

October 13, 2008

Hudson Valley Writers Guild Announcements

A lot happening on October 18!!

Guild Announcements: Positions Open on Board, Community of Writers, Annual Meeting Events,

Member Announcements: Winifred Elze, Djelloul Marbrook, Eric Muller, Dan Wilcox and Mimi Moriarty, Kathryn Laity

Area Announcements: Arts Center, New Writing Group, Folklore Conference

Guild Announcements:

Positions Open on Board: Our Treasurer, **Bernie Bourdeau**, is moving to Florida. He is able to remain Treasurer since most of his work is done electronically, but it will be difficult for him to attend board meetings unless he is in town. If anyone is interested in becoming the Treasurer, please e-mail Bernie at bbourdeau@gmail.com. The duties include a Treasurer's report for board and annual meetings, keeping track of expenses and income, making deposits, etc. Our Secretary, **Mimi Moriarty**, is also due to retire from the Board. She is looking for a replacement. Please e-mail her at winterview@earthlink.net if you are interested in this position. Her main job is to get the newsletter out every two weeks, but there are other administrative duties involved, as well.

Community of Writers - October 18, 2:00-4:00 pm

Don't forget our Community of Writers coming up at the Albany Public Library. Featured writers: Helen Raynes Staley, Naton Leslie, Elizabeth Brundage. Contact **Dan Wilcox**, Program Chair for HVWG, at dwlcx@earthlink.net.

Annual Meeting Events

Our Annual Meeting this year at the Colonie Library on November 19 is not all business. We will be sponsoring a **book swap**, and we suggest you bring in gently read books with the intention of swapping them for other books. Also, **Bonnie Alexander**, Director of the airport's **Departure Museum Shop** will be invited to stop in before the meeting (5:30 pm) and select books by local writers to sell on consignment. Her store carries books and chapbooks by local writers to fulfill its mission to support regional artists.

Member Announcements

Winifred Elze has published "The Borgia Prince," a murder mystery set in a Schenectady theatre. It is available through Troy Book Makers, Marketplace Books, The Book House, Proctor's Theatre, The Open Door and Letter Perfect at the Balcony. To read a sample chapter or get info on Winifred Elze's other novels, please go to <http://www.winifredelze.com>

Congratulations to **Djelloul Marbrook!** His book of poetry, *Far From Algiers*, has won the 2007 Stan and Tom Wick Poetry Prize. Published by The Kent State University Press, this is his first collection of poetry. Visit www.kentstateuniversitypress.com for more details.

Eric G. Muller will read from, discuss and sign his new book of poetry, *Coffee on the Piano for You* (Adonis Press, 2008) on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at the Hawthorne Valley School (330 Route 21C, Ghent, NY) at 7:30 pm. This official Release Party will include music by Larry Glatt (singer-songwriter) and Shana Blake Hill (opera singer) who will sing jazz standards.

Board Members **Dan Wilcox and Mimi Moriarty**, along with **Bob Sharkey**, will be at East Line Books on November 8 to do a reading entitled: DEBRIEFING: THREE POETS EXAMINE THE AFTERMATH OF WAR. This event will be held at 2:00. Refreshments and Q&A session after the reading. Dan Wilcox served during the Viet Nam War, Bob Sharkey was a conscientious objector, and Mimi Moriarty is the daughter of a WWII vet. Their poems reflect awe, outrage, humor, respect and resilience. East Line Books is located in Clifton Park across from Snyder's Restaurant, 1714 Route 9.

Kathryn Laity will also be doing a reading at East Line Books. She will be launching her new book *Unikirja* (Aino Press 2008), a collection of short stories inspired by Finnish myth and legend. Kathryn won the 2005 Eureka Short Story Fellowship and a 2006 Finlandia Foundation grant for this collection. She will be reading from 1:00 - 4:00. Location - see above.

Area Announcements:

The Arts Center

Don't forget the next three events of the Memoir Project: October 20 - Laura Shaine Cunningham, November 17 - **Julie Gutmann (co-sponsored by HVWG)**, and December 15, Sandi Dollinger. Call the Arts Center for more information at 518-273-0552 x 231 or e-mail at Justine@theartscenteronline.org.

If you are interested in course offerings, check out their web page at www.artscenteronline.org. You will see everything from courses on writing memoir to poetry to travel writing - and more!

New Writing Group

Wanted – talented, committed writers for Mid-Hudson Valley writing group
of published writers who meet monthly to critique each other's work. Many are working on novels or memoirs.

Format: The work to be discussed is submitted, per email, a week before the meeting. The meeting follows a workshop format. After the discussion annotated manuscripts and written comments are given to the person whose work was discussed. If you're interested, please submit an introductory letter and an example of your work.
Submissions to: rachelschultz3@ymail.com

Folklore Conference - October 18

Alan Casline sends this information:

Registrations are now being accepted for the New York Folklore Society conference, to be held on Saturday, October 18, 2008 at the New York State Library, Albany, New York.

The Folk Music Revival: Politics and Community -A Symposium by the New York Folklore Society will explore the music and the politics of the post World War II folk music revival and will feature

Ethel Raim (Center for Traditional Music and Dance), Wanda Fischer (folk music radio host - WAMC), Andy Spence (founder of Old Songs Festival), and Sarah Craig (Cafe Lena) in a panel on "**Community Connections**"

A Film Screening and commentary on a soon to be released film, "**Friends of Old Time Music**" with filmmaker Peter K. Siegel

Folk Scare! Politics and the Folksong Revival will feature Sonny Ochs and Jaye Alper, along with **giants** of the Folk Music Revival - **Josh White, Jr. and Oscar Brand** who have also agreed to perform.

A Concert of English folk song by **John Roberts and Tony Barrand.**

Conference lodging is available to be booked as of 9/06 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Albany City Center. Please call to make your reservation at 1-800-2CROWNE and be sure to mention that you are with the "New York Folklore Society".

For further details and to register online, visit the NYFS website at www.nyfolklore.org.

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