Artist to tell about Michigan Legacy Art Park Hemingway project

Northern Michigan artist Patricia Innis will present a slide show and talk about her new Hemingway project at the October Hemingway Weekend in Petoskey.

Innis has been collaborating with the Michigan Legacy Art Park at Crystal Mountain Resort and the Traverse City Public Schools on the project's first stage, which is titled "Ernest Hemingway and Michigan's Natural Resources." She spent five days working with fifth grade students, using Hemingway's northern Michigan stories to inspire the students to create art that will be installed at the Legacy Art Park's Discovery Grove in June.

Patricia Innis hopes to extend her project into a program called "Hemingway Haunts." This second stage of the project would take the artist to public schools in several northern Michigan counties where Hemingway lived or visited. In each school Innis would work with the students to create Hemingway-inspired art for the MLAP and to construct an "art trail" on their own school grounds. The MLAP would then create "an arts and literature trail guide to all of the Hemingway locations, featuring thoughts by the writer about the locations."

Innis will also create images of Hemingway’s fictional characters which will be displayed at the Art Park. The results of this first stage will be revealed when the artist speaks at our fall conference.

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Annual weekend features Hemingway "letters" editor

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Hemingway's wives and mother
to appear together in Petoskey

Well, that would be something, wouldn't it?
Actually, Grace, Hadley, Pauline, Martha, and Mary will
be portrayed by MHS board members who have been
researching these women and their relationships with
Ernest Hemingway. There could be fireworks!
The five will appear in costume to give brief
biographical sketches of their subjects. One of Grace Hall
Hemingway's gowns will be exhibited, courtesy of Jim and
Marian Sanford.

In another presentation, several individuals who
were acquainted (or related) to Hemingway women will
reminisce about their experiences with the distaff side of
this notable family.

A tour featuring the shadowy history of Prudence
Bolton will be conducted by author Constance Cappel.

Ken Marek will blend history, geography and literature as
he leads a tour, "Men with Women", to Horton Bay,
scenic background of Nick Adams' summer romances.

Books are always an important part of our
weekends and, like last year, we will have a seller of new/
used books exhibiting at the Perry. McLean and Eakin is
cooperating with us to stock up on books illuminating the
Hemingway women. If you have a special order, Julie will
be happy to fill it for you.

One of the most popular aspects of our
Hemingway weekends is the opportunity to talk amongst
ourselves and with our speakers; to share opinions,
experiences, and reading lists; and to expand our
understanding of Hemingway's work and the life behind it.

Our conference brochure will be coming to you in
the mail by mid-August. In it, you will find details about
the weekend and a registration form.

Because our events are packaged with wonderful
meals prepared by the staff of the Perry, we must have
registration by October 5 so the culinary crew can shop.

We are working on some surprises to make this
weekend extra-special. Some things will remain surprises,
but important "breaking news" will be posted along with
expanded information and a registration form on our

Dues are still just $10, and that's no bull!
Your support is appreciated. Please send checks to: Michigan Hemingway Society
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