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Hudson Valley Writers Guild Newsletter

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Guild announcements

The Guild on Facebook

The Guild now has a presence on Facebook! Thank you to the following members who will be administering the group:

Daniel Nester
Kate Laity
Christine Philo
Carolee Sherwood

Visit us on Facebook www.facebook.com and share your news in real time on our discussion forum. Also post videos and photos you've taken at Guild or regional writers events. (Find us by doing a search for the group "Hudson Valley Writers Guild.") If you're not a member of Facebook yet, now is the time to do it. There are lots of poets and writers resources there and opportunities for networking! Thank you for helping the Guild establish a bigger web presence.

Newsletter Submissions

New board member Bob Sharkey is now compiling information for Guild newsletters. You can send your announcements to his attention by email to: riverrun@nycap.rr.com.

Member announcements

Therese L. Broderick tied for Third Place (out of approximately 150 entries) in the nationally-competitive Palettes & Quills 2008 poetry chapbook contest. She is now selling her newest chapbook of poems entitled *WITHIN VIEW: POEMS INSPIRED BY ARTWORKS*, designed by Lucille Millarson of Saratoga Springs. You may order a copy for four dollars by sending an email to: theresebroderick@yahoo.com.

Mary Kuykendall-Weber, after having seven short stories published in small press anthologies as well as winning some contest recognitions, e.g. an Almost Finalist (about 25 of them) in the annual Pirates Alley Faulkner Contest in New Orleans, has received a contract from Texas Review Press for a publication of some 40 shorts stories this coming Spring -- entitled "River Roots." The stories are based on characters she knew growing up in West Virginia.

Diane Cameron announces Writing for Caregivers: Tuesday, January 13, 2009, 2:00-4:00 p.m. Venue: Colonie Senior Service Centers at the Beltrone Living Center, Six Winners Circle, off Wolf Road/Metro Park Drive in Colonie.

Are you a caregiver? This fun two-hour workshop will help you tell your own story or the story of the person you care for. Your work may be intended for publication or as a gift to your family. You will learn about keeping a journal, starting a memoir, and using fiction and poetry in your work. The class will also explore writing as a therapeutic and stress-relieving tool. In addition, you will learn how to make time to write when you are so very busy. This is for those who have never written and those with some experience.

The workshop is free, but you must register at 518-456-2898. **The final date for registration is January 6.** The workshop will be facilitated by Diane Cameron, Executive Director of Community Caregivers and an award-winning writer.

Area announcements

Small Press Poetry @ UAG

First Friday, January 2nd
247 Lark Street

5-9pm

The Upstate Artists Guild (UAG) Gallery, as part of their January “New Beginnings” show, will be hosting a Publisher’s Open House for many of the poetry small presses producing books in Albany, NY.

Across poetics, aesthetics, and institutional status, contributing presses will include: Flim Forum Press, Fence Books, A.P.D. Press, Anchorite Press, and Albany Poets.

This will be an opportunity for interested gallery-goers to engage with some of the independent, underground, and/or experimental writing and publishing happening in Albany today.

The show opens on First Friday, January 2nd, and will last throughout the month. Free to the public. For more information, call (518) 426-350, or email: klane@flimforum.com.

Voorheesville Public Library

Noted environmental leader and poet **Stephen Lewandowski** will appear at the Voorheesville Public Library on Sunday January 4, 2008, at 2 p.m. He will discuss his bioregional and watershed interests as well as read a selection of his poems. An informal question and answer session will immediately follow his presentation. For more information, contact Alan Casline at 475-7781.

Writers Institute Offers Free Community Writing Workshops

Each semester the New York State Writers Institute sponsors residencies of varying lengths by authors who have distinguished themselves both for their writing and their teaching. In tandem with these residencies free writing workshops are offered on a competitive basis to members of the community. The Institute will sponsor three creative writing workshops during the spring 2009 semester.

Fiction and nonfiction writer, poet and screenwriter **James Lasdun** will conduct two six-week workshops: “The Art of the Short Story”, and “The Self and Other Nonfiction Workshop”. The latter workshop will focus on the craft of the personal essay.

Emmy Award-winning documentary filmmaker **Sheila Curran Bernard** will conduct an eight-week workshop on “Intermediate/Advanced Dramatic Screenwriting.”

All three workshops will be held on the University at Albany uptown campus and are offered free of charge for non-credit. Admission to the workshops is based on the submission of writing samples. For complete information on the workshops and submission guidelines go to: albany.edu/writers-inst. For further information call 518-442-5620.

Woodstock Poetry Society & Festival

Woodstock Poetry Society & Festival as part of the Woodstock Arts Consortium is sponsoring the following poetry event as part of the Woodstock "Second Saturdays" Art Events. For a full listing of "Second Saturday" events, go to: woodstockartsconsortium.org.

Writer **Michael Hare** and poet **D. Alex Bird** will be the featured readers when the Woodstock Poetry Society & Festival meets at the Woodstock Community Center, 56 Rock City Road, on Saturday, January 10 at 2pm. Note: WPS&F meetings are held the 2nd Saturday of every month.

The readings will be hosted by Woodstock area poet Phillip Levine. All meetings are free, open to the public, and include an open mike.

Caffe Lena

Mary Cuffe Perez will be the featured reader at the next session of the Caffe Lena open mic. Mary is a poet, novelist and short fiction writer. The event will take place on Wednesday January 7 at 7:30 p.m.