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Young Authors 2012

Piggott Elementary School 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students completed Young Authors 2012 at the HP Educational Center. Students recommended by their teachers participated in a four-week program after school on Wednesdays and received a spiral-bound collection of their original stories upon completion of the program.

We want to thank the Piggott Elementary 4th, 5th, and 6th grade teachers; Mrs. Leean Mann, principal; Mrs. Rose Dalton, secretary; and the Wednesday bus drivers for their time and efforts helping us make this an annual success. A special thank you to the parents of all the students who attended. It is always an honor to work with these talented students.



6th Grade—Left to right front row: Ethan Krause, Kaleb Chadwell, Ebonie Arriola **Second row:** Alex Gibson, Emilee Seegraves, Reagan Ralph **Third row:** Reed Wilson, Hannah Smart, Madison Pool, Molly Williams **Fourth row:** Abbie Welborn, Lexi Herren, Georgina Bautista **Back row:** Adam Long (Instructor), Molly Lambert



5th Grade—Left to right front row: Carly Benbrook, Madison Vanderkooi, Louis Lin, Luke Boyd, Brennon Nelson, Hayley Springsteen, Presley Tullos **Back row:** Willow Lewis, Amber Trammell, Austin Johnson, Shelby Howard, Jaclyn Helms, Sawyer Hendrix, Hannah Blades, Adam Long (Instructor)



4th Grade—Left to right front row: Jenna Owen, Maggie Williams **Middle row:** Shianne Higdon, Kristen Smith, Emma Welborn, Abby Dutka, Catie Hill, Braden Taylor, Jolie Owen **Back row:** Ryker Little, Drake Featherston, Ben Holcomb, Jackson Henfling, Adam Long (Instructor), Cooper Harris, Madison Rahn, Carlie Vancel

Celebration of Quilting

Visitors' Choice ribbons were awarded in multiple categories during the thirteenth annual Celebration of Quilting on Saturday, May 19.

Award recipients were: Gladys Loveless, Jonesboro, Quilts of Age; Pauline Austin, Paragould, Hand-Quilted; Linda Pittman, Paragould, Machine-Quilted; Verna Cowell, Poplar Bluff, MO, Art and Photo; and Sharon Thielemier, Pocahontas, Special Sizes.



Creative Writers' Retreats



Left to right front row: Dr. Adam Long (HP Director); Roland Mann, (Mentor) Oxford, MS; Mary Lou Moran, Hot Springs Village, AR **Back row:** John Achor, Hot Springs Village, AR; Shannon Richards, Piggott, AR; Linda Wyss, Piggott, AR; Jane Gatewood, Rector, AR; Jerry Davis, Hot Springs Village, AR

The Art and Soul of a Writer is a collection of works by seven talented writers attending the Creative Writers' Retreat, April 19-21, 2012. Roland Mann of Oxford, MS, served as mentor for the retreat. Roland has a B.S. in Creative Writing from the University of Southern Mississippi and an M.A. from Spaulding University, Louisville, Kentucky. Roland is a former editor with Marvel Comics, journalist, newspaper editor, talented author, and creative writing instructor.

HP summer Creative Writers' Retreat was held June 4-8, 2012. Eight creative writers attended with Dr. Rick Lott of Arkansas State University serving as mentor. Rick is a Professor of English at ASU, specializing in poetry. Though a poet himself, he teaches courses including Creative Writing, Advanced Creative Writing, and Poetry and Drama. His own creative works have been published in journals such as *Poetry*, *The Southern Review*, *Crazyhorse*, and *International Review*.



Left to right : Judith Linze, Galesburg, IL; Mary Lester, Little Rock, AR; Dorothy Johnson, Little Rock, AR; Jane Lamberson, Jonesboro, AR; Tayla Boerner, Dallas, TX; Tracy Adams, Jonesboro, AR; Pat Laster, Benton, AR; Linda Wyss, Piggott, AR; Dr. Rick Lott, (Mentor) Jonesboro, AR; Dr. Adam Long (HP Director)

Director's Corner

It's been an exciting three months here at HP. I've enjoyed having the opportunity to meet with so many of you, and I hope to meet many more over the months to come.

We have several big events coming up that I hope you'll consider being involved with. We have invited schools within a fifty mile radius of the museum to participate in this year's Student Art Exhibition. We have partnered with the Thea Foundation in Little Rock for this event. The students' art will be on display in Thea's gallery in the Argenta Arts District in North Little Rock from Dec. 10-21. Dec. 21 is the December Argenta Arts Walk, and it will be an excellent time to experience some of Arkansas's finest art, music, and food, while supporting our young artists. Following this event, the art will be on display at HP from Jan. 5-12, with the awards being presented on Jan. 12. The first place winner will receive a \$100 scholarship for art supplies. I hope everyone will take one of these opportunities to see the products of our artists' hard work.

On September 28, from 1-3 PM, we will hold a reading for Chris Shelton and Acton Bowen. Chris finished the first draft of his book, *It's Okay, You're with My Father*, at one of our Creative Writers' Retreats. He will be reading with one of his colleagues Acton Bowen, whose devotional *Escape the Noise* is a *New York Times* Best Seller.

From Nov. 5-9, we will hold our fall Creative Writers' Retreat. We are happy to be joined by Jo McDougall, who will serve as our mentor. During the retreat, we will hold a reading for Jo and for one of our writers Freeda Baker Nichols, whose novel *Call of the Cadron* is now available.

