Supporting Membership \$75 to \$900

All of the above and \$50 off Springfed Arts retreats.

Benefactor Membership \$1000 - \$5,000

All of the above plus \$150 off 2005 Walloon Retreat, automatically a member of the Springfed Arts: Metro Detroit Writers Honorary Board, 2005, listed in newsletter by name or anonymous, monthly newsletter, free attendance at all of our regular workshops, seminars, contests, and other events For Life.

Benefactor Membership \$5,000-10,000 or more

All of the above, plus FREE Tuition for Two People at 2005 Walloon Writers' Retreat, automatically a member of the Springfed Arts Metro Detroit Writers Honorary Board, 2005. Listed in newsletter by name or anonymous, monthly newsletter, free attendance at all of our regular workshops, seminars, contests, and other events for LIFE!

ALL Dollars to Springfed Arts ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE!

Membership Registration Form: Springfed Arts-Metro Detroit Writers

Renewal _____ New Contributor _____ Amount enclosed _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E-mail _____

Visa / MasterCard / Discover (please circle)

Card# _____ Exp. Date _____

Signature _____

Please make check out to **Springfed Arts**

Send to: M.L. Liebler, Director, Springfed Arts Metro Detroit Writers, P.O. Box 120, Roseville, MI 48066

National Poetry Month at Romeo District Library April 4th

April 4, Tuesday 7 pm M.L. Liebler & Friends with Professor Louie, Miss Marie, Jef Reynoldz, Faruq Z. Bey & others at The Romeo District Public Library (Main Graubner Library) located at 65821 Van Dyke / Washington, MI 48095 / (586)752-0603 www.libcoop.net/romeo

Walloon Writers Retreat

Staff for 8th annual, September 28 – October 1, 2006 will include Jane Hamilton, Jacquelyn Mitchard, Mary Jo Salter, Brad Leithauser and Craig Holden. You can find out more and register at www.springfed.org

Lamb's Retreat for Songwriters

Staff for 12th annual, two November weekends at The Birchwood Inn, Harbor Springs, MI.

November 2-5, 2006 – Jack Williams, Amy Speace, Eric Schwartz, James Gordon, Kathrin Shorr, Ralston Bowles.

November 9-12, 2006 – Amy Rigby, Dana Cooper, Chuck Brodsky, Amilia Spicer, Kirby.

Reminder: Members of Springfed Arts Metro Detroit Writers are entitled to a \$50 discount for this retreat as well as the Walloon Writers' Retreat.

Go to www.springfed.org for more information about the retreat and the above songwriters.

Kathleen Walsh Spencer, Registered Nurse & MDW Member Included in Anthology

Local nurse Kathleen Walsh Spencer has been known to whisper poetry to patients to calm them through painful or frightening procedures. This poetic medicine is not surprising since the nurse is a poet! Spencer and thirteen other contemporary nurse poets are featured in the newly released book *The Poetry of Nursing: Poems and Commentaries of Leading Nurse Poets*. Spencer, the only Michigan poet included in the book, has practiced nursing at Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak for most of her twenty five year career. "My experiences at Beaumont have inspired many poems..."

Spencer, who attended the Walloon Writers' Retreat in 2003, has two masters degrees, but neither in creative writing. "I have taken every adult-education class in writing I can," she says, "such as local workshops with Springfed Arts, and national workshops with University of Iowa and Sarah Lawrence College." Spencer's poems have appeared in *Intensive Care: More Prose and Poetry by Nurses* (C. Davis and J. Schaefer, editors), *The Clackamas Literary Review*, *U.S. Catholic*, *Nimrod*, *Rosebud*, *Red Cedar Review* and many others. *The Poetry of Nursing*, is published by The Kent State University Press (ISBN 0-87338-848-8), 206 pp. You may order directly by making a check out for \$24 to Kathleen Walsh Spencer, 4560 Stoneleigh Road, Bloomfield Hills, MI 48302, FAX 248 258-5415, kathleenrn@mindspring.com

Poet in the House!

