

March 1, 2009

Hudson Valley Writers Guild Newsletter

In This Issue

Guild Announcements:

Save the Date: April 4, The Guild on Facebook, Newsletter Submissions

Member Announcements:

Dan Wilcox, Dan Nestor, Miriam Herrera, Mimi Moriarty, Therese Broderick, Denie Whalen

Area Announcements:

NYS Writers Institute Spring Readings, Caffe Lena Open Mic

Guild announcements

Save the Date: April 4

The Guild and the Arts Center of the Capital District will be sponsoring a Writers Resource Panel and Fair the morning of April 4 at the Arts Center in Troy. Look for further details to be announced soon.

The Guild on Facebook

The Guild now has a presence on Facebook ([facebook.com](https://www.facebook.com))! To date, 63 individuals have joined our Facebook group. Visit us to share your news in real time in the 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 join. There are lots of resources for poets and writers and opportunities for networking! Thank you for helping the Guild establish a bigger web presence.

Newsletter Submissions

Board member Bob Sharkey compiles information for Guild newsletters. You can send your announcements to his attention by email to riverrun@nycap.rr.com. We will be posting area events that are announced in between the bi-monthly Guild newsletters on our Facebook site.

Member announcements

Dan Wilcox will participate in a Poetry Reading at Alternative Books

Saturday, March 7, 6PM
35 N. Front St., Kingston
845-331-5439

Featuring:

Nathan Graziano
Rebecca Schumejda
Pauline Uchmanowicz
Dan Wilcox

Dan Nestor will be the featured reader at the next Live from the Living Room open poetry mic on Wednesday, March 11 at The Capital District Gay and Lesbian Community Center, 332 Hudson Ave. in Albany. The reading starts at 7:30. Don Levy is the host.

Miriam Herrera will be the featured reader at the next Third Thursday Poetry Night open mic on Thursday, March 19 at the Social Justice Center, 33 Central Ave. in Albany. The reading starts at 7:30. Dan Wilcox is the host.

Mimi Moriarty announces a "Poetry for Caregivers" workshop she will be conducting on two Wednesdays (March 11 and 25), 10 a.m.–Noon (*you are welcome to attend one or both sessions*) at Community Caregivers, 2113 Western Avenue, Guilderland.

Caregivers have a very special task—the giving of self for the betterment of another. This is often done with joy and received with gratitude. Sometimes these tasks can wear down the body and the spirit. Writing poetry can help the caregiver express the love, concern and gratitude they feel, as well as the frustration, anger, exhaustion, humor, despair or resignation. Whatever situation you are in, whatever kind of caregiving (spouse, parent, sibling, child, friend, short-term, long-term), writing poetry is a wonderful outlet. In this workshop you will read poetry written by caregivers and about caregiving, and you will learn writing exercises to begin or improve your poetry-writing skills.

The workshop is free, but please call (518) 456-2898 to register. The final date for registration is March 18.

Therese Broderick announces "The Surprise of Poetry," a writing workshop she will be conducting at East Line Books, 1714 Route 9, Clifton Park (across from Snyder's Restaurant) on Saturday, March 7, 2009, 2-4:00 p.m. Cost: \$25. (One scholarship available.) To register, call Robyn Ringler at (518) 371-4151 or e-mail her at RLDSR12@aol.com.

Good poetry is about surprise--an unexpected word, image, or sound. In this friendly, low-key class, you will learn some simple, fun techniques for adding surprise to your poems. Tips for getting published will also be provided. No prior experience with writing is necessary. Sharing aloud will be encouraged but not required. Helpful handouts will be supplied. Additional information is available at the book store website: eastlinebooks.vpweb.com/events.

Denie Whalen announces Expressive Arts with Markus Alexander: *Light your writing fire through an expressive arts experience - a natural way into our creative imagination* on Friday, March 13, 6:30-9:30 p.m., \$45, at the NYEA Studio, 4 Central Avenue, Albany. Call (518) 434-2412 or email denie@newyorkexpressivearts.com to reserve your space.

Area announcements

Writers Institute Announces Spring Readings and Films

The State Writers Institute has a long list of readings and films planned to celebrate its 25th anniversary. Some early March events include readings by historian and author Annette Gordon-Reed on March 4 (moved from February 24), by poet Rodrigo Toscano on March 10, by fiction writers Stacey D'Erasmus and Ira Sher on March 12, and by Israeli fiction writer Etgar Keret on March 16. A full schedule of events with exact times and locations can be viewed at the Institute web site: albany.edu/writers-inst.

Caffe Lena Poetry Open Mic

Nancy White will be the featured reader at the next edition of this monthly reading on Wednesday, March 4. The café is located at 47 Phila Street in Saratoga Springs and the reading begins at 7:30. Carol Graser is the host.

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. We are always curious to know if the formatting "works" (appears neat and tidy) in your email or if it causes issues (is difficult to read). Send feedback and suggestions regarding any formatting issues to hvwginfo@gmail.com. News items should go to Bob Sharkey as stated above. *Thank you!*

--

M. Miriam Herrera
Webmaster

Bob Sharkey and Carolee Sherwood
Newsletter Editors
Hudson Valley Writers Guild (hvwg.org)