



*The writers at the Fall Writers' Retreat,
November 2014*

November 2014 Writers' Retreat

In November, thirteen talented writers from five states came together in Piggott to hone their skills and to form a community.

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).

Writers began each day with group activities designed to inspire and encourage creative thought followed by a time to write. They enjoyed lunch together at the Educational Center and ended the afternoon with a group meeting to reflect, share, and discuss the products and processes used by each writer. The format allowed writers time to focus on their own creative interests, to receive feedback on their work, and to form relationships with other writers. The retreat also featured two author readings, one by Jane Gatewood of Rector and one by Jen Teachenor of Nashville (originally of Piggott).

Writers' Retreats are held twice annually at the Hemingway-Pfeiffer Museum in Piggott. The next retreat is scheduled for June 1-5, 2015, with Garry Craig Powell of Conway serving as mentor.

Student Art Exhibition 2015

Winners of the 13th Annual Hemingway-Pfeiffer Student Art Exhibition were announced January 31 at a 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, 67 works were submitted by eight school districts in Northeast Arkansas and Southeast Missouri. Prizes for the competition were provided by the Matilda and Karl Pfeiffer Museum and Study Center.

Student art was exhibited on the campus of ASU-Jonesboro from January 12-23. The exhibition was then on display at the Educational Center in Piggott from January 26-30, with a reception for artists and awards ceremony on January 31.

The first-place winner was *Clueless* by Isaiah Woods, a freshman at Bay High School. The second-place winner was *Hootie* by Hailey Saffell, a junior at Greene County Tech High School. The third-place winner was *Skull* by Cody Crittenden, a junior at Piggott High School.

Those receiving Honorable Mention awards include Jessie Martin of Bay High School; Savannah Wells, Alex Whitaker, and Carley Riggan of Greene County Tech High School; and Ashlynn Prince and Trent Kelsey of Neelyville High School.

Congratulations to all of our winners.

Pictured **right**—Winner of the 13th Annual Student Art Exhibition: *Clueless* by Isaiah Woods (Bay High School, 9th Grade).



Director's Corner

Thank you for making 2014 a great year. As you can see on the back page of the newsletter, the Friends of the Pfeiffers program has grown significantly over the past year. This couldn't have happened without each one of you. Thanks.

We're looking forward to another great year, and we hope you're planning to join us for one of our exciting events. Save these dates:

Jan. 21-Apr. 15 — Young Authors Afterschool Program
Mar. 22-30 — The Hemingways' Paris
May 8-9 — Golden Age of Hollywood Reading Retreat
June 1-5 — Summer Writers' Retreat (Garry Craig Powell, mentor)

We will also have a fundraiser in Jonesboro in the fall, as well as a fall writers' retreat. Look for those dates (and for other new events) in future editions of the newsletter.

If you'd like more information about any of these events, feel free to contact the museum or visit us at hemingway.astate.edu.

Best,
Adam



May Reading Retreat

This spring, HP will host the Golden Age of Hollywood Reading Retreat and Party. Upon registration, participants will receive copies of three books, including Ernest Hemingway's *A Farewell to Arms*. The 1932 film version of this novel (starring Gary Cooper and Helen Hayes) premiered in New York and Piggott, AR. The three books will focus on the time period and legacy of this novel. Then, May 8-9, 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 of the 1932 movie, as well as a Golden Age of Hollywood Red Carpet party. Participants are invited to come to the party dressed as their favorite Hollywood actor or actress.

The cost of the retreat is \$100, which includes copies of the three books, meals throughout the weekend, and a ticket to the Red Carpet 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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2014 Visitors Report

January	330
February	150
March	432
April	473
May	868
June	731
July	242
August	176
September	259
October	353
November	418
December	25
Total	4457

**Visitors came from 34 states and 6 foreign countries. Thank you all for helping us make 2014 a successful year.*