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Springfed Arts - Metro Detroit Writers

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Announcing the Springfed Arts Literary Contest Winners

The awards for best prose short stories go to:

1st place: Carolyn Walker for *from Every Least Sparrow*

2nd place: Linda Sienkiewicz for *Incarcerated*

3rd place: John Jeffire for *Local Man, Iraqi War Vet, Shot on Roof*

Honorable Mention:

Maria Costantini for *Love's Denial*

Collette Cullen for *A Kin to a Frog*



Linda Sienkiewicz - 2nd prize for prose

The awards for best poems go to:

First Place: Linda Neme Foster for *Gravity and God*

Second Place: Zilka Joseph for *Penelope Speaks to the Women*

Third Place: Kristine Uyeda for *To the Boy from the Old Neighborhood*



Kristine Uyeda - 3rd prize poetry

Honorable Mention:

Nancy Williams for *Rock-N-Roll*

Terry Blackhawk for *Into the*

Canopy

Liza Young for *How to Live with Infertility*

We are inviting the winners and the honorable mentions to read at the Scarab Club on Monday, August 9, 6:30 pm. Elsewhere in this newsletter see the full schedule of our Summer Poetry Scarab Monday series.

1st Annual Detroit Michigan Writers' Retreat



Thomas Lux



Quincy Troupe

Thomas Lux, Patricia Smith, Quincy Troupe and Ed Hirsch are coming to Detroit to help Springfed Arts launch the 1st annual Detroit Michigan Writers' Retreat, September 17 & 18, 2010. On Friday night, September 17, Lux, Smith, Troupe and other acclaimed writers will be reading at the

Wendell W. Anderson Jr. Auditorium (corner of John R and Frederick Douglass streets) at the College for Creative Studies. This event is co-sponsored by Center Galleries at the College for Creative Studies and will be open to the public as well as the retreat attendees. Springfed Arts will soon announce the full line-up and the location of the Saturday workshops, panel discussions and gala reception. The event is sponsored in part by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs (MCACA).



Patricia Smith



Ed Hirsch

Summer Poetry Scarab Mondays

Springfed Arts announces our summer series of poetry readings Monday nights at 7pm, July 12 – August 9. They take place at the historic Scarab Club, now air conditioned. The readings are free and open to the public. Located at 217 Farnsworth, Detroit; across from the DIA. Free and safe parking is plentiful.

Monday,
July 12:

Planet D Nonet with WWII Poets & Vets, Steve Rogers, Phil G & Rhonda Welsh

Monday,
July 19:

Cindy Frenkel, Lynne Cohen Schreiber, Cheri L. R. Taylor & Caroline Maun

Monday,
July 26:

Mitzi Alvin, Christopher T. Leland, Deonte Osanyande & Mike Will



Rhonda Welsh



Lynne Cohen Schreiber

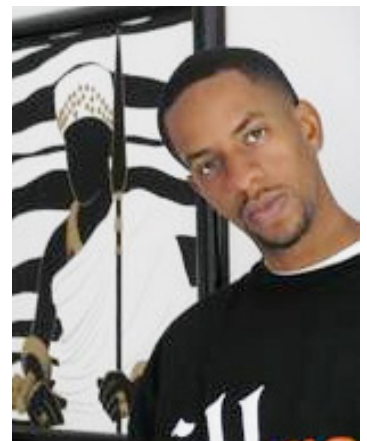
Thursday,
July 29:

Special Thursday Event - John Sinclair CD release

Monday,
August 2:

Metro Times Writers Read & Perform with Larry Gabriel, W. Kim Heron, Travis Wright & Norene Cashen

Monday, August 9:
SA-MDW 2010 Literary Contest Award Winners Read.



