

67th Annual
Writers Conference
at Ocean Park



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67th Annual Conference, August 13th-17th

Masha Hamilton of NYC's Gotham Writers' Workshops will lead a fiction workshop.

Masha Hamilton will conduct a



fiction workshop at the conference. She is the author of the recently released novel, *The Camel Bookmobile*.

Having spent years in the Middle East and

Moscow, Masha traveled to Kenya in 2006 to research this book. She is also the author of two other novels:

Staircase of a Thousand Stars and *The Distance Between Us*.

Tom Maguire, a RI playwright and



musician, will lead a workshop on scriptwriting.

Two of his plays, *Faces to the Rain* and *The Providence Plays*, have been staged off - Broadway.

Tom will also provide some traditional Irish music on Tuesday evening.

REGISTRATION FOR 2007 WRITERS CONFERENCE

Conference registration, social, and open mike: 5:30 to 8 PM, Monday, August 13th. Food social 5:30-7 PM, Tuesday, August 14th, followed by live entertainment. Conference ends early Friday afternoon August 17th.

Name _____ Genre: _____

Address _____

Enclose payment: \$175 (Prior to July 1st \$160)

Make Check payable to Writers Conference and mail to:

Dr. Jim Brosnan
P.O. Box 172
Assonet, MA 02702

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News about Past Attendees

Peggy Elliott won an essay contest this past fall sponsored by Arcadia Publishing on the importance of historic preservation. For her efforts Peggy received a Sony digital camera and an HP PhotoSmart printer.

Cynthia Fraser Graves has recently published her memoir, *Never Count Crow* with AuthorHouse Publishers. She is now at work on a novel titled *Dusk on Route One*.

Teresa Bradley won a writing contest and had an article published on-line.

Frances Porter has relocated to 37 Grey Birch Drive #5, Augusta, Maine 04330. It is the Assisted Living Unit at Augusta General Hospital.

Dr. Jim Brosnan was selected as one of six finalists in the "Poet of the Year" competition sponsored by the New England Association of Teachers of English.

Prompts for the Muse

1. Select a place that you know well and describe it using **ONLY** the sensory details of taste, touch, smell, and sound. Do **NOT** use any visual details.
2. Write a scene that captures an intense moment from your life that lasted for no longer than ten seconds.
3. Develop a believable character by listing what the border patrol would find in that individual's knapsack, pocketbook, or wallet.

First Call for Contest Entries

All poetry entries must be sent as attachments in addition to paper copies.

Poetry - 4 Award Categories:

- **Adelbert M. Sr. & Lillian Jakeman Memorial Poetry Tournament**
Open style. Limited to 30 lines. Submit up to 3 poems for judging.
- **Popular Vote of Entries in Above Category by WC Participants**

All submissions will be printed in Poetry Tournament Booklet.

- **Katherine Saunders Memorial Poems on Trees**
Any length, style, form, size poem to be posted on trees in Porter Hall Grove. Must be hung by noon Wednesday to be eligible.
- **David McCord Memorial Beach Inspiration Poetry**
Bring pen and paper, a beach chair or blanket.

Prose - 3 Award Categories:

- **Fiction** 1500 word (maximum) adult fiction piece.
- **Hilma & Alfred Barrett Memorial Non-Fiction** 1500 word (maximum) adult non-fiction piece.
 - **Richard F. Burns Inspirational Prose** 1500 word (maximum) fiction or non-fiction inspirational piece.

General Contest Rules

1. Open to all Writers Conference Participants (previous winners not excluded)
2. Only **ONE** entry will be accepted for each category (except Jakeman Contest)
3. Entries on 8.5 x 11 white paper, double-spaced. Include contest title **ONLY**.
4. All poetry and prose entries should have a 3 x 5 index card paper clipped with the author's name, address, phone number and the titles of the work submitted and **WORD COUNT** for prose pieces; **LINE COUNT** for poetry (Not counting the title)
5. Cash prizes (\$20, \$10, \$5) and award certificates will be presented Friday morning.

Send **ALL** entries to **Dr. Jim Brosnan, P.O. Box 172, Assonet, MA 02702**. The poetry entries **CANNOT** exceed 30 lines or 42 characters (including spaces) per line.

Prose Entries **CANNOT** exceed 1500 words.

Deadline: July 1, 2007