

Subplot

The Newsletter of the MFA Program in Creative Writing at ASU November 2008

Ongoing

Graduate Reading Series

Mill's End Café, 310 S. Mill, Tempe, AZ

Weekly readings that start around 8:30 pm every Wednesday through December 3rd. Contact **Arijit Sen** at asen2@asu.edu for more information, or to sign up and read. The November reading schedule (subject to change):

11/5: Poetry: **Rachel Malis**, Fiction: **Arijit Sen**

11/12: Poetry: **Jenn Lowe**, Fiction: **Rose Schwartz**

11/19: Poetry: **Nadine Lockhart**, Fiction: TBA

11/26: No Reading (Thanksgiving)

12/3: Open Mic

November 4

Choosing a Mentor and Putting Together a Committee

LL Room 316, 3 pm to 4:15 pm

This is a GSEA workshop facilitated by Peter Goggin.

November 7

Public Craft Q&A with Poet Laureate Charles Simic

Piper Writers House, Fireside Room, 11 am - Noon

This event is free and open to the public.

Reading & Booksigning with Charles Simic

Carson Ballroom at Old Main, ASU Tempe Campus, 7:30 pm

November 14

Hay Fever!

The Trunk Space, 1506 NW Grand Ave, Phoenix, AZ, 7 pm
The event will showcase local talent in a variety of genres, and will benefit *Hayden's Ferry Review*. Cost is \$5 at the door, which will get attendees a copy of the current issue or half off a year's subscription. There will also be a raffle for art, back issues of *HFR*, and other prizes. This event is open to the public.

November 15

Homecoming

Piper Writers House, Lawn and Lower Level, All Day Event
The English Department, in conjunction with the Virginia G. Piper Center for Creative Writing, will be hosting various events throughout the day at the Piper Writers House. All events are free and open to the public.

November 19

Reading & Booksigning with Kunal Basu

Scottsdale Center for the Arts, Scottsdale, AZ, 7:30 pm

November 20

Public Craft Q&A with Kunal Basu

Piper Writers House, Lower Level, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm
This event is free and open to the public.

November 21

Du Fu Exhibit Reception

ASU University Center, 411 N. Central Ave., Phoenix, 7-9 pm

Celebrate the premiere of this exhibit featuring the poetry of **Du Fu** and **Li Bai** and the art of **Beth Ames Schwartz**.

Poems by **Beckian Fritz Goldberg**, **Iliana Rocha**, **Leah Soderberg** and **John Sparrow** are also featured.

This event is free and open to the public.

December 4

Charles Alexander Craft Talk

Piper Writers House, 12 pm - 1:15 pm

Charles Alexander, founder of CHAX press, to lecture about modernist poet **Charles Olson**, originator of projective verse. The lecture is a follow up to the Olson Symposium, which was held in early October at the University of Arizona Poetry Center.

December 5

Reading by Peter Turchi

Kerr Cultural Center, Scottsdale, AZ, 7 pm

Let's welcome our new creative writing fiction professor.

Welcome Reception for Peter Turchi

Karla Elling's Residence, 9 pm

Karla has guaranteed the presence of homemade pie!



MFA students during the recent retreat to Camp Tontozona

Deadlines

November 1

Piper Online Book Club presents:

Mark Doty's *Dog Years*

The Piper Online Book Club selection for November is contemporary American poet and memoirist **Mark Doty's *Dog Years***. MFA fiction writer **Jim Dicus** will moderate. Discussion begins Nov. 5.

Fall Thesis Defense

November 24 Nadine Lockhart

"The Thickening of Kings"

Piper Writers House, 3:30 pm

MFA News and Notes

Fernando Perez recently explored balancing life as a writing professional and working in academia during a Breakfast Group with Distinguished Visiting Writer **Luis Valdez...**

Kathleen Winter's poems are soon to be seen in the next issues of *Field*, *32 Poems*, *The Cincinnati Review*, and *Parthenon West Review...* **Jenn Lowe's** tiny chapbook, literally measuring 3" x 5", titled *DOE* was just released by PS Books and is now available at www.psbooks.org or through Jenn herself...

Justin Sikes is currently teaching a Community Fiction Workshop Tuesday nights from 6-8 pm in LL and invites fellow MFAs to stop by for lively writing discussions, and to meet some talented new peers... **Nadine Lockhart** continues her Poetry Reading Series in central Phoenix every third Thursday of the month, to apply or for more information contact Nadine at Nadine@asu.edu...

Rose Swartz's art will be displayed in the Come Home to English: Art & Archives Gallery over Homecoming... Rose will also be participating in a group show of performance art pieces at 7 pm on Monday Dec. 1 at the Cornerstone Building in the plaza at Rural and University.



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