Mike Will

Springfed Arts Backyard Benefit

A Photo Story



How many SA-MDW members are in this photo from the Springfed Arts Backyard Benefit, May 15? Can you find Linda Sienkiewicz, Mary Minock, Mary Jo Firth Gillett, Dawn McDuffie, Sharon Backstrom, Cheri Taylor, Maria Costantini (with dapper husband Franco) and Ann Holdreith? Also in photo are singer-songwriters Jere Stormer, Tracy Kash Thomas, Barbara Barrett, Judy Insley and Sheila Landis. John D. Lamb's mother Marianne D'Agnillo is obscured behind the pole. Also evident are Attorney Monica Navarro (daughter Nicole nearby), Mark Foril, Andrew Caddick, Music Castle owner Tim Flaherty with wife singer Linda Flaherty. Photo by Richard Blondy.



Honored guests from Up North L-R, songwriter/furniture artist Kirby with founder and executive director of Blissfest Music Organization Jim Gillespie. Photo by Richard Blondy.



John D. Lamb with Grand Rapids singer songwriter Ralston Bowles. Photo by Richard Blondy.



Really? You've got to be kidding! Diane Western, Alison Donahue and Tracy Kash Thomas. Photo by Richard Blondy.

Ann Arbor singer songwriter Kitty Donohoe draws the winning raffle tickets as John D. Lamb announces the prizes. (John Latini and Dave Boutette stand by ready to sing). Photo by Lynn Hansen Maslowski.



100-Word Issue DRIFTWOOD 2010 "AIR" Now Available

20 selected poems and prose pieces of exactly 100 words on the theme of "Air" in any of that word's manifold meanings. Contributors to "Air" include Terry Blackhawk, Diane Shipley DeCillis, Linda Nemecek Foster, Mary Jo Firth Gillett, David James, Zilka Joseph, Judith Kerman, Lucinda Sabino, Phillip Sterling and James Tomlinson

Submission period for DRIFTWOOD 2010 100-Word issue "FIRE" now open. Visit www.ludingtonwriters.com for details.

Write-to-Publish Conference

Date: June 9-12, 2010

Location: Wheaton College, Wheaton, IL

Description: During the conference, attendees will be able to meet with editors from Christian publishing houses who will tell them what they're looking for and meet

with them one-on-one to discuss their ideas and manuscripts. Well-established freelance writers, editors and agents will teach attendees how to write a variety of manuscripts; improve their writing skills; find appropriate markets for their ideas; and deal with the spiritual side of writing. Among the speakers that will participate in the event are the following:

Zena Dell Lowe, an actress, screenwriter, director and film producer whose writing credits include the award-winning short film, *The Haunted Heart* and the forthcoming full-length feature, *The Family Idiot*. She is also an adjunct professor at Covenant College in Georgia and co-owner of Skirt Films, an independent film production company.

Steven James, an award-winning writer, storyteller, speaker and international seminar and conference teacher. He is author of more than 25 books, including a storytelling library of resources for educators and the bestselling Patrick Bowers thriller series.

Please visit the conference's website—www.writetopublish.com—for more details.

2010 Above the Bridge Songwriters Weekend

The 2010 Above the Bridge Songwriters Weekend will be held June 24th-27th at Chamberlin's Ole Forest Inn in Curtis. Join in workshops, song critiques, one-to-one sessions, lots of open mic/jam time and a Saturday evening staff concert. Staff includes **Jim Bizer, Billy Brandt, Annie Capps, Rod Capps, Whit Hill, Jan Krist and John Latini**. For more information or to register visit ericksoncenter.org (906) 586-9974 or Annie Capps, 734-433-0154 annie@maynardmusic.com



John Latini at the SA Backyard Benefit
Photo by Richard Blondy

Poets Follies Reading Series

Thursday, June 17, 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Michael Zadoorian is the author of two novels, "The Leisure Seeker" (Morrow, 2009) and "Second Hand" (Norton, 2000). The latter was an ABA Booksense selection, a Barnes & Noble Discover Selection, and winner of the prestigious Great Lakes Colleges Association New Writers Award. His story collection, "The Lost Tiki Palaces of Detroit" (Wayne State University Press, 2009) is a 2010 Michigan Notable Book. It features stories originally published in The Literary Review, Beloit Fiction Journal, American Short Fiction, North American Review and Detroit Noir. He lives with his wife in Ferndale, Michigan.

