Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum and Educational Center Piggott, Arkansas

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Upcoming Events

Young Authors Heritage Month Writing Contest, students who participated in 2010 Young Authors, 4th, 5th and 6th grades, will submit essays on the origins of Piggott. Awards announced Tuesday, May 18.

Young at Art VIII Exhibit, May 1-10, student art competition and exhibition to celebrate the Paris wedding of Ernest Hemingway and Pauline Pfeiffer, May 1927. Awards reception Monday, May 10 4-5 p.m.

Celebration of Quilting, Saturday, May 22, eleventh annual quilt show in honor of Mr. Paul M. Pfeiffer who purchased quilts from his tenant farmers' wives and distributed them to needy families in the Piggott community. Anyone may enter quilts and quilt-based creations with no entry fees. This event coincides with the Annual Piggott Heritage Park Car Show.

Creative Writers' Retreat for Adults. June 7-11, with Dr. Rob Lamm of Arkansas State University Jonesboro as

the lead mentor for the group. Summer School Programs offered during the month of June. We welcome program suggestions to meet your needs.

For more information call the museum at 870-598-3487.

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Valentines Exhibit

Valentines from Piggott, 1910-1918, is on exhibit through February 27. The exhibit includes pages from Willie Underwood Wyatt's scrapbook of Valentines from her grammar school classmates in Piggott from 1910-1918. The collection of more than 60 chromolithograph and hand-made Valentines was donated by her son, Mr. Clarence Wyatt Jr. of Morro Bay, Calif. Many of Mrs. Wyatt's school friends represent families currently in Piggott and friends of the Paul and Mary Pfeiffer family. The collection includes Valentines from:



Edna Brissenden (Randolph) Josephine Brissenden (King) Bruce Brown Lucile Brown (Hiller) Pauline Browning Ruth Browning (Batten) Floyd Crews Vadalia Dean Ruth Hannah Geneva Hardy

Gertrude Haynes (Warmath) Lenore Keith Mae Lack (McNeal) Ethel Michael Irma Mobley Edith Moore (Reeves) Christine Myers (Brandon) Grady Nicholson (cousin) Taft Nicholson (cousin) Ernest Phillips Hortense Robbins Edrie Scarbrough Rebecca Simpson (aunt) William Bailey Simpson Auleene Spence Madeline Spraggins Howard Stewart Ferd Thomas



Ruth Turner Frank Marion Underwood (father) Lalla Simpson Underwood (mother) Malcom Walker James Wetton Clarence Wyatt, Jr. (son) Kenneth Wyatt (son)



Creative Writers' Retreat participants in the Barn-Studio.

<u>Front row</u>, L-R: Roland Mann, Ethan Baker & Bob Jones; <u>Row two:</u> Linda Wyss & Wanda Jones; <u>Row three:</u> Monica Moore, Christine Henderson, Carol Griffin, Rita Dortch, Joseph Hargrave & Pat Laster; Standing: Phyllis Rhodes & Elizabeth Foster.

Creative Writers' Retreat

The Hemingway-Pfeiffer Creative Writers' Retreat was held November 2-6, 2009, at the Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum & Educational Center. "The Works Writers Create" is a collection of stories and poems by the 12 writers who attended the Retreat.

When 15 year-old Retreat participant Joseph Hargrave of Rector was asked what he hoped to accomplish as a writer he said, "When I read I get really immersed in the book; I want to be able to do that for someone else someday."

Roland Mann, B.S. in Creative Writing from the University of Southern Mississippi, M.A. in English from the University of North Alabama, & currently pursuing an M.F.A. from Spaulding University, Louisville, Kentucky, was the instructor/mentor for the Retreat. Deanna Dismukes, Education Coordinator, served as director. The first annual Creative Writers' Retreat was held in June 2002. In 2008 the schedule expanded to include Retreats in June and November.

Writers in attendance were Bob & Wanda Jones, North Little Rock; Elizabeth Foster, Hot Springs Village; Ethan Baker, Monica Moore and Linda Wyss, Piggott; Joseph Hargrave and Rita Dortch, Rector; Pat Laster, Benton; Christine Henderson, Searcy; Phyllis Rhodes, Everton, MO, and Carol Griffin, Bernie, MO.



January 2010 Young Authors at the Barn-Studio

All 21 students in the January 2010 Young Authors Class participated in the 4th grade, 5th grade and are currently participating in 6th Grade Young Authors. Young Authors writing workshops are after school on Wednesdays: 6th grade, Jan. & Feb; 5th grade, Feb. & March; and 4th grade March & April.

The Young Authors program is in the tenth year of serving the Piggott community.

<u>Congratulations</u> Congratulations to our sister Arkansas

State University Heritage Site, Lakeport Plantation in Lake Village, AR. On January 15, 2010, the Historic Preservation Alliance of Arkansas Awarded the Lakeport Plantation Restoration Team the Excellence in Preservation Through Restoration Award at the 2009 Awards Banquet in Little Rock. HPAA described Lakeport Plantation as "... a singular example of museum-quality restoration that secures the survival of one of our state's rarest built resources, the project also exemplifies best practices in the conduct of every aspect of the restoration from research to design, and from craftsmanship to curatorial management." The restoration of Lakeport was led by Dr. Ruth Hawkins, ASU Heritage Sites Director; Claudia Shannon of Shannon Design and Charles Witsell and John Greer of WER Architects. Becky Witsell restored and conserved original decorative finishes. This team also served as the restoration team for HPMEC along with Brackett-Krennerich Architects

ASU Heritage Sites include HPMEC, Lakeport Plantation in Lake Village and Southern Tenant Farmers Museum in Tyronza.

Newsletter Update

We are evaluating the future of the *Friends of the Pfeiffers News* in printed form. As a cost-saving measure, it is our intention to transform the printed newsletter to electronic distribution. The newsletter is posted on our website at hemingway.astate.edu, and our email list is growing. However, our Post Office mailing list includes approximately 400 friends.

We realize that some prefer to receive the newsletter in printed form, and we want to accommodate those requests. Please call the museum at 870-598-3487 to request the printed form. You may call with an

email address, or send an email to: drsanders@astate.edu.

We appreciate your interest in HPMEC news and want to keep you informed of progress and projects.

