

2013 EVENTS

January 13

Central Maine launch of new memoir, *The Words I Chose*, 2 pm at the Belgrade Public Library, Belgrade, Maine. Contact Marcia Haigh, at belgrade@belgrade.lib.me.us.

January 17

Stop for the Maine Poetry Express on Swan's Island, Maine, 1 pm at the Swan's Island Library. Contact Candi, at sieslibrary@swans.lib.me.us.

January 23

Coaching session for Poetry Out Loud candidates from Maine high schools, 4-6 pm, The Grand, Ellsworth, ME. Contact Joshua Bodwell, at director@mainewriters.org.

January 24

Reading from memoir, *The Words I Chose* at Gibson's bookstore in Concord, NH, at 7 pm. Contact: gibson's@totalnetnh.net.

January 25

Second coaching session for Poetry Out Loud candidates, 4-6 pm, Engine, Biddeford, ME.

January 31

Official Maine launch of memoir, *The Words I Chose*, at the Portland Public Library, 6:30 pm. Contact director@mainewriters.org.

February 2

Interview on my literary friendship with Donald Hall at Bowdoin College in Brunswick, ME. Afternoon time TBA. Contact Maryli Tiemann at tiemann@comcast.net.

February 5

Reading from *The Words I Chose* at Booksellers in Farmington, ME, at 7 pm. Contact: kenny@ddgbooks.com.

February 28

Maine Poetry Express stop at Patten Library, Bath, ME, 7 pm. Contact Leslie Mortimer, at lmotimer@patten.lib.me.us.

March 7

Reading of poetry at York Community College, 4:30 pm. Contact Doreen Rogan at ydrogan@yccc.edu.

March 21

Maine Poetry Express stop, 7 pm, at the Cobscook Community Center, Trescott ME

March 28

Maine Poetry Express stop at the Turner Library in Turner, ME, 7 pm. Contact: Betty Twitchell, at btwitch@megalink.net.

April 4

Maine Poetry Express stop at the Waterville Library, Waterville, ME, 7 pm. Contact Pat Burdick, at paburdic@colby.edu.

April 6

Master Class at the 2013 NHWP Writers Day, Southern NH University, Manchester, NH. Contact Carla Gericke, at nhwp.carla@gmail.com.

April 9

Maine Poetry Express stop at the York Public Library, York, ME, 7 pm. Contact Kim Meyers, at kemyers@york.lib.me.us.

April 11

Annual address as poet laureate at the Blaine House, 2pm, with launch of Take Heart: Poems from Maine, based on the Take Heart newspaper column, including reading by Maine poets.

April 16

Reading from new memoir, The Words I Chose, at the Skowhegan Free Public Library, Skowhegan, Maine, 7 pm. Contact Dale Jandreau, at 474-9072.

April 19

Keynote address at the 2013 Terry Plunkett Poetry Festival, UMA, Augusta, ME, 7 pm; group reading from poetry anthology, Take Heart, April 20, time TBA. Contact Ellen Taylor, ellent@maine.edu.

April 23

Reading from memoir, The Words I Chose, at the Orono Public Library board meeting, 7 pm. Contact Jenny Shemwell at jjshemwell@gmail.com.

April 25

Maine Poetry Express stop at the Solon Meeting House, Solon, ME, 7 pm. Contact Barbara Sullivan, at solonoid@tdstelme.net.

May 2-5

Poetry workshop at the MWPA Black Fly Retreat in Grand Lake Stream. Contact Joshua Bodwell, Executive Director of MWPA: director@mainewriters.org.

May 7

Maine Poetry Express stop at Camden Library, Camden, ME, 7 pm. Contact Ken

Gross, at kgross@librarycamden.org.

May 14

Maine Poetry Express stop at the Space Gallery in Portland, ME, 7 pm.

May 18

Recipient of fifth honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree during graduation ceremonies at the University of New England, Biddeford, Maine, 10 am.

May 24

Reading of poetry at the Young Writers Conference of Champlain College in Burlington, VT. Contact J.C. Ellefson and Lesley Wright at Ellefson@champlain.edu.

June 29

Maine Poetry Express stop on Chebeague Island, ME. Contact Deborah Bowman, at cheplib@hotmail.com.

July 20

Poetry as storytelling at the Western Maine Storytellers Festival, Farmington Public Library, time TBA. Contact Rob Lively, at atlively@maine.edu.

July 20

Poem "["The Longing of the Feet"](#) aired on NPR's [The Writers Almanac](#), with Garrison Keillor.

July 25

Reading and workshop in The Early College Creative Writing Program, time TBA. Contact David Stankiewicz, at dstankie@hotmail.com.

August 13

Reading from the Take Heart anthology with Tom Moore, Leslie Moore, and Sharon Bray at the Witherle Library in Castine, 7 pm. Contact Lynn Ramsdell lynnie@witherle.lib.me.us.

September 11

Poetry reading at SUNY-Plattsburgh, 5 pm. Reading from memoir at the ROTA Gallery, 8 pm. Plattsburgh, NY. Contact Alexis Levitin at levitia@plattsburgh.edu.

September 18

Reading from memoir at the Newport Cultural Center, 7 pm. Contact Leigh Hellett, at director@newportculturalcenter.org.

September 19

Keynote address at Art School Collaborative Conference, Haystack Mountain School of Crafts, Deer Isle, 8 pm. Contact Stuart Kestenbaum, at director@haystack-mtn.org.

September 21

Workshop, The Visual Art of Free Verse, at Haystack, 9:30 am.

October 3

Presentation of the 4th annual Hall-Kenyon Award in Poetry to Billy Collins at the Audi in Concord, NH (Wesley McNair, judge), 7 pm. Contact Mike Pride at cmpride@yahoo.com.

October 4

Inauguration of Kathryn Foster as President of the University of Maine at Farmington, 3 pm. Contact Celeste Branham, at cbranham@maine.edu.

October 5

Presentation of annual Sarah Josepha Hale Medal to Richard Russo at the Richards Free Library, in Newport, NH (Wesley McNair, Hale Board member), 8 pm.

October 8

Poem "["The Rules of the New Car"](#) aired on NPR's [The Writers Almanac](#), with Garrison Keillor.

October 10

Reading of poetry at New England College in Henniker, NH, 7 pm. Contact anne.sayce@comcast.net.

November 5

Poem "["The Book of A"](#) aired on NPR's [The Writers Almanac](#), with Garrison Keillor.

November 13

Reading of poems for performance of "Four Journeys in Maine, a musical composition by Philip Carlsen based on four McNair poems, reprised for the 150th anniversary of UMF, 3 p.m., Nordica Auditorium, University of Maine at Farmington, Farmington, Maine. Contact Philip Carlsen, at carlsen@maine.edu.

November 21

Seasonal reading of McNair poems on the theme of Praise and Thanksgiving at the Wilton Free Library, Wilton, Maine. Contact David Olson at david.l.olson@gmail.com.