2006 HEMINGWAY WEEKEND AT MICHIGANIA

We'll be at The Michigania Retreat and Conference Center on Walloon Lake for this year's conference, "Lovely Walloona: Hemingway and Nature." It's earlier than usual, September 15-17, and it should be a perfect combination of theme and place!

This beautiful site is directly across from Windemere Cottage, and is owned by the Alumni Association of the University of Michigan. You might want to check out their website at http://alumni.umich.edu/michigania. Michigania has 19 cabins with vaulted ceilings, spruce paneling and breathtaking views. Each cabin has three or four private suites, each with a private bath and bedroom with a queen bed. Each cabin has a common room ideal for gathering together to talk, read, or play games. All linens and meals are provided. Meals are served in the large Education Center—with beautiful views, decks, and six fieldstone fireplaces! We'll have access to a pontoon boat, a sailboat, canoes, kayaks, and rowboats for some little jaunts on the lake. Tennis, volleyball, basketball, archery, and yoga also are available. And of course we'll offer walks and tours of the area. Michigania also has a few golf carts that could be reserved if mobility is an issue for you.

Although Michigania is not a rustic camp where you "rough" it, it also is not a luxury hotel. If you feel that you need to be in a hotel in Petoskey or environs, that is an option. The Perry is offering only a very few rooms for us and their deadline for reservations is July 14th. Call 1-800-737-1899 as soon as possible and mention the Michigan Hemingway Society. For other accommodations contact the Petoskey-Harbor Springs-Boyne Country Visitors Bureau at 1-800-845-2828 or visit their website: http://www.boynecountry.com.

We'll be offering one price package for those staying at Michigania, and another for those who opt to stay elsewhere. But we're hoping that as many as possible will take advantage of this special facility. If you came to our weekend in 2005, you had a chance to see just how lovely Michigania is! Hopefully, the September weather will cooperate!

SPEAKERS ARE RENOWNED INTERNATIONAL HEMINGWAY SOCIETY/FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS

Susan Beegel, editor of the Hemingway Review, will deliver our keynote address Saturday evening, "Hemingway and the Natural World."

Other international board members are Kirk Curnutt, Scott Donaldson, Hilary Justice, J. Gerald Kennedy, James Meredith, Linda P. Miller, Rena Sanderson, and Fred Svoboda.

At Saturday's lunch they will outline some of the current topics of interest among those studying Hemingway, including the project to publish all of Hemingway's letters. (Sandy Spanier discussed this at a past MHS meeting.)

And Sunday they will feature a panel discussion on "Why Do Women Study Hemingway?" These distinguished scholars are all noted for their openness and the accessibility of their work to general audiences. They will be available informally to conference attendees throughout the weekend.
Silent Auction

Members of the Michigan Hemingway Society are invited to donate items for the 2006 silent auction to be held during the September 15-17 conference at Michigania. As in the past two years, proceeds will help fund the Society's archives and collections which are housed at Central Michigan University's Clarke Library.

Last year's auction featured a diverse assortment of Hemingway related memorabilia. A Hemingway gourmet basket including food stuffs from around the world as well as a bottle of EH's favorite wine ranked among the most sought after items, and the designers promise another of the same for this year. Now is the time for members to start thinking about what duplicate items may be in their collections that other Hemingway fans might like to add to their own.

Each donor should provide a minimum bid for each item submitted. Any item that does not sell at a price above the minimum will be returned to the donor. To submit an item for the silent auction, send its description and a minimum bid to Janice Byrne, P.O. Box 734, St. Charles, IL 60174. (For example: First edition of The Old Man and the Sea, fair condition, repaired spine. Minimum bid, $150.) Be sure to include your name and address. Do not send the item: bring it with you to the conference. You may also submit a photo of the item to the webmaster for posting on the Society web site: mhs@northquest.com/hemingway.

Thank you for both your contributions and purchases at the silent auctions in support of the archives and collections of the Society.

A PEEK AHEAD TO 2007

An exhibit titled "Up North with the Hemingways" will be co-sponsored by the Clarke Historical Library and the Michigan Hemingway Society from July 27-August 25, 2007. It will be held in Petoskey's Crooked Tree Arts Center, and will feature rare photos and items from the Hemingway family and other archives. It will tell the story of the family's summers in northern Michigan between 1898 and 1921. MHS conference attendees will be treated to a private grand opening event on Friday, July 27; the annual Hemingway Weekend is set for July 27-29, 2007. Be sure to put these dates on your calendar and in your plans for 2007!

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Watch July's mail for 2006 Conference Registration Information