

*The Lorine Niedecker Wisconsin Poetry Festival
Presented by Friends of Lorine Niedecker
Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin
October 3 and 4 , 2009*



FRIDAY, October 2, 2009 Festival guests arriving for the weekend are invited to an informal Welcome Gathering at 4:00 at the Café Carpe, 18 S. Water Street. The Carpe is a great gathering place for dinner or a drink. If you like, bring a poem to share. There will be an open poetry mic from 7:00- 8:00 p.m. Open to the public.

SATURDAY, October 3, 2009

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| 8:00 | Poetry Café Opens for Registration
<i>The Poetry Café will be the place to meet, greet, swap, leave messages, information or relax with a beverage. Coffee, tea and water will be available.</i> | Museum Overlook
Luella Hoard Gallery |
| 8:00 | Hoard Museum Opens
<i>The museum offers several exhibits, art inspired by Niedecker, and the Lorine Niedecker Room with information and artifacts. There is a gift shop and a Share Table for Festival related materials. The museum will be open Saturday and Sunday.</i> | Museum |
| 9:00 - 10:30 | Workshops - concurrent
#1 How To Make A Poem Your Own
<i>Ideas and suggestions about how to connect with poetry. Moderator - John Lehman</i> | Library (W)
Worcester Room |
| | #2 Teaching Wisconsin Writers
<i>How to engage young writers. Moderator - Charlotte Johnston</i> | Library (R)
Rogers Room |
| 10:30 - 11:00 | Poetry Café Break
<i>Explore the museum, register for events, check the bulletin board, obtain resources from the share table, and meet Festival participants.</i> | Museum Overlook |
| 11:00 - 12:30 | The Nature of Wisconsin Poetry
<i>Each year the Council for Wisconsin Writers offers a Lorine Niedecker Poetry Award. Past and present winners will compose a panel to address: How do Wisconsin and "the place" where you live, influence your poetry? How does your poetry relate to the Wisconsin landscape or your sense of place in it? A discussion with the audience will follow. Panel members include: Michael Kriesel, Anne-Marie Cusac, Karl Elder, Alison Townsend, Susan Elbe, David Krump. Moderator - Mary Linton. (150 seats available)</i> | Museum (Jones Gallery) |
| 12:30 - 2:00 | Welcome and Box Lunch (available for \$, pre-paid) | Museum (Jones Gallery) |

Saturday Concurrent Events

- 2:00 - 4:00 Tours of Niedecker Landmarks Blackhawk Island
A van will loop every half hour from the museum to Blackhawk Island, the cemetery, library, and Riverside Drive. Maps available with registration materials. (Parking and rest-room facilities are NOT available on Blackhawk Island.)
- On-going Lorine Niedecker Exhibits and Lorine Niedecker Store Museum Overlook
Tour the Lorine Niedecker and Niedecker- inspired art exhibits. The store will include books, broadsides, cards, bookmarks, and other related items.
- 2:00 - 3:00 Publishers Roundtable Library Rogers Room
Poetry editors and publishers from around the state will gather to discuss how to support the business of poetry publication. A Q&A session will follow. Further tips and connections are encouraged at the Poetry Café. Moderators - Sarah Busse and Wendy Vardaman, co-editors of the Wisconsin poetry magazine Verse Wisconsin.
- 2:00 - 4:50 Poetry Reading Museum (Jones Gallery)
Poets will have an opportunity to present their poetry to listeners. 5 minutes per reading. Moderator - John Lehman
Early sign up- sheets available at the Poetry Café at the museum overlook.
 2:00 – 2:30 Poetry of Place
 2:35 – 3:05 Wisconsin Faces
 3:10 – 3:40 War and Peace
 3:45 – 4:15 Family
 4:20 – 4:50 Work
- 4:00 - 6:30 Lorine’s Dinner Buffet from Lorine’s Recipes Café Carpe
A special dinner buffet will be prepared using Lorine’s recipes. Reservations by 9/10. Maximum 60 seats - reserve early, \$ per person.
- 7:00 - 9:30 Wisconsin Poetry Museum (Jones Gallery)
- Council for Wisconsin Writer’s, Lorine Niedecker Poetry Award Winners (Six - 5 min each)
 - Niedecker videos (2 -:30) and Niedecker audio reading (6 min.)
 - Invited poets and students (3 min. each)
 - Short Break
 - Wisconsin Poet Laureates
 10 min each – Susan Firer-Milwaukee, Fabu Carter Brisco-Madison,, Marilyn Taylor-State of Wisconsin
 - My Life By Water video (8 min.)
 - Closing remarks, closing poem
- This celebration of Wisconsin poetry will include poet laureates, invited poets, and students, audio and video presentations. This will include the only known video of Lorine Niedecker, a short independent film, and the only audio of Lorine reading her poetry. The evening will be a condensed, vibrantly paced composite of Wisconsin Poetry.*

SUNDAY, October 4, 2009

- 9:00 - 11:30 “In the Spirit of Lorine Niedecker” Blackhawk Island
 Blackhawk Island Writer’s Workshop

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 Rick River. This location may bring about some reverence and awe in addition to stimulating inspiration. Participants will create new work.

Free, registration requested. Limit 20

Chris Fink - Beloit College, Pat Moran - UW Whitewater

- 9:00 - 11:30 Workshops - concurrent
- #1 Understanding Lorine's Poetry Library Worcester Room
Lorine Niedecker took words and weeds and water and sky and made of them something which resonated far beyond her marshes, poetry which speaks across all boundaries and borders. What does Lorine do in her poetry, and how does she do it?
Moderator – Tom Montag
- #2 Playing With Words Museum Class room
Lorine made small books with her poetry included. Examples of these books will be available, and participants will create their own small books. All materials provided.
Moderator- Dawn Hunter Free, registration requested
- 12:00 - 1:00 Poetry Café Box Lunch – (available for \$, pre-paid) Museum Overlook
- 12:30 - 1:00 Blackhawk Island Workshop Readings Museum Overlook (tent.)
A short selection of poems will be read from the morning's workshop.
- 1:00 - 2:00* Julie Schoessow "The Lorine I Knew" Museum (Jones Gallery)
Ticketed event \$10
Lorine's stepdaughter will speak about the relationship she had with Lorine, memories of her father, his relationship to Lorine, and their life in Milwaukee and on Blackhawk Island. A Q&A will follow. New pictures from Julie's personal collection will be shared.
Pre-register or at the door. Limited to 200. Moderator - Paul Hayes
- 2:00 - 2:15* Poetry Café Break Museum Overlook
- 2:15 - 4:30 Film "Immortal Cupboard" by Cathy Cook Museum (Jones Gallery)
This Wisconsin Film Festival jury award winner is an artistic interpretation and film essay of Lorine's life and poetry. A Q&A with the filmmaker will follow.
Ticketed event \$10 or free with purchase of previous event.
- 5:00 - 6:30 Encore "Immortal Cupboard" (tentative)

The Friends of Lorine Niedecker, Inc. is dedicated to preserving and expanding the legacy of Lorine Niedecker.