This is just a sample of the many exciting activities that are coming up. Please take time to join us. If we can do anything for you, just let me know.

Best,

Adam

Art Show Winners

Winners of the *Young at Art X* are *Moth Madness* by Jesse Studdard, a junior at Rector High School, first place; *Monkey Business* by Devin Allison, a senior at Poplar Bluff High School, second place; and *Melon* by Ashley James, a sophomore at Corning High School, third place.

Young at Art X featured 50 works by students, grades seven through twelve, from school districts within a 30 mile radius of Piggott.

A special thank you to our neighbors, the Matilda and Karl Pfeiffer Museum and Study Center for sponsoring the cash awards presented to the winning artists.

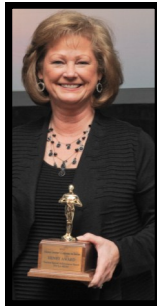


Left to right: Dr. Adam Long, HP Director; Jesse Studdard, Rector High School, 1st Place winner, Carolyn Caldwell, Rector Art Teacher

Congratulations

Paula Miles, Assistant Director of Arkansas Heritage Sites at Arkansas State University, was presented with the **Tourism Special Achievement Award** at the Annual Henry Awards Banquet on March 6 during the 38th annual Arkansas Governor's Conference on Tourism in West Memphis. This award is presented to an individual or organization that has contributed to the tourism industry through leadership "above and beyond" the normal requirements of their jobs.

We appreciate Paula's hard work and dedication to each of the ASU Heritage Sites! Along with the Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum and Educational Center at Piggott; the Sites include Lakeport Plantation at Lake Village, the Southern Tenant Farmers Museum at Tyronza, and the Historic Dyess Colony: Boyhood Home of Johnny Cash at Dyess.



Upcoming Events

- Sept. 3 - Museum closed for Labor Day.
- Sept. 9 - Reading by Dr. Ruth Hawkins, *That Bookstore in Blytheville*, 2-3 PM.
- Sept. 28 - Reading by Chris Shelton and Acton Bowen, HP, 1-3 PM.
- Oct. 5 - Johnny Cash Music Festival, ASU Convocation Center, 7 PM.
- Nov. 5-9 - Creative Writers' Retreat, HP.
- Nov. 22-29 - Museum closed for Thanksgiving.
- Dec. 10-21 - Student Art Exhibition, Thea Gallery, North Little Rock.
- Dec. 19 - Museum closes for the Christmas holiday.
- Jan. 2 - Museum re-opens.
- Jan. 5-12 - Student Art Exhibition, HP.



Book Launching Party

Dr. Ruth Hawkins, Executive Director of Arkansas Heritage Sites at Arkansas State University, had the first book signing and reading of *Unbelievable Happiness and Final Sorrow* on the HP Museum lawn on Thursday, June 7.

Since the release of Dr. Hawkins' book in June, she has attended book signings at the International Hemingway Conference in Petoskey, Michigan, at the Butler Center in Little Rock Arkansas; and at the Ernest Hemingway Home and Museum in Key West, Florida. Future book signings are scheduled on August 28 at the Cooper Alumni Center at ASU in Jonesboro; September 9 at *That Bookstore in Blytheville* in Blytheville; September 17 at the Cedar Falls Woman's Club in Cedar Falls, Iowa; and October 18 at Ernest Hemingway Foundation of Oak Park Illinois.



Retreat Mentor Announced

We are pleased to announce the mentor for our fall Creative Writers' Retreat. Jo McDougall, a native of DeWitt, Arkansas, has published five books of poetry, including, most recently, *Dirt* and *Satisfied with Havoc*, Autumn House Press, Pittsburgh; and a 2010 chapbook, *Under an Arkansas Sky*, Tavern House Press, Salt Lake City. Her memoir, *Daddy's Money: a Memoir of Farm and Family*, was published in July 2011 by the University of Arkansas Press. She is a graduate of the University of Arkansas MFA writing program and is Associate Professor Emeritus of English, Pittsburg State University, Pittsburg, Kansas, where she co-directed the creative writing program for 11 years. She works as a visiting writer and workshop director and offers a mentoring service for poets and writers.

McDougall has received awards from the DeWitt Wallace/Reader's Digest foundation, the Academy of American Poetry, fellowships from the MacDowell Colony, and recently was named to the Arkansas Writers Hall of Fame. She has published in such journals as *Georgia Review*, *Hudson Review*, *I-70 Review*, *Kenyon Review*, *Midwest Quarterly*, and *New Letters*. Her work has been widely noted, appearing in anthologies by Caroline Kennedy and Garrison Keillor and in Ted Kooser's on-line *American Life in Poetry*.

McDougall's work has been adapted for film, theatre, an artist's book, and a song cycle. She is currently at work on a collection of new and selected poems, *Sky of Heartbreak Blue*. She and her husband, Charles, live in Leawood, Kansas with their dogs Starr and Zelda and Spike, the cat.

The retreat will be held November 5-9 at the HP Educational Center. For more information, please contact the museum at 870-598-3487 or email Dr. Adam Long at adamlong@astate.edu.



-Public Tours on the Hour-

Monday—Friday

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Saturday

1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Closed Sundays & Major Holidays

-Admission-

\$5.00 Donation

\$3.00 Group Rate

(10 or more) & Senior Citizens
(Groups are requested to call in advance)

-Museum Members Free-