Scott Graham Meier is a prolific, poignant free-lance filmmaker. He has contributed to several international short and full-length films, including the recent chronicle of the legendary Chilean pop group Illapu and film projects in the US. Scott has recently finished work on the DeNiro film *Stone* filmed on location in Michigan and is working on a the cutting edge film project *Sound Portrait of a Poem* that will capture in collage the spirit of the Marick poets. Scott is a graduate of Charleston University and resides in a 'hard-shell' suitcase.

Dr. John Telford: "A Life on the Run" is Dr. Telford's autobiography of his life in education in Detroit and metro-area schools. A retired school teacher and administrator, Dr. Telford was raised in the near-west side of Detroit, where he became an amateur boxer and a world-ranked sprinter. Along the way, he met a Pope, headed up suburban school districts, directed programs to reform gangs and rehabilitate parolees, wrote newspaper columns and hosted radio shows. A former director of the innovative and controversial Division of Basic Education at Macomb Community College, Dr. Telford has taught at Wayne State and Oakland universities. A published poet, in 2001 Wayne State University named Dr. Telford its Distinguished Alumnus of the Year, for his civil-rights activism.

July 17 Follies features Chico Hernandez.

The Poets Follies Reading series is a free admission event held at Ewald Branch Library, 15175 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park, 48230, 313-343-2071. For information write to sschneider@marickpress.com, or call 313-886-2051. Free and open to the public.

2nd Annual Colin Hubbell Bike Ride

Come out on Saturday, June 19 for the 2nd Annual Colin Hubbell Bike Ride in Midtown. The event will start and end at Midtown's Traffic Jam & Snug restaurant at 511 W. Canfield. The 12.5 mile ride takes you through Midtown, Woodbridge, Corktown and Downtown. Pre-registration fee is \$20, day of registration fee is \$25. Registration available at www.detroitmidtown.com or day of event. Presented by the **University Cultural Center Association**. For more information about the event contact Trish Hubbell at 313-729-6109 or the UCCA at 313-577-5088.

Kudos Korner

Detroit Metoyer Honoree in New Orleans

Herb Metoyer, SA-MDW member will receive the "Asante Award" in New Orleans on June 27, 2010 in music. Metoyer states, "Everyone probably knows how much I love my home state and the City of New Orleans. 85% of the songs that I write concerns Louisiana and Louisiana folks." The Asante Awards and Festival is a celebration of the pinnacles in creativity of peoples of African descent. It was formed out of the desire to celebrate the contributions that many local New Orleans artists have made (with little to no recognition) by acknowledging, giving thanks (Asante). Much of the world dances to New Orleans' indigenous music, feasts on our recipes, and relishes in our art and culture; consequently, it is only befitting that we pay homage to those that have contributed to the preservation of our unique traditions and heritage. We also recognize the contributions that the African-American culture brings to the global community in many other academic disciplines. The Asante Awards and Festival seeks to place 'center stage' those who make us smile when encircled with their works! <http://asanteawards.com/>



Olga Klekner, Budapest in May

Musing Poetry and Music Gathering

Sunday, June 13, 2:30-4:30, Scarab Club

A.T. Smith: Traditional roots music combining Appalachian, Southern blues, bluegrass and flat-picking influences. A. T. offers a soulful tenor voice along with intricate, masterful guitar work. **Olga Klekner:** Poems that mystify the familiar and familiarize the mystical. First prize, LAND Poetry Contest. Open Mic is at the beginning of the program. The third Sunday of the month.

Musing, Sunday, July 18, 2:30 - 4:30, Scarab Club

Joe and Carol Lucido: Enchanting Indian ragas played on sitar, sarod, melodica, tambura, tablas and flute. Deeply peaceful, trance-like, uplifting.
Terry Blackhawk: Reverent, playful, transporting, Terry's well crafted work carries the reader into hidden dimensions. Detroit Bookwoman of the Year Award.
Hosted by Ann Holdreith and Springfed Arts, Musing Poetry and Music Gathering happens one Sunday a month at The Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit.

