



# MICHIGAN HEMINGWAY SOCIETY

SUMMER 2011 NEWSLETTER

## MHS 2011 FALL CONFERENCE

### “HEMINGWAY’S WATERS: EXPLORING THE DEPTHS”

The Michigan Hemingway Society is planning a full weekend as usual for this fall - October 14-16. June 17-22, 2012 will be the International Hemingway Society Conference in Bay View and Petoskey, which MHS is hosting. However, there will be no MHS Fall 2012 meeting, so we encourage you to attend this fall, and to also attend the International in June of 2012.

#### **KEYNOTE SPEAKER**



We are thrilled to announce that Paula McLain, the author of the best-selling novel *The Paris Wife*, will be our keynote speaker Saturday afternoon, October 15, at 2 pm at the Carnegie Library Building in Petoskey. Admission to the event is included with conference registration or can be obtained by purchasing a \$10 ticket ahead of time at the Crooked Tree Arts Center.

*The Paris Wife* captures a remarkable period of time—Paris in the twenties—and an extraordinary love affair between two unforgettable people: Ernest Hemingway and his wife Hadley.

In Chicago in 1920, Hadley Richardson is a quiet twenty-eight-year-old who has all but given up on love and happiness—until she meets Ernest

Hemingway and finds herself captivated by his good looks, intensity, and passionate desire to write. Following a whirlwind courtship and wedding, the pair set sail for Paris, where they become the golden couple in a lively and volatile group of expatriates that includes Gertrude Stein, Ezra Pound, and F. Scott and Zelda Fitzgerald.

But the hard-drinking and fast-living café life does not celebrate traditional notions of family and monogamy. As Hadley struggles with jealousy and self-doubt and Ernest wrestles with his burgeoning writing career, they must confront a deception that could prove the undoing of one of the great romances in literary history.

Paula McLain received an MFA in poetry from the University of Michigan, has taught at Central Michigan University and has been a resident of the artists' colonies Yaddo and MacDowell. She is the author of two collections of poetry, as well as a memoir, *Like Family*, and a first novel, *A Ticket to Ride*. She lives in Cleveland with her family.

Ms McLain will be signing copies of the book at McLean and Eakin Booksellers (307 East Lane Street, Petoskey) between 3:30 and 5 pm on the day of the presentation.

### **ADDITIONAL CONFERENCE PROGRAM**

**On Friday evening**, October 14, the opening program will feature Fred Svoboda and Ken Marek. Fred will begin the festivities by displaying and demonstrating the type of equipment Nick Adams carried on his hiking, camping and fishing trip in the story "Big Two-Hearted River." Ken will follow by focusing on the conference theme "Hemingway's Waters: Exploring the Depths," offering an overview of the importance of water in Hemingway's work, with an emphasis on EH's remarkable ability to draw on his experiences in northern Michigan as he created great fiction. Ken will conclude by reading a reflective essay on one of his many trips to the Fox River near Seney, which was the area that inspired "Big Two-Hearted River."

**The Saturday evening** program of this year's MHS Conference will feature three outstanding northern Michigan writers, Michael Delp, Anne Marie Oomen and Aaron Stander, in a panel discussion on "Water as Inspiration." The writers will respond to questions from the moderator, react to each other's responses, and possibly comment on water as inspiration in Hemingway's work and/or Hemingway's influence on their work. Each writer will read a relevant poem or prose passage from his or her work, and the audience will have an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the program. Books by the panelists will be on sale after the program, and the authors will be available to sign books.

Mike Delp is the author of at least six chapbooks (pamphlets) of poetry, and his poetry and prose have appeared in numerous anthologies and publications. Three of his books, *Under the Influence of Water: Poems, Essays and Stories*, *The Coast of Nowhere: Meditations on Rivers, Lakes and Streams*, and *The Last Good Water: Prose and Poetry, 1988-2003*, explore the wonders of lakes, rivers and streams and the importance of protecting these precious resources. Whether he is writing in prose, poetry or some combination thereof, Delp's writing on water is always lyrical and compelling.

