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Collection Summary:

Title: Guyandotte Poetry Society Papers

Span Dates: 1989-2018

Creator: John McKernan

Repository: Marshall University Special Collections, Morrow Library (Huntington, WV)

Processed by: Lindsey M. Harper, 2018

Accession Number: 2018/09.0849

Date Completed: October, 2017

Access to Collection: Open

Search Terms:

A.E. Stringer

Art Stringer

Creative Writing

Guyandotte Poetry Society

John McKernan

Poems

Poetry

Poetry Workshops

Poets

Writers

Writing Groups

Writer's Workshop

Biographical Sketch:

Beginning on December 1, 1977, a group of poets and creative writers from the Huntington, West Virginia and surrounding geographical communities have met to read their work(s) in progress. On December 5, 1992, poets met to celebrate 15-years of the Poetry Society as well as the publication of the anthology *The Guyandotte Poets, 1*. The Guyandotte Poets did not publish any other anthologies as a Society, but they did continue to meet and workshop their poems on a monthly basis through 2018. During these meetings writers received feedback on how to improve their poetry, gained skills to improve their writing technique, and gained a sense of community with other writers.

Individuals involved with the Guyandotte Poetry Society were primarily professors and students, but generally the only requirement to attend a meeting was that an individual have a love of poetry. This collection contains hundreds of poems and features the work of 82 writers. Among these authors are those well known to the Huntington, WV community, including: Art Stringer, John McKernan, Llewellyn McKernan, Andi Fekete, John Patrick Grace, Ron Houchin, Mary Lou Pratt, and Chris Green.

Scope and Content:

This collection contains the professional documents of the Guyandotte Poetry Society. The contents in this collection span from 1989 to 2018. The collection includes correspondence, directions to meetings, directories of poets who participated in the Society, and poems that were submitted and workshoped. The materials in this collection document the various writers who either served as reviewers or submitted poetry for review. This list of writers is included following the list of folders and their contents.

Series 1	Correspondence
Series 2	Poetry Workshops

Processing Notes:

The Guyandotte Poetry Society meetings were originally grouped together by meeting date. Items from each monthly meeting were stapled together with the date of the workshop/meeting written on the first poem in each stack. Items were separated, but still maintained their original monthly meeting/workshop order. Items were not organized by year, but were completed as such for the processing of this collection as a way to best utilize the cross-referenced list of authors included in this collection.

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Container

Contents

BOX 1

Series 1 – Correspondence

Folder 1	Emails and Handwritten Notes (1999; n.d.)
Folder 2	Directions to Meetings (n.d.)
Folder 3	List of members / Directories (n.d.)

Series 2 – Poetry Workshops

Folder 4:	Poems (1989-1994)
Folder 5:	Poems (1998)
Folder 6:	Poems (1999)
Folder 7:	Poems (2000)
Folder 8:	Poems (2001)

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Folder 22:	Poems (2015)
Folder 23:	Poems (2016)
Folder 24:	Poems (2017)
Folder 25:	Poems (2018)
Folder 26:	Poems (undated)

Also Included:

Gerke, R., & Thorn, A.R. (1993). The Guyandotte Poets 1. Trillium Press. Print. ISBN: 1-881692-04-3

List of Included Writers and Associated Years from Poetry Workshops

Name (alphabetically)	Years
Ben Barish	2001
C.S. Berger	2010, 2011
Laura Treacy Bentley	1994, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003, 2009, n.d.
Leslie Birdwell	1999, 2000, 2001
Ace Boggess	1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2009, n.d.
Priscilla Burcham	1998, 1999, 2000, 2001
Vic Burkhammer	2008
Shannon Butler	2000, 2001, 2002, 2006, 2013
K. Colker	1999, 2000

Pat Cowder (sp?)	1999
Bev C. Delidow	2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, n.d.
David Dillion	2008, 2009
Jack Dodd	1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003
Judy (Judith) Dodd	1998, 1999, 2000, 2001
Suzanna Dodd	1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2003
George Eklund	2009, 2011
Laura Eklund	2009, 2011, 2012
Lee Erikson	2000, 2001, 2004, 2007, 2008
Andrea L. Fekete (Andi)	2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018
Victor Fet	2006, 2007, 2008, 2013, 2014, 2015, n.d.
Resa Files	2008
Suzanne Gallion	2002
Bill Garten	2002
Bob Goins	2012
Grace C. Gosselin	1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2015
Celeste Good	2006
Ronald Goodman	1998
John Patrick Grace	1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2018, n.d.
Chris Green	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007

Renee Greene	1998, 1999
Terri Hager	2000
Jennifer Lynn Hall	2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, n.d.
Jennifer Hall-Farley	2013
Ron Hass	1998
Heather Hawes	1999
Sheila Henning	2002
Kay Hesson	2001
Tom Hilgartner	2007
Marged Howley	2000, 2009
Charlotte Hoffman (CAH)	1998, 1999, 2000
Ron Houchin	1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, n.d.
Mary Hungate	2009
James Hunter	2008
Dolores Johnson	2000
Sarah Kern	n.d.
Sam Kilpatrick	2004, 2007
Nicole Lawrence	2014
Jim Maphet	2002, 2003, n.d.
Sheila Fay Maphet	2002, 2003, n.d.
Eve L. Marcum	2000

Waya Matt	2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, n.d.
Honor J. McCain	1999, 2000, 2001, 2002
Aaron M. McGuffin	2012
John McKernan	1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, n.d.
Llewellyn McKernan	1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2017, n.d.
Dae L. Meara	2009, 2010
Eric Migernier	1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005
Gregory David Miller	2004
Aaron Morris	2011
Matt Morris	2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2011, n.d.
Valerie Nichols	1998
Tom Norman	2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, n.d.
Flannery O'Conner	2001
James R. Pack	1994, 1998
Sumeeta Patnaik	2011, 2015
Gloria Peek-Rosenblum	1999, 2000
Sara Dillon Pennington	2000, 2001, 2002
Richard Pitaniello	2008, 2009, 2010
Mary Lou Pratt	1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2007, 2009, 2010, 2013, 2014, 2016, 2018
Stella M. Reed	1989, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001

Christina Y. Stradwick	2003
Amanda L. Stephens	2010
Pumice Stone	2002
Art E. Stringer (AE)	1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, n.d.
Richard Sullivan	2001, 2002, 2013, 2014, 2015
Terre Thomas	1999
Michael Thomison	2011
Arline R. Thorn	1994, 1998, 2001
Ruth Ransbottom Willis	2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, n.d.
Clark Wolfe	2008
Matthew Wolfe	2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2011, 2012, 2014, 2015, 2016, 2018, n.d.
Krishna D. Wright	2007, 2008