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LIT FEST ON THE LAWN 2007

June 9 and 10

LaSalle Bank Music and Literary Lounge Stage, with co-sponsors Springfed Arts-Metro Detroit Writers and Poets & Writers Inc., present two jammin' afternoons filled with literature and music at the Lit Fest on the Lawn on June 9 and 10 during the Detroit Festival of the Arts. There will be poetry readings and performances, slam poetry, and music by outstanding talents, and of course, we'll be presenting the winners of the SA-MDW annual membership contest—the very best of our own! The Lit Fest is an exciting event for our members and the public where you can show your support for the arts just by stopping by to listen! The stage and tent is at Cass and Putman, with a pay parking garage nearby. So please, come down and join us. For more info on the festival, check out www.detroitfestival.com

JUNE 9 SATURDAY

- Noon: Inside/Out poets
- 1:00 pm: Open Mic
- 2:30 pm: Kawita Kandpal
- 2:45 pm: Aurora Harris
- 3:00 pm: Maria Mazziotti Gillan
- 3:30 pm: Sean Thomas Dougherty
- 4:00 pm: Chris McCall
- 4:30 pm: John D. Lamb



Kawita Kandpal

JUNE 10 SUNDAY

- Noon: 2007 MDW Award Winners
- 1:20 pm: Valerie Taylor, 2006 Town Hall winner of Literary Lounge spot.
- 1:30 pm: Open Mic again
- 2:00 pm: Detroit Slam Poets: Versiz, Cassie Poe, Kahn Davison, Lashaun Phoenix Moore
- 2:30 pm: Detroit Artists' Workshop Reunion with Bill Harris, Robin Eichele, Ron English & The Magic Poetry Band w/ Faruq Z. Bey
- 3:30 pm: Sadiq Bey
- 4:00 pm: Michael Crittenden
- 4:30 pm: The Hummingbirds



Aurora Harris

Kawita Kandpal's poems have appeared in many journals such as *TriQuarterly* and *Puerto del Sol*. Her new book from Detroit's Marick Press is entitled *Folding a River*.

Aurora Harris is a poet and performance artist, educator, community activist, youth mentor, Pushcart Prize Nominee and Founder and President of World Voice Cultural Arts.

Maria Mazziotti Gillan She is Founder and Director of the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College. Extensive bio below with photo.

Sean Thomas Dougherty's books include *Nightshift*, *Belonging to Lorca*, a Paterson Poetry Prize Finalist, and *Except by Falling*, a 2000 Pinyon Press Poetry Prize winner.



Sean Thomas Dougherty

He teaches Creative Writing at Penn State Erie, and his 2007 book from BOA Editions is *Broken Hallelujahs*.

Chris McCall, Detroit songstress, has performed and recorded with bands Thunderharp Choir, Jugglers and Thieves, Swamp Beggars and Blue School. Her new solo CD is titled *Everyday the Rain*. Chris' voice has an amazing range and she takes brave leaps with her intervals and her lyrics.

John D. Lamb, executive director of the nonprofit organization Springfed Arts is a singer-songwriter. His new CD *Feel That* won the 2007 Detroit Music Award for Outstanding Acoustic/Folk Recording.

Detroit Poet Slam Champions featuring Award Winning Detroit Slammer: Versiz, Cassie Poe, Kahn Davison, Lashaun Phoenix Moore.



Chris McCall

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Oakwood Hospital's Arts in the Spirit & SA-MDW Present

A Public Community Workshop with Maria Mazziotti Gillan



Maria Mazziotti Gillan

For all levels of writers! This is a rare opportunity to workshop with a nationally acclaimed poet, editor of major poetry anthologies and editor of *The Paterson Literary Review*. This workshop will be held Saturday, June 9, 2007, 10 am - Noon at the 4th floor Conference Room of the Oakwood Village Plaza Office Building, 23400 Michigan Ave. at Outer Drive in Dearborn (the only tall building). Free to All Oakwood Staff & ONLY \$15 for Metro Detroit Writers 2007 Members, \$25 for the general public. Checks payable to Springfed Arts and send to Gillan Workshop / Springfed Arts / P.O. Box 304, Royal Oak, MI 48068-0304 or register by phone to (248)589-3913. Limited number of Seats available. Call or send checks now! Don't miss this unique opportunity to work with one of the most generous writing teachers and journal editors in America. Some financial aid available.