Anne Marie Oomen has authored four books, including two memoirs *Pulling Down the Barn: Memories of a Rural Childhood*, and *House of Fields: Memories Of a Rural Education*, and an award-winning play *Northern Belles*. Her collection of poetry, *Seasons of the Sleeping Bear*, and her recent collection of essays, *An American Map*, address the importance of water in depth and with beautiful imagery. She also has penned fine essays on water in the anthologies *Fresh Water: Women Writing on the Great Lakes*, and *Michigan: Our Land, Our Water, Our Heritage*.

Aaron Stander has published five acclaimed mystery novels which focus on the life and work of Ray Elkins, a northern Michigan sheriff. Four of these novels, *Summer People*, *Color Tour*, *Deer Season*, and *Shelf Ice*, are set in north-western lower Michigan. Of *Color Tour*, Doug Stanton, author of New York Times bestseller *In Harm's Way*, says, "Stander evokes these north woods and Lake Michigan with a poet's eye, and the dramas of the human heart with a detective's wry, unflinching touch." The natural world of sand dunes, woodlands and Lake Michigan becomes virtually a character in these haunting tales.

## **THE 2011 MHS WRITING CONTEST**

Our contest is open to all attending the 2011 MHS Weekend. The weekend theme, "Hemingway's Waters: Exploring the Depths," stresses the inspirational nature of the famous author's interaction with the natural world, reflected in many of his most famous works.

- Nick Adams wades the "Big Two-Hearted River" in northern Michigan.
- Santiago the aged Cuban fisherman wages an epic battle with a great marlin in the Gulf Stream in *The Old Man and the Sea*.
- Frederic Henry swims the Tagliamento River, escaping the killing fields of the First World War in northern Italy in *A Farewell to Arms*.
- Jake Barnes and Bill Gorton fish for trout and tell bad jokes in northern Spain in *The Sun Also Rises*.
- Colonel Cantwell and Renata kiss (and more!) in a Venetian gondola in *Across the River and Into the Trees*.

**Your assignment, should you choose to accept it: write an equally memorable short-short story or essay in Hemingway's style, stressing what you see as a parallel role for water in your piece.** Make your piece no longer than two double-spaced pages, 12-point Times New Roman type. Submit it by breakfast on Saturday – *no exceptions*. Please put your name in the envelope in which you've placed your entry – but not on the entry itself. Winners (first, second and third places) will be announced at Sunday breakfast and the winners invited to read their stories. Our excellent prizes are gift certificates to McLean & Eakin Booksellers - \$25, \$15, and \$10. **Please note this final important point: your story or essay MUST INCLUDE A FISH!**

## **USED BOOKS**

Steve Ruebelman, our excellent friend and seller of used books, will be present as always with tempting offerings that challenge our budgets.

## **TOURS**

Saturday morning after breakfast the choices are shopping (always enjoyable in Petoskey's Gaslight District), or several designated car tours. The different tours will be led by board members and will conclude with lunch at a restaurant in that vicinity. All will return to Petoskey in time for Ms McLain's keynote presentation. Among the choices will be: a trip to Horton Bay; a sightseeing tour to Grace Cottage and Windemere; a tour to Greensky Hill Cemetery; a walking tour of EH-connected sites in Petoskey and a visit to the History Museum;

and a narrated tour from Petoskey to Cross Village. Sign-up will be at Friday evening's check-in at the MHS desk at the Odawa. **Spaces will be limited.**

## **CONFERENCE HEADQUARTERS**

Booking the venue for our conference is always challenging. Our attendance numbers preclude some locations, and scheduling costs and conflicts for this popular resort area are other issues that determine our final selection. The Odawa Hotel will again serve as our conference headquarters in 2011, and is located at 1444 South US 131. We have been most pleased with the Odawa for their willingness to meet our financial needs, and for their congenial attitude and overall service. Their casino is at a different location. **A reminder that room reservations are separate from your conference registration fee.** The Odawa's room fees have remained the same as last year's. They are holding a block of 43 rooms and 4 suites from Thursday October 14 to Monday October 18, so you may come early or stay late to enjoy Hemingway country. The rates for the rooms are Sunday thru Thursday \$68, Friday and Saturday \$77. The rates for the suites are Sunday thru Thursday \$98, Friday and Saturday \$107. These rates are based on single/double occupancy with a \$15 charge for additional adults. The Odawa will hold these rooms at this price until **September 14, 2011**, one month before the conference begins. To book your room, call 231-347-6041, and ask for the "Hemingway Society 2011 Conference" special conference rate. If you wish to inquire about other nearby lodging instead please call 800-845-2828 or see [www.boynecountry.com](http://www.boynecountry.com) on the web.

