

February 2007

# Springfed Arts - Metro Detroit Writers

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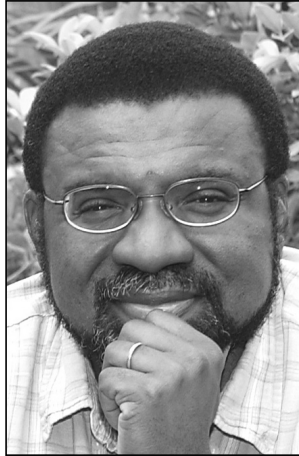
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## Celebrate African-American History with Ghana Poet Kwame Dawes Feb. 15 at WSU

Ghana-Jamaican Poet **Kwame Dawes** appears on **Thursday February 15th at 7:00 pm** in **The Bernath Auditorium** inside **The David Adamany Undergraduate Library** in the center of the **WSU campus** directly behind State Hall next to The Student Center Building. This reading is sponsored by The Wayne Writers' Forum & Student Council of Wayne State University, The African and African American Studies and the Center for Arab American Studies, UM-Dearborn and Springfed Arts: Metro Detroit Writers. Also appearing with Mr. Dawes will be Dominican writer and University of Detroit-Mercy graduate student **Ken Garcia**. For more information, call W.W.E. Faculty Advisor M. L. Liebler call **(313) 577-7713**. FREE and Open to All.



Kwame Dawes

**Kwame Dawes**, born in Ghana, is the author of twelve collections of poetry. His many awards include The Forward Poetry Prize, the Hollis Summers Poetry Prize, a Pushcart Prize, and the Poetry Business Award. His non-fiction writing includes the book *A Far Cry from Plymouth Rock: A Personal Narrative* (Peepal Tree, 2006). Dawes is founder and director of the USC Poetry Initiative and was appointed the Executive Director of the University of South Carolina Arts Institute in 2005. He is also the programmer for the Calabash International Literary Festival held in St. Elizabeth, Jamaica, each year, and Director of the Calabash Writer's Workshop.

Kwame Dawes will also appear at The University of Michigan Dearborn Thursday afternoon February 15th at 4:00pm to offer a talk on Bob Marley. There is also a showing of "*Harder They Come*...", documentary on Reggae at 2:00 pm. These events are in the University Center, UM-Dearborn. Co-sponsored by African and African American Studies and the Center for Arab American Studies, UM-Dearborn. For more information on the UM-Dearborn event, please e-mail Dr. Gloria House at [Gloriaaneb@aol.com](mailto:Gloriaaneb@aol.com) or [ganouri@umd.umich.edu](mailto:ganouri@umd.umich.edu).

## 2007 MDW Downtown Literary Series

Jan 28 Sunday at 2pm:

**Esperanza Cintron** (Detroit Poet and author of *Chocolate City Latina*)

**George Dilla** (Ludington fiction writer and author of *The End of the World*)

**Mary Jo Firth Gillett** (Author of *Chandeliers of Fish* and winner of The Crab Orchard First Book Award for 2006 for her manuscript *Soluble Fish*)

**Linda Sienkiewicz** (Metro Detroit poet & fiction writer and MDW Newsletter editor)

## Springfed Arts - Metro Detroit Writers Present Winter Writing Workshops

The Winter Series Creative Writing Workshops for 2007 start in February. You must register for the class before the first session.

**Poetry: All levels** at the Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth & John R. Instructor **Dawn McDuffie**. Mondays, February 5, 7-9 pm. Beginning and experienced writers alike are welcome at this workshop.

**Creative Nonfiction and Fiction Writing: All levels** at The Scarab Club. Instructor: **Margo LaGattuta**. Tuesdays starting Feb. 6 at 7-9 pm. Please note the change to Tuesdays! E-Mail Margo with questions at [lagapvp@aol.com](mailto:lagapvp@aol.com)

**Advanced Poetry Workshop** at Jane Addams School, Royal Oak. Instructor: **Mary Jo Firth Gillett**. Wednesdays 7-9 p.m. from February 7 to March 14. Poets who are interested in the Wed. eve workshop and have not participated previously, please send 3 poems in body of e/mail to [MJFirth@aol.com](mailto:MJFirth@aol.com) for acceptance. Thank you.

**Reading, 'Riting, and 'Rithmetic of Poetry**, Adult Poetry Workshop at Paint Creek Center for the Arts, 407 Pine St., Rochester, Instructor: **Zilka Joseph**. Wednesdays February 7 to March 14, from 7-9 pm. All levels welcome. Participants explore craft and the music of language as they discuss poetry from around the world, and write and workshop poems.

