

Newsletter, WCAA, November, 2004

ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING

At a moderately well attended meeting on October 24th, reports were heard from chairpeople of the following committees: Executive, Finance, Food Tasting, Studio Tour, Membership, Life Drawing, Wayne Deer Games, Slogan Contest, Monday Movies, Writers Conference, Literary Evenings, Nature's Grace Showcase, Newsletter, Website, and the Spring Concert. The Nominating committee passed out ballots proposing the election of two new members to the board, Art Sorrentino and Michael O'Neill, and the re-election of five board members whose terms had expired. A vote was taken and the following were elected to the board for the 2004-2006 term: Jeff George, Joan Hill, Sandy Meagher, Anne Nocera, Pauline Glykokokalos, Michael O'Neill and Art Sorrentino. They join Fr Martin Boylan, Mindy Frank, Ioannis Glykokokalos, Frances Gruber, Liz Kedrick, Ellen Silberlicht and Jerry Swendsen, who were elected in 2003 for the 2003-2005 term. Newly appointed volunteer coordinator Nancy Dymond asked WCAA members to consider giving a few hours of their time and talents to the organization. Jobs range from painting signs to selling tickets, doing mailings, designing and/or hanging flyers etc. Volunteers are always needed and members willing to help are urged to contact Nancy to register or for more information at 253-4964.

The meeting concluded with a brief tribute to founding member Robert Lander who passed away October 29, 2003.

Following the regular general meeting the board met briefly to elect officers to the two vacant positions of President and Second Vice President. Ioannis Glykokokalos was elected President and Frances Gruber Second Vice President. Congratulations are extended to these new officers and to new board members Michael O'Neil and Art Sorrentino. Many thanks to the entire board for their dedication and to all our volunteers whose hard work and enthusiasm have contributed to the success of WCAA's projects this year.



Christine San Jose, Clara Gillow Clark, and Rich Wallace speakers at the October Writer's Conference.

WRITERS' CONFERENCE

On Saturday, October 23, 2004, WCAA sponsored a Writers' Conference held at the Wayne County Visitors Center. Thirty-five aspiring writers (ages 14 to 75+) attended. Presentations by published authors Clara Gillow Clark, Rich Wallace, Christine SanJose, Kim Griswell, and Jan Cheripko were the outstanding features of the day. Participants had the option of having a brief manuscript edited, with Judy Burke, Marileta Robinson, Sue George, and Sandy Meagher offering their editing skills. The day was both inspiring and informative and every participant got valuable, concrete advice.



LITERARY ARTS EVENING

What happens when poets get together? They open up and gladly share their work, knowing that their vulnerability will be appreciated no less than their vision. From the high school student conceding that his coach is finally just a pumpkin to the grandfather invoking the fragility of the life cycle of the 17-year cicada even as he takes a sweeping view of his own life cycle, WCAA's monthly literary evenings allow their listeners to touch base with feelings and understandings too often crowded out by our daily grind.

Wit is also part of the poet's repertory. The October 30th meeting highlighted this element by featuring selections from the

sparkling light verse of the late Helen Villaume, one of Wayne County's most generous benefactors, read by senior students from Wallenpaupack High School. And the kind of reverberations that such events foster was demonstrated when her modern adaptation of Aesop's Fables prompted a reading by Pearl Hochstadt of her translation of the seventeenth-century poet La Fontaine's version of the very same fable.

There will be one more meeting this year on Saturday, November 27, again at 7 p.m. at Joan Hill's studio. In addition to the usual open mic and social hour, it will feature a poets workshop. For more information, call 253-5400.

WCAA thanks Frances Gruber for organizing these sessions and Joan Hill for opening her home to host them.

Tom Lisembee reciting

The Gifted Child
By Helen Villaume

The Jones's have a gifted child
Of whom they're very proud.
They've fixed him up with credit cards
With which he is allowed
To purchase gasoline and oil,
The clothing he desires,
And all the other odds and ends
A teenage boy requires.
The car he drives is his alone,
A gift from Uncle Pat.
His bank account stays in the black,
His father sees to that.
His high school grades don't hit the mark
I've led you to assume.
I said he was a gifted child-
I didn't say by whom.

MONDAY MOVIES ON MAIN

For lovers of great film, Monday nights have never been more interesting since the advent of "Monday Movies" at Café Déjà Vu in Honesdale. October's line-up set the stage and standard for movies to come with four five-star films considered by many to be the best of their genre: Vittorio de Sica's 1949 "The Bicycle Thief," Mel Brooks' 1974 "Young Frankenstein," Wolfgang Peterson's 1981 "Das Boot," and F.W. Murnau's 1922 "Nosferatu." "Monday Movies" is an excellent opportunity to see rarely shown but superb movies in a warm and friendly café setting with fellow members of WCAA. There is a \$5 fee which includes coffee and dessert. Movies start at 7 p.m. and will run through January. Feel free to BYOB.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

WCAA welcomes new members Jerry Simpson, Mary Colgan, Jane and Bill Reif, Cinda and George Tietjen, Zola Logan, Regina Yeager, and Dorothea Szczesniak. Our membership is currently 165.

OPEN STUDIO TOUR

WCAA is currently seeking artists and craftspeople to participate in the 2005 Artists' Open Studio Tour, which will take place on August 26, 27, and 28 of next year. Applications by interested artists will be considered until February 28, 2005. The event is juried and artists'

studios must be located within Wayne County. For more information contact Hana Gorman at (570) 253-5949.

BUS TRIP

Unfortunately our fall bus trip to the Kendall Sculpture Gardens, NY, was cancelled due to insufficient interest.

LIFE DRAWING

The next life drawing session will be December 2 at 7 p.m. in Joan Hill's studio, Bethany. For more information please call Hugh McCammon at 224-0077.

NATURE'S GRACE EXHIBIT

"Nature's Grace," Main Street, Honesdale will feature the artwork of Jeff George during the month of November.

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

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