## **SCHEDULE**

Friday evening: 6 pm - Reception at the Odawa with "hearty hors d'oeuvres" and cash bar

8 pm - President Mike Federspiel will welcome everyone and announce the program. Fred Svoboda will open with a demonstration of Nick Adam's backpack, followed by Ken Marek who will focus on the conference theme of "Hemingway's Waters: Exploring the Depths".

Saturday morning: 9 am - Breakfast at the Odawa - Writing Contest entries due.

10 am- Optional tours or free time.

Saturday afternoon: Lunch on your own.

2-3 pm – Paula McLain, author of *The Paris Wife* presenting in the Carnegie Library Building.

3:30-5 pm – Book signing by Paula McLain at McLean and Eakin.

Saturday evening: 5:30 pm - Appetizers and cash bar at the Odawa.

6:30 pm – Dinner.

8 pm - Panel discussion with Michael Delp, Anne Marie Oomen and Aaron Stander on "Water as Inspiration."

Sunday morning: 9 am - Breakfast at the Odawa.

10 am- Contest winners announced and winning entries read.

10:30 am - Information about the 2012 International Hemingway Conference in June.

A brief general membership meeting will follow and conclude the conference.

## **2012 INTERNATIONAL HEMINGWAY CONFERENCE PLANS**

As all of you must know by now, Petoskey and Bay View will be the site of the 15<sup>th</sup> Biennial Hemingway Society Conference, hosted by the Michigan Hemingway Society. We are thrilled to be holding our meetings and academic sessions on the campus of the Bay View Association, an intact Victorian Chautauqua community where the Hemingway family members attended various activities. The Society has visited many places in the

world with connections to Hemingway's life or to his work, but the participants will never have seen anyplace which is still so much the same as it was during the early part of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century. The Victorian ambience, although with modern conveniences, can extend to one's accommodations as well by booking with our partners: The Perry Hotel, The Bay View Inn, or The Terrace Inn, or by renting a cottage on the Bay View grounds. Our friends at the Odawa Hotel are also offering us a conference rate, and there are a few B & B's in the area, along with all major hotel chains. (See our conference website at [www.mhs2012.com](http://www.mhs2012.com) for links or access it via the Hemingway Society page at [www.hemingwaysociety.org](http://www.hemingwaysociety.org).)

While it is too soon for the entire detailed schedule to be complete the major activities have been scheduled. The opening reception will be held at The Perry Hotel on Sunday, June 17, 2012, and afterward everyone will have the opportunity to attend the Bay View Music Festival opening Vespers Concert, a stunning variety program by professional musicians. The city of Petoskey will offer street entertainment and downtown activities on Monday evening to complement the opening of an exhibit and the premiere of a documentary on the history of the Little Traverse Bay area. We will also inaugurate the Hemingway's Petoskey walking tour based on a "trail" of historic markers and plaques. There will be something very special offered as a fundraiser for the PEN/Hemingway Fiction Award. The week will provide as many tours as possible, including one to Horton Bay and a sunset cruise beneath the Mackinac Bridge.

Thanks to the generosity of Mr. Ernest Mainland and the Little Traverse Bay Historical Society, most attendees will have the opportunity to visit Windemere Cottage. Day tour sign-up will be offered at the time of conference registration, and Mr. Mainland will also be hosting a benefit reception before the start of our conference and will be auctioning two overnight visits of two nights each at the Cottage Annex. Links for these activities will be available on our website.

