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Monthly Update

2003 Anthologies

Seven cartons of the 2003 Artsbridge Writers Gallery Anthologies have been distributed to libraries, senior homes, and hospitals in PA & NJ, guaranteeing many new readers. One carton remains for members sale or distribution. For those interested in receiving copies, please meet with me after the monthly writers group meetings.

Agreed Meeting Format

- Bring copies of your work to distribute for reading (12-15 copies)
- Initial thirty minutes for beverage selection/preparation and discussion of upcoming literary magazine submissions, handouts and events.

- Readings begin counter-clockwise from any beginning point. Group turns reader's copies face down until reader begins to read.
- After each writer completes reading, reader waits until all group responses are completed before responding to critiques. Brief critiques and responses are encouraged depending on size of the group.

Publications

For viewing your Art/photos in this newsletter, your publication updates, Art exhibits, scheduled readings or events, e-mail or call me in time for each months newsletter within a day or two following the writers group meetings.

The Artsbridge web site is updated once monthly. If the newsletter update deadline is missed for your event, email me to forward to members.



"Peaceful Times"



"Vermont Gas Station"

Oil paintings by Bob Muller

Invitations:

Kathe Palka will be reading at the Beaver Pond Poetry Forum with John Alex-Anderson on Oct. 21st, beginning at 7:30 pm - St. Philip's Church, at the corner of Chapel Road and Route 32 just north of New Hope. BPPF is held the 3rd Friday of every month.

Kathe will also be reading at the Princeton Library with Jane Rawlings on November 16th as part of the US 1 Invites Reading Series.

Art Exhibits - Artsbridge/River Poets Writers Group

Check Artsbridge web site for additional Artsbridge Members shows:

Catherine DeChico's art show at the Eagle Diner in New Hope - until Oct 31.

D. J. Haslett's show at Gallery 125 in Trenton - until Nov. 4.

Judith A. Lawrence's art exhibit at "The Full Moon Café" in Lambertville - until Nov. 15.

Email or phone me for listing future Art exhibits by Artsbridge/River Poets Writers.



Details on the Princeton Library reading series are in the current library newsletter viewed online at <http://www.princetonlibrary.org/pdf/newsletter.pdf>

Oct. 8, 2005 meeting

In spite of a rain drenched day,

we had an excellent turnout considering even the ducks had run for cover. It was a terrific meeting, full of great conversation, insights, amazing poetry, and good critiques.

Great Quotes

Submitted by Elaine Restifo: Bumper quote:

EARTH FIRST! WE'LL SCREW THE REST OF THE PLANETS LATER!



AUTHOR EVENT READING
JANUARY 12th, 2006 AT
"THE FULL MOON CAFÉ"
IN LAMBERTVILLE, NJ

David Harris-Ebenbach, the winner of the 2005 Drue Heinz Literature Prize for his book of short stories, "Between Camelots" will be appearing January 12, 2006, 7:00 - 9:00 PM for a reading/discussion/book signing at "The Full Moon Café," in Lambertville, NJ.

Upcoming Group Members' Reading Events

Coming soon to Artsbridge/River Poets - special event readings by our Writers' Group members. More to follow in next month's newsletter.

Submissions for 2006-2007 Anthology

Email or snail mail entries for the 2006-2007 Annual Literary Anthology. Seeking volunteers for an anthology committee in reference to publication/content/format, artwork, editing, etc. What is your expertise?

Next meeting of Artsbridge/River Poets:

November 12, 2005

Lambertville Public Library

The Peggy Lewis Gallery

2nd Floor

1:00 - 4:00 PM

Call or email your Writers events updates, publications & invitations for next months newsletter. Submit art/photography photos directly, snail mail, or email photos to me to be displayed in the monthly newsletter front page photo box.

Current Readings/ Art Exhibits

Be sure and catch Kathe Palka's reading at Beaver Pond in Oct, and Princeton Library in Nov.

Also the writers group members' Art exhibits are still ongoing.

See exhibits by :
Catherine de Chico,
DJ Haslett,
and Judith Lawrence.