Book Party and Poetry Reading to celebrate the publication of Broadside Press' latest anthology: "Poet in the House!" which commemorates ten years of collaboration with the Detroit Public Library through the Poet-in-Residence Program. Come hear some of Detroit's finest poets! April 22, 2006 2 p.m. at Bowen Branch, 3648 W. Vernor (W. Grand Blvd). Public is welcome.

SAMDW will host LitFest tent at the Detroit Festival of the Arts, June 10 & 11.
More details in the next newsletter.

From Page to Performance

Learn some of the techniques of spoken word performance to enhance your page readings. We will investigate two text: *Rita Dove Mother Love*, and a Choreopoem written by the Sisters of Color Women's Writing Collective, *Healing: Everything Considered*. Workshops open to all poets.

Participants will write and perform an original poem in concert at the Adamany Under-graduate Library on the campus of Wayne State University. Scheduled sessions are from 6:00 pm to 8:30pm, Community Room on the Third Floor of the Adamany Library

Sessions

Monday, March 20, 2006

Monday, March 27, 2006

Monday, April 3, 2006

Monday, April 17, 2006

Sessions 5,6, & 7 TBA

May 1, 2006 (Public Performance)

Workshops facilitated by **Ella Singer**, Writer-In-Residence, FREE AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC, Sponsored by the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies at WSU

Guest Writers

Terry Blackhawk

Vieve Francis

Matthew Olzmann

Poet, Donald Levin Reads at the Lawrence Street Gallery

Donald Levin will read from and sign copies of his recently published chapbook of poetry, *In Praise of Old Photographs* (Little Poem Press, 2005) at the Lawrence Street Gallery in Ferndale on Saturday, April 8, at 2 p.m. The event is organized in connection with a photography exhibit, "Exposures: Photography '06," held at the gallery from April 4 through 28. About this book, poet Michael Ladanyi has written, "These poems are crafted and well written, their attention to meter and rhythm wonderful, strung beautifully across all the acoustic instruments that contain reminders of life and all its complex realities." Levin's poem "Sestina: The Cleaners" won the grand prize in poetry in last year's Metro Times Summer Fiction and Poetry Contest, and his poetry and fiction have appeared widely in print and electronic journals. *In Praise of Old Photographs* is available locally at the Book Beat, and through the publisher's web site, www.littlepoem-press.com (ISBN 1-4116-4915-X, 30 pp., \$11).

Ongoing Calendar

Sunday, 2-4pm 4th Street Writer's Workshop meets in downtown Royal Oak considering prose only. kimhaasdesign@comcast.net Kim Haas contact person. For further details please see: 4thstreetwriters.com

Sunday, 8-8:30pm Open mic at Trixie's Cafe at 25925 Gratiot (by Frazho) in Roseville, MI. 16 yrs. and over. Infor. www.trixiescoffee.com 1 drink minimum

2nd Sunday, 5pm Horizons in Poetry, 4723 3rd Ave. #3, Detroit 48201, Ron Allen (313) 833-7151.

2nd Sunday, 1:30-3:30 pm Your Poetry Group, Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main, Plymouth. poetry & short short stories. Info: DON-HEWLETT@AOL.COM or 734 369 2798.

3rd Sunday, 2:00 pm The Broadside Press Poets Theater at the 4731 Gallery, every third Sunday beginning at 2pm. The Gallery is located at 4731 Grand River, Detroit MI 48208 Information contact Brian Heath, Gallery Director, brian@ispgroupinc.com <http://www.ispgroupinc.com> or 313 516 6774

3rd Sunday, 7 pm Every 3rd Sunday from 1:45pm to 4pm - check out the merging of top Notch Poets and Master Storytellers at Cactus Pete's. Located at 9735 Conant Avenue, Hamtramck, MI between Caniff and Holbrook.