The fee is \$100 per workshop for members and \$140 for non-members. Financial aid available. We must have 12 pre-registered students for a workshop to run. You **MUST** register before workshops begin. Make checks out to **Springfed Arts**. See form on inside page to register.

## The 2007 MDW Downtown Literary Series Continues At The Scarab Club

The 2007 Downtown Literary Series (formerly the Uptown/Downtown Series) will be held at **The Scarab Club** located at **217 E. Farnsworth** at John R directly behind the Detroit Institute for the Art on the 4th Sunday of the Month starting January 28th and continuing through April 22 at 2:00 pm. FREE and Open to All. Safe, lighted parking. All are welcome! *The 2007 Season is sponsored by Poets & Writers, Inc. of New York City, Springfed Arts, Inc. and The Scarab Club.*

### Feb 25 Sunday at 2:00pm:

**Keir** (Musical & Poetic Styling by One of Detroit's Best & Smoothest Jazz Poets)



Lolita Hernandez

**Lolita Hernandez** (Fiction writer extraordinaire and author of *Autopsy of an Engine* (Coffee House Press))

**Anca Vlasopolos** (poet & author of *No Return Address* and *Missing Member*) with well known Detroit pianist **Chris Kreipke** (Classical Music & Poetry )

**Mary Minock** (Author of *Love in the Upstairs Flat* and Professor at Madonna College)



Anca Vlasopolos

**COMING March 25 Sunday at 2:00pm:**  
**Judith McComb** (Washington, D.C. Poet and author of *The Habit of Fire: Selected & New*)

**Linda Neme Foster** (Award Winning Grand Rapids Poet and author of *Amber Necklace from Gdansk: Poems* and *Listen to the Landscape*)

**Mary Ann Samyn** (West Virginia Poet and author of *Purr*, New Issues Poetry)  
**Mariela Griffor** (Native of Chile, community activist and published poet)

## Springfed Arts' Thursdays Live @ The Music Hall Jazz Café

It is with great pleasure that we announce a brand new collaboration for 2007 with Detroit's legendary Music Hall Center for the Performing Arts. The Music Hall redesigned their lounge into an acoustic Jazz Café with table seats and complete bar. M.L. Liebler will continue to host and curate the **Thursday Night Live @ The Music Hall Jazz Café Series** on the **first Thursday of the month** (except March) It will be a 90 minute variety show with poetry, music, comedy, performance poetry. Each month will conclude on the 4th Thursday with M.L. Liebler & The Magic Poetry featuring special guest musicians and poets with regulars Faruq Z. Bey, Ron English, Jef Reynoldz and Bill Hulet. 350 Madison Detroit, MI 48226 in the heart of Detroit's newly developing Theater District. Admission is FREE and Open to All. Lighted, safe parking. Info: 313-887-8501 (The *Thursday John D. Lamb Singer/Songwriter Showcase and Open Mic Thursdays* have been put on hold for now due to major productions on The Music Hall main stage those evenings.)

### The Schedule Thus Far:

#### February 1, Thursday at 7:30 pm, M.L. Liebler hosts

*Linda Sienkiewicz* (Metro Detroit Poet & Fiction Writer)

*Bill Blank* (Singer/Songwriter)

*Wardell Montgomery, Jr.* (Urban Folk Poet)

*Aurora Harris* (Poet, Performance Poet and Broadside Press Director)

#### February 22, Thursday at 7:30 pm M. L. Liebler & The Magic Poetry Band featuring

*Faruq Z. Bey, Ron English, Jef Reynolds & Bill Hulet* with Special Guests.

#### April 5, Thursday at 7:30 pm M.L. Liebler hosts

*Cheri L. R. Taylor & Randall Thomas Tag*

*Team Poetry*

(Acclaimed Metro Detroit Poets Go Head to Head and Verse to Verse)

*Cassie Poe* (Detroit Slam Poet & MC)

*Maggie McCabe & Friends* (Award Winning Detroit singer/songwriter)

*K. T. Lowe* (Ann Arbor Poet)



Aurora Harris

### The Write Word, Write Now SNOWBOUND READING SERIES

began this Fall at the **Scarab Club** and has turned into a premiere literary series not to be missed. **All readings start, at 7 pm, fireside in the 2nd floor lounge.** Hosted and sponsored by The Odyssey Writing Project. The

Scarab Club is located behind the DIA at 217 Farnsworth, Detroit, MI 48202. No cover charge— donations accepted. For more information call the Scarab Club at 313-831-1250.

