

Wisconsin Poetry Festival
Presented by Friends of Lorine Niedecker
Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin
September 24 and 25, 2010



PLEASE NOTE: All sales at the Poetry Café will be **cash or check only**.

FRIDAY, September 24, 2010

5:00 – 8:00 Welcome Gathering and Poetry Open Mic Café Carpe
Café Carpe is a great gathering place for dinner or a drink. Out of town participants are encouraged to come. Bring a poem to share. Open poetry mic from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. 18 S. Water Street

SATURDAY, September 25, 2010

8:30 Poetry Café and Poetry Store Open Velvet Lips Street Level
*The Poetry Café will be the place to meet, greet, swap, leave messages, gather information or relax with a beverage. There will be a Share Table for leaving and taking materials. The store will include books, chapbooks, broadsides, cards, bookmarks, and other poetry related items. **Cash and checks only.** Coffee, tea and water will be available. Back by popular demand, bananas.*

9:30 Hoard Museum Opens Museum (Four block walk)
The museum offers several exhibits including the Lorine Niedecker exhibit room, Mysteries of the Mounds, Dairy Shrine and museum shop.

9:00 - 10:00 Write Like A Poet: Tricks Poets Can Teach Every Writer Velvet Lips (Upper Level)
Moderator: Angela Rydell and Laurel Yourke
Poets have strategies that every writer can use. These include deepening imagery, managing metaphor and exploiting surprise. Poets and non-poets join in this hands-on workshop where accessible poems are explored to discover secrets of writing more skillfully, succinctly, and beautifully.

10:00 – 10:30 Poetry Café Break Velvet Lips (Street Level)

10:30 – 12:30 Nature of Wisconsin Poetry Velvet Lips (Upper Level)
Moderator: Tom Montag, Panel: Karl Gartung, Faith Barrett, Nancy Rafal
Panel will feature discussion of the methodology used during a seminar this summer examining Niedecker's "Wintergreen Ridge" poem and examining the Ridges as place, and how that methodology might be applied to a broader examination of Wisconsin poetry and Wisconsin poets. This will be followed by examination of the characteristics of "Wisconsin poetry," identifying the practitioners of its various kinds, and highlighting various publications and resources where Wisconsin poetry might be found. In addition to the "nature" (characteristics) of Wisconsin poetry, we will speak a bit of the role of

"nature" and the natural world in Wisconsin poetry. And we will allow time for a broader Q&A discussion about Wisconsin poetry with the audience.

- 12:30 – 1:30 Welcome and Lunch Velvet Lips (Street Level)
The Welcome will highlight announcements in the Wisconsin Poetry world and an opportunity to meet fellow Festival participants. A \$10 salad lunch will be served, registration required.
- 2:00 – 4:00 Blackhawk Island Writer's Workshop Blackhawk Island
Moderator: Pat Moran, Chris Fink, limit 20, registration required
For those who are interested in writing prose "in the spirit of Lorine" this workshop is being held on the property that was Lorine's home along the Rock River. This location may bring about some reverence and awe in addition to stimulating inspiration. Participants will create new work. Registration required. Limit 20
Parking and rest-room facilities are NOT available on Blackhawk Island.
- 2:00 – 4:00 Wisconsin Poetry Showcase Velvet Lips (Upper Level)
Moderator: John Lehman
Poets will have an opportunity to present their poetry an audience. 5 minutes per reading. Early sign-up sheets available in the Poetry Café.
- 4:00 – 4:45 Poetry Café break Velvet Lips (Street level)
Gathering for dinner connections. List of recommended, near-by restaurants available. Sign-up available for those wishing to dine as a group. Take a moment to write an "Ode to the Velvet Lips." These will be shared at the Lorine Niedecker Grasshopper Invitational.
- 5:00 – 6:30 Dinner on your own.
- 6:30 – 7:00 The Lorine Niedecker Grasshopper Invitational Poetry Café
Master of Ceremonies: Tom Montag
Invited Readers: Angela Sorby, Blackhawk Island writers, Velvet Lips Tributes
Lorine Niedecker drank Grasshoppers – an ice cream drink with crème de mint.
Drink tickets will be available in the Poetry Café.
- 8:30 Bill Camplin – Musician, poet, songwriter Café Carpe
Café Carpe is a mid-west destination for musicians. You are in for a treat as this performance is created with special recognition of the Poetry Festival. Tickets \$5

For more information go to www.lorineniedecker.org or Google the Wisconsin Poetry Festival. For additional questions about the Poetry Festival, contact Amy Lutzke 920-563-7790 or Ann Engelman 920-563-0416.

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