Maria Mazziotti Gillan is the founder and director of the Poetry Center at Passaic County Community College, editor of *The Paterson Literary Review* and co-editor of the acclaimed anthologies *Unsettling America: An Anthology of Contemporary Multicultural Poetry* (Viking/Penguin), *Identity Lessons: Contemporary Writing About Learning to be American* (Penguin/Putnam), and *Growing Up Ethnic In America* (Penguin/Putnam) Gillan was chair of The MFA program in the Graduate School at Binghamton University and the State University of New York. She has taught at Northern Michigan University and Allen Ginsberg's Naropa Institute. Her awards include NPR's *The Poet and the Poem Award for Literary Excellence*, the *May Sarton Award* from the Poetry Club of New England and a Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Fellowship. Her books of poetry include *Luce D'Inverno/Winter Light*, winner of the Alta Award and the *American Literary Translator's Award*. Her most recent titles are *All That Lies Between Us* (2007), *Things My Mother Told Me* (Guernica, 1999), and *Where I Come From: Selected and New Poems* (Guernica, 1995). Her work has been widely anthologized and published in *The New York Times*, *The Christian Science Monitor*, *Poetry Ireland* and other journals. She has appeared on NPR's "All Things Considered," Leonard Lopate's "Books and Co.," and Garrison's Keillor's "Writer's Almanac." She has been teaching at the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation Poetry Workshops for Teachers since 1993. Currently, Gillan is working on a memoir titled *My Mother's Stoop*.

For more information on the workshop, contact MDW Director M.L. Liebler at (313) 577-7713 or MLLiebler@aol.com

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All above and free tuition for two people at 2007 Walloon Writers' Retreat

Membership Application Form: Springfed Arts-Metro Detroit Writers

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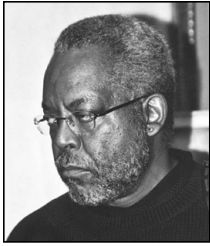
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Send to: John D. Lamb, Springfed Arts-Metro Detroit Writers

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Sadiq Bey, *Muslimgauze* musician, is Co-founder/Artistic Director of the African World Festival, the Stroh Signature Jazz Series, and Founding Editor of *CityArts Quarterly* in Detroit. A



Bill Harris,
Photo by Jerry Lubin

Michael Crittenden, graduate of the Berklee College of Music in Boston, MA, has shared the stage with Hootie & the Blowfish, The Doobie Brothers, Peter Frampton, and many others. He is founding member and songwriter of music group *Troll for Trout*. Michael lives in Grand Rapids and records and produces other artists in his own studio, Mackinaw Harvest Productions. As a solo performer, his lyrics are deep and so are his chops.



The Hummingbirds

Detroit native, he now lives and works in Berlin, Germany.

The Detroit Artists' Workshop Reunion featuring *Nationally Acclaimed Poets & Writers Robin Eichele, Bill Harris and Ron English* will read and perform with The Magic Poetry Band. Also known as the "Trans-Love Energies" back in the 60s, Eichele, Harris and English founded Detroit's first avant-garde collaboration of poetry, visual arts, politics, music and education. The DAW served as a working cooperative to support an open artistic environment.



Sadiq Bey



Michael Crittenden

The Hummingbirds are the "electro-coustic," alt-country duo of Stephen Grant Wood and Rachel Lynn Hercula. They won three 2007 Detroit Music Awards; Outstanding Country Group, Outstanding Country Vocalist and Outstanding Instrumentalist. Originally from Detroit area and now in Ypsilanti, come hear what all the fuss is about.

Lit Fest 2007 is receiving some support from Poets & Writers, Inc. of New York City.

LEARNING @ THE OPERA HOUSE 2007

Where can you pursue writing for \$5 an hour? Only at The Detroit Opera House!

This summer SA-MDW and The Detroit Opera House feature two workshops for adult writers. Ample parking will be available in the Opera House parking structure on Broadway; pay ahead discount parking is available. To receive a brochure, call the Learning @ Opera House Hotline at 313-237 3270 or leave a message with Trish the registrar at 313-237-3419. Enrollment forms are available on line at www.motopera.org/cp/writerscorner.html. The Opera House Brochure can be downloaded at the same site.

Writer's Corner: Adult Poetry Workshop (238)

Mary Ann Wehler, Writer, Poet, and Educator

This is an opportunity to tap all personal and historical memories with exercises and poetry forms. You will get to create new works in workshop and at home. Come prepared with a notebook and pen or pencil. There is limited enrollment for these four classes. We ask that you please register early.