#### Wednesday, February 21, 2006

*JoAnna Karner*

*Vievee Francis* (author: *Blue-Tail Fly* (W.S.U. Press)

*Kawita Kandpal* (author: *Folding A River* (Marick)



Vievee Francis

## The Wayne Writers' Forum at WSU Celebrates African-American History Month Feb 19th

Please join The Wayne Writers' Forum Student Organization & Springfed



Jim Gallert

Arts at Wayne State University for a special evening on **Monday February 19th at 7:00 pm** for **The Birth of the Detroit Sound, 1947 – 1964: From R&B to R&R** with special guest lecturers **S. R. Boland, Jim Gallert, and Susan Whittall** at **The Bernath Auditorium** inside **The David Adamany Undergraduate Library** in the center of the WSU campus directly behind State Hall and next to The Student Center Building. Safe, lighted parking.

These well known Detroit area music scholars and writers will offer

a 90 minute audio/visual presentation that shows Detroit music as a continuum from jazz through early Rhythm 'n Blues, Rockabilly, Rock 'n Roll and ending at Motown. This special event is FREE and Open to All. For more information please visit [www.detroitmusichistory.com](http://www.detroitmusichistory.com) or [www.jazzstage.us](http://www.jazzstage.us) or call W.W.F. Faculty Advisor M. L. Liebler 313-577-7713



Susan Whittall

## The Plymouth Book Cellar Presents: The Honors Poetry Series and Open Mic at the Plymouth Book Cellar, 840 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

*Honoring the poets and writers who came before us,  
our contemporaries and ourselves*

Selected Fridays 7 pm to 9 pm

with your hosts:

Cheri L. R. Taylor and Robert G. Taylor

### Calendar of Events:

**Friday, January 26: George Dila**

**Friday, February 16: Matthew Scott Olzmann**

**Friday, March 30: Vievee Francis**

**Friday, April 20: Lisa Rutledge**

**Friday, May 11: Kawita Kandpal with Marsha Lopez**

**Friday, June 22: Valerie Layne (Taylor) Kearns Chapbook release party!**

**Friday, July 27: Terry Blackhawk**

**Friday, August 24: feature TBA**

**Friday, September 21: feature TBA**

**Friday October 26: Halloween Spooktacular featuring The Blushing Sky Writer's Workshop Attendees**

**Friday November 16: feature TBA**

**Friday December 14: Annual Holiday Reading Night & musical guest**

All Events Include Open Mic! Come out! Write, Listen, Share! Info: 734-455-2704

## LOVE POEMS

### Don't forget the Ferndale Beanery Readings!

Presented by The Ferndale Cultural Commission represented by Doug Davis and the Springfed Arts: Metro Detroit Writers

February 10th 2-4:00 pm at the Coffee Beanery, 22871 Woodward, N of 9 Mi.

Featuring *Diane Shipley DeCillis, Mary Jo Firth Gillett, Christine Rhein* and *Elizabeth Volpe*

## UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN ZELL WRITING SERIES

These free events are primarily sponsored by the Department of English and the Office of the Provost of the University of Michigan. The Residential College is located in East Quad at 701 E. University Ave, and the Rackham Amphitheatre is on the fourth floor of the Rackham Building at 915 E. Washington St. Phone: (734) 764-6330

• **DAVID WOJAHN, Poetry Reading**

Thursday, February 8  
Residential College Auditorium, 5 p.m.

• **MARIE HOWE, Lecture on Poetics**

Monday, February 19  
Hussey Room, Michigan League, 5 p.m.

911 N. University

• **MARSHALL KLIMASEWISKI, Fiction Reading**

Thursday, February 22  
Residential College Auditorium, 5 p.m.

• **LIESEL LITZENBURGER, Fiction Reading**

Thursday, March 8  
Residential College Auditorium, 5 p.m.

