Friends Trip—Oak Park, IL—July 17-21, 2016

In our last newsletter, we announced a 2016 Friends trip to follow in the footsteps of Hemingway’s A Farewell to Arms in Italy and Switzerland. Since that announcement, the State Department has issued travel advisories that affect our proposed itinerary. Given that situation, we’ve decided to postpone the trip.

Fortunately, we’ve had another opportunity arise, one which we think will be just as exciting. On July 17-21, we will travel to Oak Park, IL, to visit Ernest Hemingway’s boyhood home and the nearby Hemingway Museum. While in Oak Park, we will also visit the Frank Lloyd Wright studio and take a walking tour through the neighborhood he helped design. We will also have time to visit major sites in Chicago, shop on the Magnificent Mile, and enjoy some of the county’s best restaurants.

We will be in Oak Park at the same time as the International Hemingway Conference, and there will be opportunities to participate in some of the events of the society. In addition, those wanting to stay on a couple of extra days can participate in the Oak Park celebrations of Hemingway’s birthday. It’s a great chance to spend some time in Hemingway’s hometown. All with no international flights to worry about.

For more information on the trip, contact John Frankel at 870-972-5580.

**November 2015 Writers’ Retreat**

Seventeen writers from seven states convened in Piggott from November 2-6 to improve their skills, with an emphasis on Hemingway’s Dramatic Point of View and F. Scott Fitzgerald’s First Person Observer View, as used in The Great Gatsby.

Pat Carr of Fayetteville, Arkansas, served as mentor for the retreat. She has a B.A. and M.A. from Rice, a Ph.D. from Tulane and has taught writing and literature in universities and workshops across the country. She’s published sixteen books, including The Women in the Mirror, winner of the prestigious Iowa Fiction Award, and Death of a Confederate Colonel, winner of both the PEN Southwest Fiction Award and John Estes Cooke Civil War Fiction Award, and she has over a hundred short stories published in such places as The Southern Review and Best American Short Stories. Her most recent books are a memoir, One Page at a Time (2010), a how-to text, Writing Fiction with Pat Carr (2010), and a novella, The Radiance of Fossils (2012).

Of the retreat Carr said, “Hemingway once said, ‘It’s none of people’s business that you have to learn to write. Let them think you were born that way.’ It’s been a real treat for me to be with these 17 serious writers who are writing with such honesty and authenticity that people will think they were born that way.”

Writers’ Retreats are held twice annually at the Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum in Piggott. The next retreat is scheduled for June 6-9, 2016, with Mark Spencer of the University of Arkansas at Monticello serving as mentor. More information is available at hemingway.astate.edu.

**Director’s Corner**

As we begin the new year, I have bittersweet news. Johnna Redman, our bookstore manager, has decided to retire after 17 years. Johnna has been at the museum since the very beginning, working on the restoration team and in various roles on the staff. Though we will miss her, we congratulate her on an excellent career and wish her the best of luck with her future endeavors.

As you plan your calendar for the new year, we hope you’ll keep us in mind. Here are some important dates:

- Jan. 20-Apr. 13—Young Authors After-School Program
- April 1-2—American Short Fiction Reading Retreat
- April 14-17—Arkansas Literary Festival (we’ll host a reception for PEN/Hemingway Award winner Arna Bontemps Hemenway. Time TBA)
- June 6-10—Summer Writers’ Retreat (Mark Spencer, mentor)
- July 17-21—Friends Trip to Oak Park

Best,
Adam
April Reading Retreat

This spring, HP will host the American Short Fiction Reading Retreat and Party. Upon registration, participants will receive copies of three collections of short stories, including Ernest Hemingway’s *In Our Time*. The three collections will focus on the impact and form of this enduring art form. Then, April 1-2, participants will come together at the museum in Piggott for a weekend of meaningful discussion and fun activities.

Discussion about the books will be led by experts in the field. In addition to these discussions, there will be a film screening, as well as a cocktail party in the Pfeiffer-Janes house. Participants are invited to come to the party dressed as their favorite figure from American fiction.

The cost of the retreat is $100, which includes copies of the three books, meals throughout the weekend, and a ticket to the party. Tickets for the party alone cost $35. For more information about the retreat, including the full schedule and reading list, contact the museum.

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In addition to our Friends of the Pfeiffers, several individuals and corporations sponsored events at HP this year. We’ve also had several individuals give artifacts to the museum’s collections. We’d like to thank these donors for making our programming possible.

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*Visitors came from 41 states and 7 foreign countries. Thank you all for helping us make 2015 a record-breaking year.*