

Ohio Poetry Day Association

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This year, our 72nd, we will meet on October 16 and 17 at the Hoover-Price Campus Center at Mt. Union college in Alliance to celebrate Ohio Poetry Day with fellowship, a workshop, and readings. Beginning on Friday at 7 pm, we will gather in the Campus Center for refreshments and readings and writing exercises (and who knows what else!). Bring your poems and notebooks. Also bring books to sell in the bookroom over the weekend, and flyers or contests to share.

On Saturday we will meet again in the same place at 9 am for registration, and at 10 the Workshop poems will be critiqued with a workshop leader. There is a \$1.50 charge for this event, free to students. During this time the book room will also be open for display and sale of books. At noon we will get our lunch through the serving line of the Center and gather in the seating area for visiting while we eat. After we eat we will hear from our co-Poet of the Year, Stephen Haven, whose book, *Dust and Bread*, will be on sale at the event.

Following that, we will have you reading your own recently-winning poems. You certainly wouldn't want to miss the fun of this not-retiring-at-all event! We will probably have various prizes to give out from Friday night contests as well. And all winners can pick up their O.P.D. awards.

Because this is a weekend off for students, anyone planning to eat with us should make a reservation in advance so the food service will plan for enough people. All money-winning poems, and a poem by the Poet of the Year, will be published in the copyrighted *Best of 2009* book, and all honorable mention poets will be listed. These books are available at and after Poetry Day, and you may order your copylcopies in advance. You may pay for all these items (and workshop) at the door. All checks need to be made payable to Ohio Poetry Day.

Overnight reservations can be made at any local motels, including a **Holiday Inn** (888-897-0084), a **Super 8** (330-821-5688), and **Comfort Inn** (330-821-5555). These are all on West State Street, just a few blocks west of campus. They may well have AARP or AAA discounts, so be sure to ask.

If you have not entered Poetry Day contests within the last five years or are not an active member of a group that sends us a yearly membership list, your name will be removed from our mailing list unless you notify us before next spring's mailing date. (Groups: send lists of *active* contesting members.)

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_____ Lunches @ 8.00

My guest(s) will be:

_____ workshops @ 1.50

Postage for all books:

\$1.75 for 1
 \$1.75 for 2
 \$1.75 for 3 or 4 books

Books

- Best of 2005 \$8.50
- Best of 2006 \$9.00
- Best of 2007 \$9.00
- Best of 2008 \$9.50
- Best of 2009 \$9.50

Check enclosed

I will pay at the door

Send to Amy Jo Zook, 3520 State Route 56, Mechanicsburg, OH 43044
 to be received by October 11. All checks must be made to **Ohio Poetry Day**.
 Questions or telephone reservations to **937-834-2666**