Who can participate: Novice to experienced poets or aspiring poets

When: Four Thursdays: July 12, 19, and 26, and August 2

Time: 7 pm - 9 pm

Where: tba

Fee: \$40 Enrollment subject to availability

Writer's Corner: Adult Creative Writing (239)

Lynne Merideth Schreiber, Writer, Poet and Educator

This workshop will encourage participants to explore their inner creativity. All participants will have a chance to share their work. You will find your creative voice encouraged and expanded. There is limited enrollment for these 4 classes. We ask that you please register early.

Who can participate: Those who write daily or have always dreamed of being a writer

When: Four Tuesdays: July 10, 17, and 24, and 31

Time: 7 pm - 9 pm

Where: tba

Fee: \$40 Enrollment subject to availability

POETRY @ THE OPERA HOUSE: 2007

Poetry @ the Opera House presented by Springfed Arts-Metro Detroit Writers, The Michigan Opera Theater, and Poets & Writers Inc will be offered every Monday evening from July 9 through August 13, 7 pm to 9 pm on stage in The Michigan Opera Theater Coffee House, First Floor, on Madison at Broadway (across from Comerica Park). Limited, free street-parking and ample parking in the Opera House parking structure on Broadway is available. The last two readings will take place at the Scarab Club due to Tiger baseball games.

July 9, **Christine Rhein, Joan Gartland** & Open Mic

July 16, A Different Kind of Night featuring **Mary Ann Wehler's Poets**

July 23, **Karin Hoffecker, Adrienne Lewis** & Open Mic

July 30, An Evening of Michigan Writers with **Eric Torgeson, Keith Taylor & Kenneth Meisel**

Aug 6, **Kim Hunter, Tyrone Williams & Steven Schreiner** (Tiger game- reading at the Scarab Club)

Aug 13, W. **Carol Was** & special guests TBA (Tiger game-reading at the Scarab Club)

Mark these dates and join us for a delightful evening in The Michigan Opera Theater Coffee House. For information call 313-267 5310 ext. 338.

Detroit Artists Workshop Reunion Reading June 7th

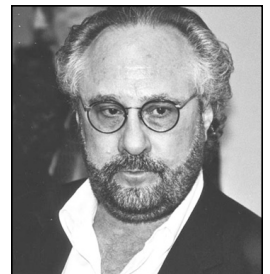
Featuring **Robin Eichele, James Semark, Ron English, Bill Harris, Ken Mikolowski, George Tysh** and special guest NYC Jazz Poet **Barry Wallenstein** & musicians

On Thursday, June 7th at 7:30 pm, please join Springfed Arts-Metro Detroit Writers and The Jazz Café at The Music Hall as they welcome the legendary **Detroit Artists Workshop** poets back to Motown to read and perform. The reading will feature **Robin Eichele, James Semark, Ron English, Bill Harris, Ken Mikolowski, George Tysh** and special guest NYC Jazz Poet **Barry Wallenstein**. The poets will be joined by members of The Magic Poetry Band. In the early



Ron English

1960's, John Sinclair & George Tysh organized Corridor artists, musicians and writers into a collective dedicated to co-operative advancement of the arts in Detroit. Founding members included all of the poets reading at this reunion along with **Nancy Madison, Alister MacKenzie, Billy Reid, the MC 5, Stephen Ligosky, Richard "Toby" Tobias, Ken "Jumbo" Schooner, Charles Moore, Ellen Phelan**, and others. The Artist's Workshop was successful in providing public venues for member concerts, poetry readings, gallery shows, publishing and other cultural events. During the middle 60's, the **Detroit Artists Workshop** morphed into **Trans Love Energies**, and then into the White Panthers after John Sinclair's move to Ann Arbor. This reading is FREE and Open to All at The Music Hall Jazz Café located inside The Music Hall at 350 Madison (across from The Gem Theater and near Comerica Ball Park) Detroit, MI 48226 | T: (313) 887-8501. Plenty of lighted, secure area parking.



