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## **Guild announcements**

### **The Guild on Facebook**

The Guild now has a presence on Facebook ([facebook.com](http://facebook.com))! Over 40 individuals have already joined our Facebook group!

Visit us to share your news in real time on our discussion forum and post videos or 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 join. There are lots of resources for poets and writers resources and opportunities for networking! Thank you for helping the Guild establish a bigger web presence.

### **Newsletter Submissions**

New board member Bob Sharkey compiles information for Guild newsletters. You can send your announcements to his attention by email to [riverrun@nycap.rr.com](mailto:riverrun@nycap.rr.com).

(Note that we are not including "http" or "www" before web addresses. These create "hot links" and may hinder newsletter distribution.)

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## Member announcements

**Dan Wilcox** announces the next Third Thursday Poetry Night at the Social Justice Center, 33 Central Ave., Albany, NY.

**Thursday, January 15**

7:00 sign up; 7:30 start

Featured poet **Nicole Karas** has written poetry since she first laid her hands on a salt and pepper composition notebook in elementary school. She is excited about the Albany poetry scene and the people involved in it. There will be an open mic for community poets before & after the feature: \$3.00 donation, suggested. Dan Wilcox is the host.

**Amy Biancolli** announces that an amazing thing has happened. Somehow, she has written a play. How this happened I am not entirely sure, but here it is:

**KREISLER'S LONG SLEEP**, based on my 1998 biography of Fritz Kreisler and featuring live performances by the extraordinary violinist Christina Sunnerstam-Prince. Incorporating music, scenes inspired by Kreisler's life and monologues culled from violinist's own words, it will make its Albany bow in a staged reading at 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, January 26** at Capital Repertory Theatre at 111 North Pearl St., Albany, NY.

It looks as though my nephew, that fine young actor Steven Ringwald, will be involved in the reading as well. If you're interested in attending, there's not much information online yet -- but the reading will be part of Cap Rep's Biggest Little International Play Festival 2. I believe tickets are \$10, or free with purchase of a festival pass. Capital Rep box office is (518) 445-SHOW (7469). Homepage: [capitalrep.org](http://capitalrep.org). Directions: [capitalrep.org/tickets/g1.html](http://capitalrep.org/tickets/g1.html).

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## Area announcements

**Small Press Poetry @ UAG---Added Events!**

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 throughout the month of January. In addition, on **Saturday, January 17**, there will be readings by **Eric Gelsinger, Rebecca Wolff, Colie Collen, Pierre Joris Anthony Bernini, Thom Francis**, and more, from Flim Forum Press, AlbanyPoets, Fence Books, Anchorite Press and A.P.D.

Upstate Artists Guild, 247 Lark St., Albany

January 17 2:00 PM -- 5:00 PM, Free! (But buy books, please!)

Also all through January at the UAG *The Photos of Dan Wilcox* (from "the world's largest collection of photos of unknown poets.")

### **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" (*note that manuscripts of writing samples for admission to this workshop are due postmarked by January 15 or delivered in person by January 20*) 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](http://albany.edu/writers-inst). For further information, call (518) 442-5620.

### **Writers Institute Announces Spring Readings and Films**

The State Writers Institute also has a long list of readings and films planned to celebrate its 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. The series kicks off on **Tuesday, January 27** with the fiction writer **Jane Anne Phillips** who will engage in two events at the University of Albany's uptown campus. Phillips will conduct a seminar in the Assembly Hall at the Campus Center at 4:15 p.m. and will read in the Recital Hall at the Performing Arts Center at 8 p.m. A full schedule of events can be viewed at the Institute web site, go to [Albany.edu/writers-inst](http://Albany.edu/writers-inst).

### **Annual Tom Nattell Tribute Open Mic & Beret Toss**

**Monday, January 26**

***Poets Speak Loud!***

Tess' Lark Tavern, 453 Madison Ave., Albany, NY

7:30 PM, \$3.00 Donation

Open mic with guest host **Dan Wilcox**. (Dress warm for parade to Washington Park after the reading for the beret toss at the Robert Burns statue.)

## Galway Public Library

You're invited to a Poetry Open Mic at the Galway Public Library on **Tuesday, January 27**, at 7:00 pm. Poets are urged to come share a poem or two with a friendly audience. If you're not a poet, please come and be part of the friendly audience! Light refreshments will be served. The library is located on Rte. 147 in Galway, 882- 6385 for more information.

[galwaypubliclibrary.org](http://galwaypubliclibrary.org)

Galway Public Library  
5264 South Street (Sacandaga Rd)  
Galway, NY 12074-2431

## Old Songs in Voorheesville

There is an open mic with a featured poet every 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday at 3 p.m. at the Old Songs Community Arts Center, 37 South Main Street, in downtown Voorheesville. The next featured reader will be **Therese Broderick** on **Sunday, January 25**.

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**The Hudson Valley Writers Guild offers space in its newsletter for submission and program opportunities but does not endorse any programs or publications that are not offered through the Guild.**

*A note from the newsletter editors:* A fresh crew of volunteers is on board for the Guild newsletter, and this is our third time around. We are always curious to know if the formatting "works" (appears neat and tidy) in your email or if it caused issues (is difficult to read). Send feedback and suggestions regarding any formatting issues to [hvwginfo@gmail.com](mailto:hvwginfo@gmail.com). News items should go to Bob Sharkey as stated above. *Thank you!*

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