

January 2013

Friends of the Pfeiffers Membership 2012

We sincerely appreciate our many friends for your faithful financial support and artifact donations.

Financial donations can be made through our website or by mail at 1021 West Cherry Street, Piggott, AR 72454.

Lifetime Members

Sherland & Barbara Hamilton, Rector, AR Rosemary Janes, Piggott, AR **President's Council** Van & Ruth Hawkins, Jonesboro, AR Heritage Club Drs. Otis & Shelly Warr, Mountain Home, AR **Diamond** Club Danny Ford, Rector, AR Charlotte Hampton, Piggott, AR **Century Club** John Achor, Hot Springs Village, AR Richard Collum, Memphis, TN Darrell & Joan Gossett, Piggott, AR Donald & Brenda Janes, Jasper, AL Kaye L. Koonce, Charleston, SC Pat Laster, Benton, AR Suzie Morris, Piggott, AR Joe & Betsey Mowery, Little Rock, AR Marie Pitts, Piggott, AR Don & Janet Roeder, Piggott, AR Rodney Rouse, Piggott, AR Richard & Shirley Simmons, Rector, AR Terrell Tebbetts, Batesville, AR Family Matilda & Karl Pfeiffer Museum, Piggott, AR James & Alma English, Barnhart, MO Alice Gregory, Piggott, AR Rick & Paula Miles, Jonesboro, AR Harold Perrin, Jonesboro, AR Louise Pfeiffer, Cambridge, MA Dr. & Mrs. Eugene W. Smith, Jonesboro, AR Individual Vincent Andrus, Sarasota, FL Bonnie Howard Bain, Gladwin, MI Bobby Bishop, Brookland, AR Ernest & Polly Cashion, Tulsa, OK Sandra Ferguson, Independence, MO Wynema Gatewood, Saint Augustine, FL Sugar Creek Antiques (Nancy Hardcastle), Piggott, AR

Phillip McMath, Little Rock, AR

Book Signings and Readings during the Fall Semester



On September 28, we held a joint book signing with Chris Shelton (left), author of It's Okay, You're with My Father, and Acton Bowen (right), author of Escape the Noise.



November 8 signing with Jo McDougall (left), author of Daddy's Money: A Memoir of Farm and Family, Donna Austin (middle), author of The Sunflower Principle, and Freeda Baker Nichols (right), author of Call of the Cadron

Director's Corner

We've had a great three months here at HP. Those of you who have been able to visit will know that we've made several improvements to our facilities. We finished the earthwork on the old school lot across the street, restoring the hill to its original grade and seeding it. Also, the house has a fresh coat of paint and looks better than ever. In addition, we've purchased and installed some new display cases for the house. These cases allow us to display some of the many written artifacts we have. I don't want to spoil the details, but I hope you'll stop by and see these new displays and improvements.

We're also excited about the future. 2013 marks the one-hundred year anniversary of the Pfeiffers' arrival in Piggott. We hope to honor this anniversary throughout the year with several events. Be looking for information about these activities in upcoming months. Also, make note of the following events:

Young Authors Program - after school in the Spring Semester

Spring Writers' Retreat — March 21-23 (Rob Lamm, mentor)

Spring Cub Camporee — April 20 (Cub Scout camporee held in part at HP)

Summer Writers' Retreat — June 3-7 (Pat Carr, mentor)

Fall Writers' Retreat — November 4-8 (Andrea Hollander, mentor)

If you have any questions about any of these events, please don't hesitate to call or email the museum.

Best, Adam



The writers at the Fall Writers' Retreat, November 2012

Writers' Retreat, November 5-9

HP Fall Writers' Retreat was held November 5-9 in the Educational Center. Seventeen talented and eager writers attended with Jo McDougall of Leawood, KS serving as professional mentor (pictured, bottom right).

Writers in attendance (pictured, front row along railing—bottom to top) were Freeda Baker Nichols, Clinton, AR; Fay Guinn, Jonesboro, AR; Fran Stous, Kansas City, MO; Donna Dover, Springdale, AR; (middle row) Laura McNerney, Franklin, AR; Mary Mewhirter, Malden, MO; Anne Teague, Springdale, AR; Linda Wyss, Piggott, AR; Jim Morrison, Flint, TX; Peg Konert, Fayetteville, AR; (back row) Joan Linnstaedter, Paragould, AR; Tom Neel, Jonesboro, AR; Bill Spear, Fayetteville, AR; Brenda Forrest, Piggott, AR; Jane Gatewood, Rector, AR; and Richard Collum, Memphis, TN.

Highlights of the week included three book signings by Writers' Retreat participant Freeda Baker Nichols of Clinton, Arkansas; former Retreat participant Donna Austin of Jonesboro, Arkansas; and Retreat mentor Jo McDougall of Leawood, Kansas.

The next Writers' Retreat is scheduled for March 21-23, 2013, with Dr. Rob Lamm of Arkansas State University as the mentor. Cost for the March Retreat is \$150 if received by March 8 and \$175 thereafter; lunch and breaks included.

For more information, contact Dr. Adam Long, HP Museum Director, at 870-598-3487 or email adamlong@astate.edu

Student Art Exhibition 2013

Winners of the 11th Annual Hemingway-Pfeiffer Student Art Exhibition were announced in a January 12 awards reception at the museum. The annual juried art competition invites students within a 50-mile radius of Piggott to submit art for exhibition at the museum. This year, the students' art also was exhibited at the Thea Foundation Gallery in North Little Rock. Prizes for the competition were provided by the Matilda and Karl Pfeiffer Museum and Study Center.

The first-place winner was *Life Tree* by Brittany Fair, a sophomore at Rector High School. The second-place winner was "Where the Light Is" by Rob Jacobs, a junior at Cooter High School. The third-place winner was *Burdens* by Kelsey Dunn, a junior at Poplar Bluff High School.

Those receiving Honorable Mention awards include Sandy Simmons and Kasey Baker of Rector High School; Alex Dalton, Cheyenne Brown, and Tina Slayton of Poplar Bluff High School; Jerica Tate of Piggott High School; and Jazamin Santiago of Corning High School.

Student art was exhibited in North

Left to right: Adam Long, HP Director; Brittany Fair, first-place winner; Carolyn Caldwell, Rector art teacher; Teresa Taylor, Matilda & Karl Pfeiffer Museum Director





Winning Art - top left: First Place, Brittany Fair, Rector; top right: Third place, Kelsey Dunn, Poplar Bluff; bottom: Second Place, Rob Jacobs, Cooter

Little Rock on December 10-21 and in Piggott on January 5-12, with a reception for the artists on January 12. Seven school districts from Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri accepted the invitation to participate in the exhibition.

Special Guest Visits Museum



During a return visit to Northeast Arkansas in October, the former Harlem Globetrotter, Meadowlark Lemon, made a special request to visit Ernest Hemingway's Studio.

Lemon was treated to a VIP tour by Karen Trout, HP tour guide/housekeeper.

2012 Visitors Report

| January | 117 |
|-----------|------|
| February | 71 |
| March | 145 |
| April | 348 |
| May | 338 |
| June | 280 |
| July | 330 |
| August | 183 |
| September | 365 |
| October | 558 |
| November | 256 |
| December | 340 |
| Total | 3331 |

*Visitors came from 38 states and 8 foreign countries. Thank you all for helping us make 2012 a successful year.