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**Invitations:**

- For Pebble Hill Church Gallery's monthly Poetry and music meeting, see flyer or email.
- Email or call me to list future invitations here.

*Fall Kickoff Notes of Interest*

**2003 Anthologies**

We have over 8 cartons of the 2003 Artsbridge Writers Gallery Anthologies, approximately 635 books to distribute.

For those interested in distributing remaining books to Hospitals, senior homes, libraries, schools or other place of interest, please meet with me after the meeting to pick up cartons now stored in the trunk of my car.

**Meeting Format**

In the next couple of meetings, I would like to brainstorm for our meetings in reference to setting time limits, discussions, whether to have one or two meetings a month, combining Artsbridge/River Poets groups, selecting team

for editing 2006 Writers anthology, back-up members in leading the group, etc.

**Guest Writers**

I have invited David Hamis-Ebenbach to be our first guest at a future meeting. David's first collection of short stories, "Between Camelots," the winner of the 2005 Drue Heinz Literature Prize has been published by Pittsburgh Press. If you would like to invite future guests, please email or call me to list in our newsletter. I met David at the Geraldine Dodge Poetry Festival, and have been following his writing career. More about David on this web site. <http://www.pitt.edu/~press/books/betweencamelots.html>



"Coney Island of the Mind" watercolor tribute to Lawrence Ferlinghetti by Judith A. Lawrence

**Publications**

For listing your Art photo above or publications here, email or call me .

**Special Meetings**

Elaine Restifo has offered her home as a meeting place for special meetings. Members who are interested in offering their home for special meetings, contact me by phone or email.

*Artists Among Artsbridge Writers*

See flyer or check web site for Artsbridge Members Art shows:

Catherine DeChico's art show at the Eagle Diner in New Hope

D. J. Haslett's show at Gallery 125 in Trenton

Elaine Restifo has contributed 2 paintings for the Buckingham Peace Fair, Sept. 24

Judith A. Lawrence's art exhibit at "The Full Moon Cafe" in Lambertville

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

## Minutes of Sept. 24 meeting

### First Fall Meeting

We had a good turnout considering that the Peace Fair in Buckingham, the Peace March in Washington, DC and other local events occurred on the same day. I wish to thank those who managed to tear themselves away from all the other engaging events in this powerfully political time.

Thank you for your support and warm reception.

All in all we had a terrific first meeting with exemplary writing, and the group worked on resolving a couple issues as well. I am looking forward to our next meeting.

### Great Quotes

Submitted by Mason Locke: A quote from Jim Valvano, who coached the North Carolina State basketball team to greatness for 19 seasons and won a national championship in 1983. After learning he suffered from terminal cancer (he died April 28, 1993 at the age of 47), he advocated that anyone wishing to live a full life do the following:

"To me, there are three things we all should do every day of our lives. Number one is laugh. You should laugh every day. Number two is think. You should spend some time in thought. And number three is, you should have your emotions moved to tears, could be happiness or joy. But think about it. If you laugh, you think, and you cry, that's a full day. That's a heck of a day. You do that seven days a week, you're going to have something special."

### Distribution of 2003 Anthologies

The attending members were all in agreement for distributing the balance of the 2003 anthologies to hospices, hospitals, senior centers, libraries, schools, etc.

There are 8 cartons, each holding 78 books. In addition, there are 2 displayboxes, approximately 30 additional issues to distribute to the members of the group.

Members who have additional ideas for places of distribution, and/or are volunteering their help in distributing the books, please call or email me.

The 2003 Anthology, published by Mary Shafer and edited by Marie Vieth is a wonderful collection of poems, short stories and sketches by Artsbridge members.

### Next meeting of Artsbridge/River Poets:

October, 8, 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 month's newsletter. Submit art/photography photos directly, snail mail, or email photos to me, to be displayed in the monthly newsletter front page Art photo box.*

### Combining Artsbridge/ River Poets Meetings

As many of "The River Poets" are also members of Artsbridge, the members discussed the feasibility of combining the groups for one monthly meeting, rather than two, due to time limits in libraries: scheduling, and our very busy lives.

The members attending were in agreement that additional Artsbridge/River Poets meetings could be held at selected homes, or selected outdoor areas.

Several members have offered their homes for additional special meetings apart from the monthly meeting, which will be announced in the newsletter, or by host invitation.

### Special Guests

Following our Artsbridge meeting, David Harris-Eberbach, the winner of the 2005 Drue Heinz Literature Prize for his book of short stories, "Between Camelots" has graciously agreed to be a guest reader. I am working on scheduling a time and location for the event.

### Art Exhibits

Be sure and catch the Art exhibits by members of the Artsbridge Writers Group

To see more Artsbridge event listings visit the Artsbridge web site:

<http://www.artsbridgeonline.com/>

### Special Thanks

Special thanks from Artsbridge Writers Group and The River Poets to Bob Muller for a job well done since 2003!

Congratulations Bob!



See you on October 8.

Warm regards,

*Judith A. Lawrence*