The closing reception and banquet will be on Friday evening at the beautiful Bay Harbor Yacht Club, a very grand facility where Ernest never ate. The Yacht Club is a new Victorian structure, but the views of sky and water are those that Hemingway compared to the Bay of Naples. Sunsets seen from there are breathtaking, and an evening of fine food among like-minded friends will be a lovely close to our week in Petoskey and Bay View.

...It does not, however, have to be the close to your Up North experience. On Saturday, June 23, the Michigan Hemingway Society will offer an optional post-conference bus tour to Seney, Michigan, and other related Hemingway sites in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. The proposed all day tour will cross the famed Mackinac Bridge, and then parallel the rail route that Hemingway took from St. Ignace in 1919.

At Seney visitors will have ample time to see the spot where the young Ernest disembarked, the Fox River, and also the exhibits in the museum. Hemingway fished the Fox and described it eloquently as the "Big Two-Hearted River." A visit to the Seney National Wildlife Refuge (one of the first in the United States) will afford opportunity to see the same wildlife Hemingway saw during his visits to the UP.

The second leg of the trip will be along scenic US 2, which Hemingway and Otto "Toby" Bruce followed westward in 1947 after Ernest's last trip to Walloon Lake and Petoskey. The route is dotted with white sand dunes along the Lake Michigan shore and offers choice photo opportunities. Lunch will be provided, and participants will return in time to dine in their favorite Petoskey restaurant. This trip is open to conference attendees, Michigan Hemingway Society

members, and anyone else who is interested. Contact Janice Byrne at [jfbyrne37@comcast.net](mailto:jfbyrne37@comcast.net) to have your name placed on the preliminary passenger list.

Keep watching the web site ([www.mhs2012.com](http://www.mhs2012.com)) for updates, and remember that even if you are a member of the *Michigan* Hemingway Society you must be a member of the *international* Hemingway Society to attend the conference. You might consider joining now if you haven't yet so that you will begin receiving *The Hemingway Review* magazine and so that you will receive E-Blasts, which are mass E-mailings to alert members to updates in scheduling or other changes. Scholars and Hemingway aficionados from all over the world are going to be in Northern Michigan in June, 2012. Plan on being a part of this amazing week!

## **MHS MEMBERSHIP**

The MHS membership year runs from January through December, and we encourage you to renew your membership at the beginning of each calendar year. However, if you have not yet sent in your 2011 membership dues, you could still do so and save money on your conference fee this fall. Membership is \$20 per calendar year for an individual, or \$30 per year for a family (two adults at the same address). We also encourage you to support our organization by becoming a patron at \$50 or more per year.

## **MAILING LIST**

Paper, printing, and postage costs increase every year. If you can help us by reading your newsletter online at our website ([www.michiganhemingwaysociety.org](http://www.michiganhemingwaysociety.org)) so that we can cut back on our mailing costs, please let us know. Contact me (Nancy Nicholson – MHS, Box 922, Petoskey, MI 49770 or email [grannynanny37@hotmail.com](mailto:grannynanny37@hotmail.com)) if you wish your name removed from the mailing list.

## **NOTE THE FOLLOWING**

MHS website: [www.michiganhemingwaysociety.org](http://www.michiganhemingwaysociety.org)

(International) Hemingway Society website: [www.hemingwaysociety.org](http://www.hemingwaysociety.org)

2012 Conference website: [www.mhs2012.com](http://www.mhs2012.com)

MHS Fall 2011 Conference dates: October 14-15, 2011

International Hemingway Conference dates: June 17-23, 2012

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**REGISTRATION FORM**

Please complete and return this form with your check or money order, **payable to the Michigan Hemingway Society**, to Nancy Nicholson, 3480 Lakeside Dr. N. #41, Petoskey, MI 49770.

Name(s) as you want them on your nametag:

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

This year's conference fee **for 2011 members or life members** is **\$155 per person**. If you have **not** sent in a membership for 2011 the fee is **\$180 per person**.  
(There will be a \$20 processing fee for any conference registration or cancellation after Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>.)

Your conference fee includes:

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*If you have any questions, or **special dietary needs**, please contact Nancy Nicholson:  
231-347-0117 or [grannynanny37@hotmail.com](mailto:grannynanny37@hotmail.com)*

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