

JANUARY 19(Snow Date: January 20th)

Workshop in poetry and performance for Poetry Out Loud high-school finalists, from 4-6 at Engine, Biddeford, ME, Contact: Joshua Bodwell at director@mainewriters.org.

JANUARY 20

Reading of selected winners from The Inspired Pen poetry contest at art opening for The Inspired Hand, 6-8 p.m., at Lewiston-Auburn College, 51 Westminster Street. Contact [Patricia Hager](#).

JANUARY 26 (Snow Date: January 27th) Workshop in poetry and performance for Poetry Out Loud high-school finalists, from 4-6 at The Grand, Ellsworth, ME. Contact [Joshua Bodwell](#).

JANUARY 28 Reading of poems for the Maine Forensic Association State Tournament at 4 pm at Brunswick High School, Brunswick, Maine. Contact [Lyndsy Shuman](#), President of the Maine Forensic Association.

JANUARY 31 (Snow Date: February 1st)

Workshop in poetry and performance for Poetry Out Loud high-school finalists, from 3-5 at The Franco American Center, Lewiston, ME. Contact [Joshua Bodwell](#).

FEBRUARY 2

The Mid-Maine Community Forum (the Forum) presents Maine Poet Laureate Wesley McNair at 6:30 pm, the First Universalist Church of Pittsfield, 112 Easy Street. Contact [Holly Zadra](#) or 487-2706.

FEBRUARY 16

Reading of poems at annual Longfellow Days dinner, 6 pm at the Moulton Union, Bowdoin College, Brunswick, ME. Contact [Brunswick Downtown Association](#).

MARCH 6

Longfellow's Shadow: poetry reading with Betsy Sholl at the Maine Historical Society, 12:00 noon. Contact [Steve Bromage](#).

MARCH 23

Featured speaker at the MCELA conference for teachers of English, following lunch, at the Point Lookout Resort and Conference Center in Northport, ME. Contact [John Emerson](#), President of the MCELA.

MARCH 27 An Evening with Wesley McNair at the Plymouth Church House, Brooklyn, New York; cocktails at 6 pm, dinner at 7, reading of poetry to follow. Sponsored by the New England Society of the City of Brooklyn. For further information, call 718-834-1738.

APRIL 4-5

Presentation with poetry reading "My Life as a Poet" on the evening of the 4th at the

University of Maine, Orono, time: TBA; class visits on the 5th. Contact [Judith Hakola](#).

APRIL 12

Poetry reading at the South Portland Public Library, 7:30 pm, following local poets. Contact [Joyce Doyle](#).

APRIL 17

Reading of poems at the Patten Free Library, Bath, ME, 6:30 pm. Contact [Leslie Mortimer](#).

APRIL 21

Poetry reading with Joy Harjo and Nikky Finney, at the 2012 Massachusetts Poetry Festival, Salem, MA. Time and place, TBA. Contact [January O'Neil](#).

APRIL 26

Reciting and reading poetry at the Blaine House, with the 2012 winner of the Poetry Out Loud competition and Doris Dean, reciter of poetry from Norridgewock, Maine. Roll-out of the second initiative of the Poet Laureate, beginning at 2 pm. Invitation only.

APRIL 27

An Evening with Poet Laureate, Wesley McNair, 6:30 p.m. at the Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick, ME. Contact [Anna Boll](#).

MAY 5

Introductory reading (after social time at 5:30 pm) of Sarton and McNair poems at the Fosters Clambake Restaurant in York Harbor at 6 pm. Short follow-up readings will be given by Rebecca Givens Rolland (winner of the May Sarton New Hampshire Poetry Prize), Betsy Sholl and Roger Finch. Contact, [Victoria Simon](#), Coordinator of the May Sarton Centennial.

MAY 12

Graduation address at the University of Maine at Farmington as honorary degree recipient. Contact Moira Wolohan at (207) 778-7256.