2nd Tuesday, 7:30 p.m. Barnes & Noble, 6 Mile and Haggerty, featured reader & open mic. Contact Lauren Chiasson, barefootpoet@aol.com or (248) 348-0696.

1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7-9 pm Poets & playwrights group meets at Wyandotte City Hall, 3131 Biddle, 2nd fl., Wyandotte. mono60@comcast.net or (313) 492-3080.

1st Tuesday, 7 p.m. Heidelberg Restaurant, 215 Main Street, Ann Arbor Poetry Slam. \$5 cover public; \$4 slammers. Info. A2slam.com or (810) 231-5435.

**Lamb's
Songwriters Showcase
Featuring Dave Boutette,
Chris Buhalis, The Hummingbirds
& more. Your host, John D. Lamb.
Sunday, April 30, 8:30 p.m.
Memphis Smoke, 100 S. Main
Royal Oak (248) 543-4300**

3rd Tuesday, 7-9 pm Poets & Writers Night, Borders, 4135 Miller Road, off I75 2 featured writers & Community Writers. Nancy Tucker. tucker@attglobe-al.net

1st Wed. 6-8pm Ongoing writers' group, meets in Taylor at the New JFK library. Infor. (313) 274 4970

2nd & 4th Wednesday, 6:30-9:30 p.m Writers' North, Petoskey Writers Group, Horizon Books, Petoskey. Contact Marla Kay Houghteling at (231) 526-4390.

3rd Wednesday, 7:30-9 pm Poetry Discussion Group, Barnes & Noble Saginaw on Tittabawassee (across from Meijer's. Bring 10 copies of poems. Call (517) 790 4062.

1st Thursday Open Mic at The Neutral Zone, 637 S. Main, Ann Arbor. Contact: xeddietzx@lycos.com.

2nd Thursday, 7-10:00 pm (except Dec. & July) Rochester Writers' Group, fiction, non-fiction & poetry, Barnes & Noble, Rochester.

1st Thursday, 7:3-9:30 p.m. Poetry in Motion at the Plymouth Coffee Bean with venue leader **Marc Maurus**, MaurusPoet@yahoo.com

3rd Thursday, 7:30-9:30 p.m. The Gathering of Writers (The Poetry Tribe), Plymouth Coffee Bean, Contact Annie Horvath poetanne40@aol.com or rbschreiber@sbcglibal.net

3rd Thursday, 7 pm Peninsula Writers meet at Schuler Books, Grand Rapids. Guest speakers, writers link up with writing community. Call (800) 331-1721.

3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm American Christian Writers True Vine Christian Book Store 26441 Southfield Road Southfield (248) 426-2300 Pam Perry

4th Thursday, 7pm Live Poets Society (Sept-June) Rose Room/Vanier Hall Wyandotte @ Huron Church Windsor, (519)-969-5174 Irving Barat

1st Friday, 6 pm Detroit Unity Poets & Authors Society, Detroit Unity Temple, 17505 2nd Boulevard, Mildred Williams, (313) 521 5212.

Friday, 12-2 pm Ridgewriters (a writing workshop group) all genres, bring 10 copies. Welcoming Center in Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 & 11 Mile Rds. 313-255-5048

3rd Friday, 7pm Open Mic Poetry Black Star Community Bookstore 19410 Livernois Avenue Detroit (313) 863-2665 Ebony Roberts

Every Saturday: 8pm-11pm The "Sweetest Word" Poetry Series, Open Mic and Feature. \$5 dollars. The Cream Café is located on 25849 Lahser Rd, Southfield, Mi. Hosted by Co-SlamMasters Christina Archer & Kahn Davison Call 248-945-9464 or email poetic_karat@yahoo.com

Your Editor appreciates being notified of any additions, deletions, or changes to the Ongoing Calendar. Send updates to: mawehler@wideopenwest.com.