## Boost Your Writing in 2007 with Online Help from Cheri L. R. Taylor of The Blushing Sky Writer's Playground Offering

**Poetry Critique:** Online or via snail mail.

**Prose Editing and Critique:** Service priced per project.

**Online Tutoring:** Intensive two week workshop online with daily feedback.

**Extended Online Tutoring:** Six week sessions. Take your writing to the next level. Learn form and content, deepen your voice, find your writer's soul. Daily exercises with daily feedback.

email Cheri L. R. Taylor, Director, Blushing Sky Writer's Playground  
www.blushingskywriters.com

## Grand Scheme Enrichment Center in Plymouth.

An open house is planned from Jan 15-19 at *Grand Scheme Enrichment Center*, 238 S. Main St. in Plymouth where Author & MDW Member *Jane Saylor* hopes to provide a variety of services For more information, email [GrandSchemePress@comcast.net](mailto:GrandSchemePress@comcast.net)

## Diamondancer at Marye Miller's Poets and Writers Group

Celebrate the written word in this New Year by hearing featured reader Diamondancer share her poetry at Marye Miller's Poets and Writers Group. The free reading will be Monday, January 29, 2007, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. in Meeting Rooms C and D of the Royal Oak Public Library. Open mic will also be available. For more information, call Roberta Brown at 248-854-2375.

## KUDOS KORNER

### InsideOut in the National & Local News!

MDW member *Terry Blackhawk's* after school poetry program InsideOut Literary Arts Program recently received local and national exposure on *WDET FM's Front Row Center with Celeste Headlee*. Click link below and pull the program bar to about 37:25 to hear it:

[http://www.wdetfm.org/rss/archives/listen.wmx?show\\_id=41&date=1168146000](http://www.wdetfm.org/rss/archives/listen.wmx?show_id=41&date=1168146000) Ted Kooser, American Poet Laureate (2004-2006) selected an InsideOut Literary Arts Program student *Tatiana Ziglar* for his national *American Life in Poetry Series*. Click the link below to read the poem:  
<http://www.americanlifeinpoetry.org/columns/093.html>

### Joan Hudson's first book of poems *Days of Infamy*

*Days of Infamy: Poems of Love, Friendship and Family, Patriotism, Season and Place* by Dorrance Publishing Co, Inc" ...Solid in its poetry" says M. L. Liebler. **\$9.00** (62 pages) Order from Joan at [Hudson5201@yahoo.com](mailto:Hudson5201@yahoo.com) or from [www.amazon.com](http://www.amazon.com)

### Naomi Madgett Long honored at Charles H. Wright Museum

A sculptured bust of longtime member Naomi Madgett Long is part of an exhibit of African American art in the new AT&T Gallery at the Charles H. Wright Museum from Jan 14 to April 15. She will also be reading at Black Star Community Bookstore on Livernois on Saturday, Feb. 3, from 3:00 to 5:00.

### Christine Rhein's poem on Poetry Daily

*Not Another*, which first appeared in The Gettysburg Review, is featured on Poetry Daily for December 20, 2006. You can read it here:  
<http://www.poems.com/notanrhe.htm>

## FORM for the Springfed Arts - Metro Detroit Writers Winter Writing Workshops

The fee is \$100 per workshop for members and \$140 for non-members. Financial aid available. We must have 12 pre-registered students for a workshop to run. You MUST register before workshops begin. Make checks out to **Springfed Arts**.

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

Title of Workshop \_\_\_\_\_

Fee \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

e/mail \_\_\_\_\_

# Ongoing Calendar

**Sunday, 1-3 pm** 4th Street Writer's Workshop meets in downtown Royal Oak. Considering prose only. Info: Kim Haas kimhaasdesign@comcast.net

**Sunday, 8:30 pm** Sunday Night Poetry meets at Trixie's Café on the SW corner of Frazho & Gratiot in Roseville, 16 yrs and over, 1 drink minimum. Hostess Emilia. Info: www.trixiescafe.com, 586-776-9002,

**2nd Sunday, 5-7:00 pm** Horizons in Poetry critique workshop meets at home of Wardell Montgomery Jr. at 7800 E. Jefferson Ave, #1512, 1 block W of Van Dyke, Detroit. Parking in front. Info: Wardell 313-821-8660 or Pat Chapak 313-320-7679

**2nd Sunday, 1:30-3:30 pm** Your Poetry Group meets in the Friends Room at the Dunning-Hough Library, 223 S. Main St., Plymouth. Entrance and parking at the rear of the building behind Penn Theater. Poetry and short short stories. Info: Shirley Weimar Shirleyw122@aol.com

**3rd Sunday, 2:00 pm** The Broadside Press Poet's Theater meets at 440 Burroughs St., Tech One Bldg. between Cass and Second Ave., Detroit. Featured poets and open mic. Info: 313 371-0948 or 313 896-8921, www.broadsidepress.org, carutherfo@hotmail.com or auroradet2@yahoo.com

**3rd Sunday, 1:45-4:00 pm** Notch Poets and Master Storytellers meets at Cactus Pete's, 9735 Conant Ave., Hamtramck, between Caniff and Holbrook.