MAY 22

Readings and a class visit at Bangor High School, Bangor, ME. Contact [Emilie Manhart](#).

MAY 30

Readings and a workshop at the Brunswick Junior High School, Brunswick, ME. Contact [Peg Acheson](#).

JUNE 23

Morning poetry reading about place for the Maine Lakes Association: afternoon workshop: Places on Water. Times TBA. Contact [Jennifer Jespersen](#).

JUNE 28

Poetry reading with follow-up discussion at the Institutional Institute of the USM Writing Project. Reading at 1 pm in Bailey Hall. Contact [Rebecca Redlon](#).

JULY 17

Afternoon workshop at the Early College Creative Writing Program of the University of New England, time and place TBA. Contact [Audrey Gup-Mathews](#)

JULY 18

Reading with Patricia O'Donnell in North Dining Hall B and C at 7:30 pm for the Longfellow Mountains Writers Conference. Afternoon workshop preceding, time TBA.

JULY 28

Featured poet at the Annual Rogue Bluffs Writers Conference. Workshop 9 to noon followed by conferences with Salt Coast Sages and an evening poetry reading. Contact: [Sharon Bray](#) Tel: (207) 469-7308.

SEPTEMBER 12

Keynote speaker at the Kennebunk Land Trust Annual Report to the Community at 5 pm. Contact Marie Louise St. Onge, Director of the KLT. Tel: (207) 985-8734

SEPTEMBER 19

Keynote speaker for Utilitarian Clay Symposium: Celebrate the Object Symposium at the Arrowmont School of Arts and Crafts, Arrowmont, TN. Contact [Bill Griffiths](#), Program Director, Tel: (565) 436-5860.

SEPTEMBER 28

Down East run of The Maine Poetry Express series launches at 7 pm in Stonington, featuring conductors Deborah Cummins and Linda Nelson, poets D. Cummins, Stuart Kestenbaum and Thomas Moore, five community readers, and an introduction by Wesley McNair.

OCTOBER 7

Reading of poems, "My New England," for the annual Farm Day of the Freeport Historical Association, 2 pm, at Pettingill Farm in Freeport, Maine. Contact [Christina White](#).

OCTOBER 23

Presentation of the second annual Hall-Kenyon Award for American Poetry to Kay Ryan in Concord, NH. Time and place, TBA.

OCTOBER 24

Jane Hirshfield accepts the Donald Hall-Jane Kenyon Award at the Concord Technical College in Concord, NH, at 7 pm, following the ceremony with a reading of her poetry.. (Wesley McNair chooses the recipient for this award each year.) Contact: Mike Pride, at cmpride@yahoo.com.

OCTOBER 27

Reading of Poems at the University of Machias, Kimball Hall, Portside, at 6pm.
Sponsored by UMM's Dead Poet Society and The Binnacle. Contact [Gerard NeCastro](#).

OCTOBER 30

Northern run of the Maine Poetry Express series launches at 7 pm at UMFK in Fort Kent, featuring conductor Jenny Radsma, poets Wesley McNair (who will also introduce the event) and Cathie Pelletier, and five community readers. Contact Jenny Radsma, at radsma@maine.edu.

NOVEMBER 3

Reading of poems, 7-9pm, at the Merrill Memorial Library, Main Street, Yarmouth, Maine, sponsored by a grant from the Yarmouth Arts Council. Contact [Mary Dowd](#).

NOVEMBER 16

Poetry Reading at the Eastport Arts Center, Eastport, Maine, at 7 pm. Contact Jack Reese, at jackreese34@yahoo.com.

NOVEMBER 30

Maine Poetry Express comes to Old Town for an event at 7 pm to celebrate the dam removal project of the Nature Conservancy along the Penobscot River. Wesley McNair will introduce the event, which will feature poets Kathleen Ellis, Patricia Ranzoni, and five community readers. Contact cheryl@penobscotriver.org.