Ongoing Calendar

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: Sarolina Chang, sarolinachang@gmail.com

2nd Sunday, 5-8 pm

Spirit Spit Second Sundays at 1519 Martin Luther King Blvd, SW corner of Trumbull and MLK Blvd. Re-defining hip; hope inspired poetry, spoken word, rap, folk. Open mic. All ages all welcome. \$3 donation not required. 5 pm – 8 pm. Info: 313-598-3720.

2nd Sunday, 5-7 pm Horizons In Poetry (HIP) has discontinued its monthly poetry critique. HIP will still meet for dining, field trips and cultural events. For more information call Wardell Montgomery Jr. 313-821-8660, wardellmontgomery@sbcglobal.net

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

3rd Sunday, 2 pm The Broadside Press Poet's Theater meets at Detroit-Mercy's McNichol's Campus (McNichols & Livernois) in Student Center Building's Grind Coffee House. Featured poets and open mic. Info: 313 371-0948 or 313 896-8921, www.broadsidepress.org, carutherford@hotmail.com or auro-radet2@yahoo.com

3rd Sunday, 2:30 - 4:30 pm

Musing Poetry and Music Cafe, at Scarab Club, 217 Farnsworth, Detroit; across from the DIA. Collaborative expression and open mic. Hosted by Ann Holdreith. Info: 248-583-7765

2nd Monday

Poetry Workshop 7:30-10 p.m. Barnes & Noble, Saginaw on Tittabawassee across from Meijer's. Bring 10 copies of poems to workshop. No fee; all welcome. Information: 989-892-1429.

2nd Monday, 5-8 pm

Poetry on the River at Rumors on the River (restaurant/bar, comics welcomed), 8900 East Jefferson, Detroit, 48214, contact Sarella Johnson, 313-615-0545, poetryontheriver@yahoo.com

Every Monday, 8 pm

BYTETHIS Poetry Series at Cliff Bells, 2030 Park Ave Detroit. Poetry, comedy, monologues, and music/singing. \$5 admission. Info: Lashaun phoenix Moore at powerfulblackwoman19@gmail.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, a literary arts magazine, seeks good poetry, short fiction (1500 words, max), and b/w artwork or photography. Google the magazine at thirdwednesday.org or submit via the Internet at submissions@thirdwednesday.org.

4th 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

1st Thursday, 6-8 pm

Pages, Poetry and Scribes meets at Southfield Public Library. Open mic series. Host Ber-Henda, 248-910-5402 or berhenda_williams@yahoo.com www.poetrypagescribes.com

2nd Thursday, 7-10 pm (except July)

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

3rd Thursday, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm.

Poets Follies Reading Series, Ewald Branch Library, 15175 East Jefferson, Grosse Pointe Park. Featured readers, open mic. Hosted by Marick Press. To book readings call 313-886-2051 or sschneider@marickpress.com

3rd Thursday, 7-9 pm

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

3rd Thursday, 7:30-9:30 pm

The Gathering of Writers meets at Plymouth Coffee Bean, Info: Annie Horvath poetanne40@aol.com

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 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 www.Ridgewriters.com

3rd Friday, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Poetic Travelers meet at Lawrence Street Gallery, 22620 Woodward Avenue, Suite A, Ferndale, MI 48220. Featured

performers and open mic hosted by Tonja Dudley Bagwell tonja@jafansta.com. Free and open to all.

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 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

4th Saturday, 10 am - noon

Novi Writers meet at the Novi Public Library, 45275 W. Ten Mile (almost one mile west of Novi Rd.). Aspiring as well as working writers welcome. A smaller monthly MS critique session on Thursday evenings is currently open. Info: Kathy Mutch, 248-224-4211 or see novilibrary.org calendar of events.

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

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Lamb's Retreat for Songwriters

Birchwood Inn, Harbor Springs

Week #1 – November 4-7, 2010



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Week #2 – November 11-14, 2010



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**Week 1
Staff Concert
Saturday,
Nov. 6th**



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Carolyn Striho

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**Week 2
Staff Concert
Saturday,
Nov. 13th**

Director, John D. Lamb

Concerts at Birchwood Inn, Harbor Springs, Sponsored by BlissFest Music Organization

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