To see more Artsbridge event listings visit the Artsbridge web site:
<http://www.artsbridgeonline.com/>

War and Peace '05 Juried Art Exhibition

A juried exhibition at Prallsville Mills, Stockton, NJ - opening Nov. 17, 2005

Will explore artists interpretations of our current climate of armed conflict versus the will for peace.

More information at:

<http://lambertvillepeace.org/artshow2005>

Do you love Haiku? Email, snail mail or bring to the meeting your favorite Haiku/Senyru

Here is Kathe Palka's lovely Haiku published at <http://tinywords.com> on Oct 4.

after fall rain
within the woods, the rain
finishing its fall

Special Thanks

Special thanks to Joe Treceno and Bob Muller for helping me keep on track at the meeting.



So much good writing to choose from this month's reading, I had to publish four. Enjoy!



Writers Work - Four Readings from October 8, 2005 Meeting

SUN DIAL

Half of me contains a gray, revolving cloud.
Where it moves half-past my face, and
climbs the wall of my sun-drying cheek,
its shadows falls at quarter to five.

And motioning, chin to cheek,
Week after week,
it sometimes pauses by my right ear.
Where it rains and pours,
weeks have disappeared.

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NATURE MORTE

Giant pompons to pomposity,
the powder blue color
of the hydrangea is
as falsely exuberant as
a tray of unused
shell-shaped soaps,
decorating a bathroom sill with
no breeze or view
to the sea.

Fragrant, whose pigment,
like some cheap, discounted dye,
bleeds
the sky's strength

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FOR PROFIT

Sixty years ago, seedlings were planted.
Along either side of a farm lane.
Just last week they were giant, lordly trees.
Taking in carbon dioxide and
giving out oxygen for us to breathe.

Today they are trunks and branches lying on the
ground.
Their brown, withered leaves giving testimony to
their deaths.

A developer cut them down.
To squeeze in a few more McMansions.
With their impervious driveways and streets.
On land on which he was building.

Twenty beautiful monarchs.
Each spring they sprouted thousands of leaves to
hide their nakedness.
Each fall they thrilled us with glowing colors.
Acts no man can duplicate.

Twenty stumps,
Twenty alters on which to beg their forgiveness.

Can this earth take much more?
To hell with the environment.
Profit is the name of the game.
For shame David Cutler. For shame.

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MR. FIX-IT

No Moses in a basket
floating by,
only soiled diapers, urine
and the big lie
Helicopter-spiders
dangling their prey
“I held her hand tight as I could,
now I can only pray”
Citizens on roof tops
holding cue cards of despair,
a government on snooze-button
hiding in the Capital lair

I searched the yellow-pages
for the Washington sages
Who's to blame for the
FEMA recklessness?
And where are all the
beaded necklaces?
The French Quarter flowed
its sadness out to sea,
while Fats Waller sang
his Creole blues to me
The elderly wheeled about
in food carts
as Homeland Security
counted body parts.

Can't stop the looting and rape,
National Guard's in Iraq
A nation caught with
its morality agape
Time to break out of
your lotus position
and lose the plague
of indecision
Our citizenry unable to hold
leaders accountable to facts
as Haliburton vultures
circle the government contracts

Time to outsource the
Federal Government is overdue

Time for Cheney
to find his duct-tape
and Bush his Crazy Glue
Volley off the Wal-Mart rifles
further instructions
will be cell-phoned

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**Bring your Prose/Poetry/Short Stories/Plays to
the Group Meetings. Having a busy month, with
no time to write? Then bring a favorite writer's
poem/prose piece to share. Here's one of mine.**

My Papa's Waltz
by Theodore Roethke

The whiskey on your breath
Could make a small boy dizzy;
But I hung on like death:
Such waltzing was not easy.

We romped until the pans
Slid from the kitchen shelf;
My mother's countenance
Could not unfrown itself.

The hand that held my wrist
Was battered on one knuckle;
At every step you missed
My right ear scraped a buckle.

You beat time on my head
With a palm caked hard by dirt,
Then waltzed me off to bed
Still clinging to your shirt.

See you next month.
Warm Regards,

Judith Lawrence