

Friends of the Pfeiffers News Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum and Educational Center Piggott, Arkansas

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Una Noche Cubana—September 30

On the evening of September 30th, the museum will host *Una Noche Cubana*, a Cuban-themed evening at the Pavilion on the campus of Arkansas State University-Jonesboro, proceeds of which benefit the museum. The evening will begin at 6:00 PM with Cuban cocktails and a cigar demonstration by Wade Berryhill of Orinoco Cigars. Dinner will follow at 7. During dinner, Mark Cirino, co-author of *Hidden Hemingway*, will be speaking.

The evening serves as a kick-off for the museum's upcoming trip to Cuba, following in the footsteps of Hemingway's novel *Islands in the Stream*. Details of the trip will be available at the dinner. You can also contact the museum for more information.

The cost of a ticket is \$75. Tables of six are available for \$400. Please RSVP to the museum by September 23rd by calling 870-598-3487 or emailing adamlong@astate.edu.



Cayo Guillermo , Cuba.

This event is sponsored by First National Bank – Piggott's Banking Center and Piggott State Bank.

Fall Writers' Retreat—November 7-11

We are pleased to announce the date of our Fall Writers' Retreat—November 7-11. As usual, the retreat will be held in the Educational Center and the Hemingway Barn-Studio and will offer writers the opportunity to work under the direction of a professional mentor. Registration is \$200 by Oct. 28 or \$225 thereafter; lunch and breaks are included. Teachers interested in professional development opportunities associated with the retreat should contact the museum.

Andrea Hollander, who will serve as mentor for the retreat, is the author of four full-length poetry collections: *Landscape with Female Figure: New & Selected Poems*, a finalist for the Oregon Book Award; *Woman in the Painting; The Other Life*; and *House Without a Dreamer*, which won the Nicholas Roerich Poetry Prize. Other honors include an Oregon Literary Fellowship, two Pushcart Prizes (in poetry and prose memoir), the D. H. Lawrence Fellowship, the Runes Poetry Prize, two poetry fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts, and two from the Arkansas Arts Council. Her poems and essays have appeared in numerous anthologies, college textbooks, and literary journals. For twenty-two years she served as the Writer-in-Residence at Lyon



College, where she was awarded the Lamar Williamson Prize for Excellence in Teaching. She lives in Portland, Oregon, where she teaches workshops at the Attic Institute and Mountain Writers Series. Her website is <u>www.andreahollander.net</u>. Andrea joined us two years ago for a retreat, and it was a wonderful week. We expect the same will be true this time around.

Writers' retreats are structured to be interactive with group activities and private writing time and mentoring. Writers contribute stories, poems, and essays to be published on-site in a spiral-bound souvenir anthology for each participant. For more information or to receive a brochure, visit <u>hemingway.astate.edu</u> or call the museum at 870-598-3487.

Writing Retreat for Military Veterans

Upcoming Events

2016:

Sept. 30 — Una Noche Cubana
Oct. 1 — Advisory Committee Meeting
Nov. 7-11 — Fall Writers' Retreat
(Andrea Hollander, mentor)

2017:

Jan. 14 — Advisory Committee Meeting
April 7-8 — Reading Retreat
May 12-19 — Islands in the Stream Cuba Trip
June 3—Advisory Committee Meeting
June 12-16—Summer Writers' Retreat (Craig Albin, mentor)

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New Membership Benefits

We are thankful to have such a faithful group of supporters. As you probably know, we usually do our annual membership drive in October. This year, in order to show our appreciation, we've added a number of benefits for the various levels of membership. These will be effective with the start of the new calendar year. We hope you'll renew and enjoy.

<u>New Benefits</u>

Student (\$10-\$24)

Unlimited free admission for one year 10% Museum Store discount Subscription to newsletter

Individual (\$25-\$50)

All of the above Two free tour guest passes

Family (\$50-\$\$99)

All of the above.

Free admission for two named cardholders and any children.

In August, we were fortunate to be able to host our second annual Writing Retreat for Military Veterans. This weekend retreat was funded through a partnership with the Arkansas Humanities Council and the National Endowment for the Humanities. Over the course of the weekend, nine talented writers came together to hone their skills and to form a community in Northeast Arkansas at the site where Ernest Hemingway penned much of his iconic war novel A Farewell to Arms.



Dr. Rob Lamm of Arkansas State University served as mentor for the retreat. Lamm, a mentor at other retreats at HPMEC, said, "These are very special people—veterans from many branches of service who share a love of literature. Ernest Hemingway would have been impressed by their writing talents. Even more, he would admire their courage as some chose to revisit the drama and trauma of their experiences by writing memoirs, fiction, and poetry." Lamm continued, "Courage was the unstated yet ever-present theme of the Retreat. Some writers recalled battles that we associate with war. Others wrote of battles for social acceptance and struggles with personal demons."

Writers began each day with exercises to get them started, often looking at samples of Hemingway's writing as models for their own. They enjoyed lunch together at the Educational Center and ended the afternoon with a group meeting to reflect, share, and discuss the processes used by each writer. Between formal meetings, the writers had time to work individually, often in the same rooms where Hemingway wrote.

Century Club (\$100-\$249)

All of the above.

Free admission for two named card-holders for a year to Arkansas State University Heritage Sites – Historic Dyess Colony: Boyhood Home of Johnny Cash in Dyess, Arkansas; Southern Tenant Farmers Museum in Tyronza, Arkansas; and Lakeport Plantation in Lake Village, Arkansas.

Diamond Club (\$250-\$499)

All of the above.

Admission for four guests for any visit to Hemingway-Pfeiffer or one of the Heritage Sites.

Heritage Club (\$500-\$999)

All of the above.

One 25% discount coupon to be used at Museum Store.

One 25% discount on any rental at the Museum.

Presidents Council (\$1,000 - \$4,999)

All of the above. (with 6 guests per visit) One 30% discount coupon to be used at Museum Store. One 30% discount on any rental at the Museum.

Two complimentary tickets to annual membership event.

25% off of all retreats.

Corporate Partner (\$5,000-\$10,000)

All of the above.

Two complimentary tickets to all museum VIP events.

Special mention in museum newsletter.

Museum Benefactor (\$10,000 - Up)

All of the above.

One complimentary book of your choice from the Museum Store.

Free rental of the Museum facilities.

Four complimentary tickets to all Museum VIP events.

One free registration to all Writers Retreats and Reading Retreats.

Thank you again for your continued support.