**Last Sunday, 6-8:00 pm** Pages, Poetry and Scribes meets at Ten Mile and Southfield Starbucks. Open mic series. Hostess Ber-Henda, Info: 248-910-5402 or berhenda\_williams@yahoo.com

**Last Monday, 8:00 pm** Marye Miller's Poets and Writers Group, meets at Royal Oak Barnes & Noble at Fifth and Main. Open mic. Hostess Marye Miller. Info: Roberta Brown at 248-854-2375.

**Every Tuesday, 6:00 pm** Open Mic at Trixie's Café, 25925 Gratiot by Frazho in Roseville. Sign up list, starts promptly. Info: www.trixiescafe.com or 586-776-9002

**Every Tuesday, 8:30-11:00 pm** BYTETHIS Poetry Series at Beans & Bytes Cafe, 4200 Woodward Ave, Detroit. Poetry, comedy, monologues, and music/singing. \$5 admission. Info: Nandi Comer nandicomer@hotmail or Christina Archer carcher@detroitpoetry.com

**1st & 3rd Tuesdays, 7-9:00 pm** Poets & Playwrights group meets at Wyandotte City Hall, 3131 Biddle, 2nd floor, Wyandotte. Info: mono60@comcast.net or 313-492-3080.

**1st Tuesday, 7:00 pm** Ann Arbor Poetry Slam meets at Heidelberg Restaurant, 215 Main Street. \$5 cover public; \$4 slammers. Info: 810-231-5435.

**2nd Tuesday, 7:30 pm** Featured Readers & Open Mic at Barnes & Noble, 6 Mile and Haggerty. Info: Lauren Chiasson the Barefoot Poet 248-348-0696 or LaurenCpoet@aol.com

**3rd Tuesday, 7-9:00 pm** Poets & Writers Night at Borders, 4135 Miller Road off I-75. Featured and community writers. Info: Nancy Tucker tucker@attglobal.net

**3rd Wednesday, 7:30-9:00 pm** Poetry Discussion Group at Barnes & Noble, Saginaw on Tittabawassee across from Meijer's. Bring 10 copies of poems. Info: 517-790 4062

**Fourth Wednesday, 7-9:00 pm** The Rampant 'Riters meet at Livonia Civic Center Library, 3rd floor conference room, 32777 Five Mile, W of Farmington Rd., Livonia (Apr '07 will be on 3rd Wed.) Free, all welcome. Info: rampant\_riters@yahoo.com or Marian 248-890-7838

**2nd Thursday, 7-10:00 pm** (except July) Rochester Writers' Group meets at Barnes & Noble, Rochester Rd. N of Auburn. Fiction, non-fiction & poetry.

**3rd Thursday, 7:30-9:30 pm** The Gathering of Writers meets at Plymouth Coffee Bean, Info: Annie Horvath poetanne40@aol.com or rbschreiber@sbcglbal.net

**3rd Thursday, 7:00 pm** Peninsula Writers meet at Schuler Books, Grand Rapids. Guest speakers, writers link up with writing community. Info: 800-331-1721

**3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm** American Christian Writers meet at True Vine Christian Book Store, 26441 Southfield Rd., Southfield. Info: Pam Perry 248-426-2300

**4th Thursday, 7:30 pm** Live Poets Society meets at Rose Room/Vanier Hall, Wyandotte at the Huron Church, Windsor, Sept-June. Info: Irvine Barat 519-969-5174

**Friday, 12-2:00 pm** Ridgewriters meets at Welcoming Center in Heritage Park, Farmington Road between 10 and 11 Mile Rd. Workshop group, all genres, bring 10 copies. Info: 313-255-5048

**3rd Friday, 7:00 pm** Open Mic Poetry meets at Black Star Community Bookstore, 19410 Livernois Ave., Detroit. Info: Ebony Roberts 313-863-2665

**4th Friday, 6:30-9:30 pm** The Poets Follies meets at Grosse Pointe Artists Association Art Center, 1005 Maryland Ave. at Jefferson. Reading and discussion group. Info: Mariela Griffor 313-821-1848.

**2nd Saturday, 11:00 am/1:00 pm** The new Detroit Writer's Guild meets at the United Methodist Church, 18600 Conant Avenue, Detroit. Board of Directors meet at 11:00 am, general membership at 1:00 pm. Annual dues begin at \$50. Info: Herb Metoyer 248-425-0987 or www.DetroitWritersGuild.com

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