Robin Eichele

The Magic Poetry Band Holds Hometown CD Release Party

Wednesday June 6, 7 pm - 9 pm

Join M.L. Liebler & The Magic Poetry Band, special guest jazz poet from New York City **Barry Wallenstein** and local poets from Liebler's St. Clair Shores Public Library Poetry Workshop. The Magic Poetry Band features St. Clair Shores residents **Jef Reynolds & Bill Hulet** with **Ron English** and **Faruq Z. Bey**. They'll bring it all back home to The St. Clair Shores Public Library's **The Galley Café** located at **22500 Eleven Mile Rd** at Jefferson in St. Clair Shores, Michigan 48081 / (586) 777-6050 **Free and open to all.**

Reminder:

The Ninth Annual WALLOON WRITERS RETREAT

At Michigania on Walloon Lake, Michigan

September 27 - 30, 2007

Produced by Springfed Arts

This year promises to be a not-to-miss event with a fantastic line up of multi-talented literary stars. You'll be wowed by readings, workshop presentations and craft talks with visiting luminary poets *Dorianne Laux*, *Denise Duhamel*, *Thomas Lux*, and Michigan prose specialists *Chuck Pfarrer*, *Jack Driscoll*, *Christopher Knight*, and *Steve Amick*! You'll be well nourished with fabulous meals from the Real Food Dream Kitchen. You'll lodge in one of the accommodating modern cabins that surround the Retreat Center, which has several cozy lounge areas, fieldstone fireplaces, and a beautiful deck, all within walking distance of Walloon Lake—an ideal environment for a community of artists. Spaces are limited—reserve a spot now!

You may send 50% of the registration fee now to hold a spot and pay the balance by Aug. 27, 2007. To register call 248-589-3913 or go online at www.springfed.org

Springfed Thursday Nights

at The Music Hall's Jazz Cafe Summer Series Continues

The superb *Springfed Thursday Nights Series* will continue at The Music Hall's Jazz Cafe this summer on the following dates at 7:30 pm

June 7: The Detroit Artists Workshop Reunion featuring James Semark, Robin Eichele, George Tysh., Ken Mikolowski, Ron English, Bil Harris and musicians Faruq Z. Bey, Jef Reynolds & Bill Hulet. FREE.

July 5: M.L. Liebler & The Magic Poetry Band Live. Two sets starting at 7:30pm. FREE.

July 12: *Springfed Thursday Nights featuring Jere's Jam with Guest Host Jere Stormer:* A variety arts program featuring well known local special guest musicians, poets and more. FREE.

July 19: *Springfed Thursday Nights featuring Jere's Jam with Guest Host Jere Stormer:* FREE

July 26: *Springfed Thursday Nights featuring Jere's Jam with Guest Host Jere Stormer:* FREE

August 2: *Springfed Thursday Nights* M.L. Liebler hosts poet *Mitzi Alvin*. Performance artist *Ellen Hildreth* will perform Yoko Ono's "Cut Piece" plus music and more. FREE

All programs are FREE and open to the public at The Music Hall for the Performing Arts' Jazz Cafe located inside The Music Hall at 350 Madison (across from The Gem Theater and near Comerica Ball Park) Detroit, MI 48226 | T: (313) 887-8501. Plenty of lighted, secure area parking. Don't miss these original programs at this very popular new Detroit venue. The Jazz Cafe has a full bar and great sound in a non-smoking atmosphere.

DETROIT'S 1ST ELECTRONIC BOOKFAIR

Group educates Metro Detroiters about
the new literary technology

On June 16th from 3 pm to 6 pm, the first **Electronic Book Festival**, held at The Detroit Impact Center, 9930 Greenfield, Detroit. Prior to the book festival there will be an Internet Writers 101 Workshop from 9 am to 3 pm. Sponsored by: Motown Writers Network, The Michigan Literary Network and The African American Electronic Network. Fee for workshop can include a resource book and lunch. For more information, please go to motownwriters.com or The Michigan Literary Network at michiganliterarynetwork.com.

A GATHERING OF WRITERS

Thursday June 21st at 7:30 pm at the Plymouth Coffee Bean, 844 Penniman Ave. Director Ann E. Horvath, co-hosts Rachel Schrieber, Lisa Rye and Joe Ferrari. The fifth anniversary of A Gathering of Writers features poet *Amy Gerold*. All welcome, no charge.

Amy Gerold's poetry is rich in metaphor and imagery and seeks to find the sacred in the ordinary.

