

December 2004, WCAA Newsletter

LITERARY ARTS EVENING

The final Literary Arts Evening for the 2004 fall season was held Saturday, November 27th in Bethany. Mort Malkin, a disciple of celebrated Philippino poet, Jose Garcia, led a poetry writing seminar using Garcia's poetic method. Participating writers, readers and audience found the evening both entertaining and instructional.



Nancy Dymond reading

Devils in Dog Costume

By Diana Dymond-Burns

My dogs call me "My Lady" in dog-tongue.
They bow their heads and show their teeth to me,
Copying my smile.
Their bodies wriggle with absolute delight
When I come home.

They sway their heads to and fro
In opposite direction from their tails
In turn, bowing and smiling they say,
"My Lady, My Lady, you have come home."

But after I've been gone too long, their greeting
Is more energetic.
Their heads whack me, their tails muddy my pants,

I shriek!

Their dance becomes wilder and they say,
“My Lady, My Lady needs me- she must –
or she wouldn’t scream so! Quick!
We must speed up the greeting dance!
If we circle her and both jump,
She’ll stop that screaming!
Look! She’s on the floor! Let’s lick her face!”

The Literary arts evenings will continue in the spring. Many thanks to featured readers who participated in the fall series and also to those who shared their work during the informal open mic sessions. A special thank you is extended to Frances Gruber for organizing the series and Joan Hill for the generous use of her studio.

MEMBERS MEETINGS

The Executive Committee have scheduled the following members meetings for 2005. Your opinion counts. Members meetings are your opportunity to be heard. Please mark these dates on your calendars and plan to attend.

January 30th, 3 p.m.- Location to be announced.

April 24th, 3 p.m.- Location to be announced.

July 31st, 3 p.m.- Location to be announced.

October 30th, 3 p.m.- Visitors Center, Honesdale.

MONDAY MOVIES ON MAIN

“Monday Movies” continues Monday nights during December and January at Café Déjà vu, Main Street, Honesdale. The movie line-up includes 5 star movies selected on the basis of their historic importance, cinematography, acting, screenplay, innovation etc and includes many little known gems as well as difficult to obtain but excellent foreign films. A five –minute introduction will be given before each movie, providing insights of significance to plots, directors, actors, writers etc. The event is free to our membership, however, there will be a \$5 fee for dessert and coffee provided by Café Déjà Vu. Non-members may sign up for membership at the door.

NEW MEMBERS

WCAA welcomes new business member Top Notch Distributors, Inc, and individual members Barbara Lewis, Mary Goldfeder, Patricia and Bernard Mangiaracina.

LIFE DRAWING

The next life drawing session will be held January 6 at 7 p.m. in Joan Hill’s studio, Bethany. For more information call Hugh McCammon at 224-0077.

NATURE’S GRACE EXHIBIT

“Nature’s Grace,” Main Street, Honesdale, will feature the artwork of Liba and George Puchmajer during the month of December.

READERS PICK- A book review by Pearl Hochstadt

Interpreter of Maladies by Jhumpa Lahiri

Dislocation is the theme that threads through most of the nine stories in Jhumpa Lahiri's *Interpreter of Maladies*. From an encounter between a tour guide and the Americanized visitors returning to their roots in the Indian subcontinent, to the terrified efforts of a housewife learning to drive having been transplanted from that same subcontinent to the profoundly satisfying closing story, "The Last and Final continent," Lahiri draws exquisite pictures of ordinary lives caught up in unforeseen circumstances.

Interpreter of Maladies won the Pulitzer Prize and the Earnest Hemingway Foundation/PEN Award for First Work of Fiction in 2000. The reader will be rewarded by entering into its humane-- and universal-- perspective.

Interpreter of Maladies is available at The Wayne County Library and on-line at amazon.com

OPEN STUDIO TOUR, 2005

WCAA is seeking artists interested in participating in the 2005 Open Studio Tour. The event is scheduled for August 26, 27 and 28, 2005. The tour event is juried and open to artists who maintain a studio within Wayne County. Applications from interested artists will be accepted until February 28, 2005. For more information contact Hana Gorman at 253-5949.

HAPPENINGS

Simons Pond Music Festival presents a concert of chamber music on Sunday, December 12, 3:00 p.m. at the Festival House, Holgate Rd, Damascus, PA. The program includes the Sonata for Cello and Piano by Shostakovitch, Sonata for Cello and Piano in A Major by Beethoven and the Sonata for Violin and Piano by Franck. The Pond Ensemble performs with Yi Jia Susanne Hou, Violin, Rafal Jezierski, Cello and Juny Jung, Piano. The snow date is Saturday, December 18, 3:00 p.m. For more information call 570-224-6273.

St John the Evangelist R. C. Church presents its annual Christmas Music Concert on Sunday December 19, 2 p.m., at St. John's Church, Terrace St., Honesdale.

Theatre and Dance students from Braman Arts Conservatory will perform a re-telling of Ibsen's "The Adventures of Peer Gynt," on December 11, 7:30 p.m. at the Sullivan West High School Auditorium, Lake Huntington, NY. For more information call 845-887-1901.

FYI

For those of you interested in Congress' Arts Report Card and how your representatives voted, check out the non-profit arts advocacy group, Americans for the Arts, website www.ArtsActionFund.org. Click on "2004 Election Impact on the Arts Report".

OPPORTUNITIES

The Wildflower Music Festival, Dorflinger-Suydam Wildflower Sanctuary, is currently seeking submissions of artwork for their 2005 program cover. Submission of digital images in a viewable size via email is preferred. Email should be addressed to music01@ptd.net with a subject of "cover art". 35mm slides may also be sent to Cover Art,

c/o Wildflower Music Festival, PO Box 356, White Mills, PA 18473. Slides will not be returned. Each submission should indicate the medium, size and current location of artwork. Only three submissions per artist will be accepted. If selected the artist will be required to submit a hi-res. digital image in a jpeg or pdf format. The selected artist will receive recognition in the program and two tickets to the festival's 2005 featured concert. Deadline for submissions is December 15, 2004. For further information call 253-5500 or email music01@ptd.net

Delaware Valley Arts Alliance is calling for artists to submit entries to be considered for exhibition in the DVAA Gallery, Main Street, Narrowsburg, NY. The deadline for submissions is January 21, 2005. For detailed submission guidelines visit www.ArtsAllianceSite.org

The Greater Honesdale Partnership of Honesdale is currently seeking mural artists interested in painting large murals on several downtown building sites. Please call the Partnership's office at 253-5491 for more information.

Connections magazine is seeking artists interested in advertising their artwork on the magazines Artscene page for the months of February, March and April, 2005. Connections is distributed to NY, NJ and Northeast PA reaching an estimated 25,000 families. Contact Lucille Norella via email at Lnorella@echoes.net or by phone at 570-488-6742 for more information.

Luzerne County Community College (LCCC) spring 2005 class schedules are now available. LCCC has off campus programs available in Wayne and upper Lackawanna County. Independent study and on-line courses are available as well as traditional classroom instruction at Honesdale High School and Carbondale Area High School. For a full schedule of courses available, their times, locations and credit ratings call 1-800-377-5222, email mjolley@luzerne.edu or visit the LCCC website at www.luzerne.edu