SWEETWATERS COFFEE & TEA Presents

AN EVENING OF POETRY

Thursday June 14, 2007, 7 pm - 9pm

Featured Reader: *Sara Lamers*

Sara Lamers received her MFA in poetry from Purdue University. Her book, *A City Without Trees*, was published recently by March Street Press. Other work has appeared in *The MacGuffin*, *The Briar Cliff Review*, *Fire, Slant*, and *Cold Mountain Review*. Sara is a full-time member of the humanities faculty at Lawrence Technological University and teaches composition and creative writing. Jack Ridl says about *A City Without Trees*: "In this startling first collection, Sara Lamers, with eyes clear and unflinching, observes the world of what is disappearing from our lives, loss that is all but invisible and impossible to impede."

Open Mic to Follow Feature. Sweetwaters is located at 106 S. Main, Royal Oak (There is metered parking behind the café.) 248-586-9602 www.sweetwaterscafe.com. For info on the series contact: Karin at 248-514-0103

NEW WEEKLY WRITERS WORKSHOP

Looking for your very own creative community? Join Lynne Meredith Schreiber for nurturing workshops this summer, Thursday nights, 8 p.m. in June only, and Wednesday nights in July and August. Cost: \$9 per session. Location: Schreiber's Southfield home (address provided to participants). "We'll write, share our words in an encouraging environment, and talk about how to get our work out there in the world," says Schreiber. "You'll leave each workshop with a writing prompt, and by summer's end, have a notebook full of great starts, poems, and stories." Space is limited. For info call Lynne Meredith Schreiber, 248-443-8793 or email at lynne@lynneschreiber.com

POETRY at the BERKLEY BEANERY

Saturday, June 9 from 2-4 pm

The Ferndale Arts and Cultural Commission with support from Springfed Arts-Metro Detroit Writers continues to present excellent readers at the Berkley Beanery. Featured readers are followed by an open mic. The Coffee Beanery is located at 28557 Woodward Avenue, two blocks south of Twelve Mile on the west side of Woodward. (Best parking on Wiltshire & Franklin, the Beanery's side streets.) Come early for the best seats and the best parking.

Lamb's Songwriter's Showcase

SUNDAY, JUNE 24, 8:30 p.m.

Featuring:

Jo Serrapere with John Devine, Audra Kubat, Bob Monteleone, your host John D. Lamb and more.

SUNDAY, JULY 29, 8:30 p.m.

Featuring:

Carolyn Striho, Silent Violet, Tracy Kash Thomas, Jeff Taylor, your host John D. Lamb and more.

Memphis Smoke

Royal Oak, 248-543-4300

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 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, 7-9 pm

Troy Writers Workshop meets for prose manuscript critiquing and publishing support. For info on the group and its application process: TroyWriters@yahoo.com.

3rd Sunday, 2 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, carutherford@hotmail.com or auroradet2@yahoo.com

3rd Sunday, 1:45-4 pm

Notch Poets and Master Storytellers meets at Cactus Pete's, 9735 Conant Ave., Hamtramck, between Caniff and Holbrook.

Last Sunday, 6-8 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, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Marye Miller's Poets and Writers Group meets at the Royal Oak Public Library, 222 E. Eleven Mile Road, Royal Oak, Meeting Rooms C and D. Open mic. Hostess Marye Miller. Info: Roberta Brown at 248-854-2375.

Every Tuesday, 6 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 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 pm

Ann Arbor Poetry Slam meets at Heidelberg Restaurant, 215 Main Street. \$5 cover public; \$4 slammers. Info: 810-231-5435.

3rd Tuesday, 7-9 pm

Poets & Writers Night at Borders, 4135 Miller Road off I-75. Featured and community writers. Info: Nancy Tucker. tucker@attglobal.net

3rd Wednesday, 7:30-10 pm

Poetry critiquing group meets at Borders, Arbor Mall on Washtenaw Road, between Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti. Bring 10 copies of a poem you would like to have discussed. Info: Larry Thomas 734-434-2409.

3rd Wednesday, 7:30-9 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 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 pm (except July)

Rochester Writers' Group meets at Barnes & Noble, Rochester Rd. N of Auburn. Fiction, non-fiction & poetry.

2nd Thursday, 7-9 pm

Sweetwaters Coffee & Tea presents an Evening of Poetry, 106 S. Main St., Royal Oak. Featured reader followed by open mic. Info: 248-586-9602, www.sweetwaterscafe.com or Karin 248-514-0103

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 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, Noon-2 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 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 am/1 pm

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

Your Editor appreciates being notified of any additions, deletions, or changes to the Ongoing Calendar. Send updates to: lindakays@comcast.net