

The Magnolia Muse



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Greetings Members and Friends:

I've attached the flier Mark created with all the information about the Fall Mini Festival in Natchez on October 22-23, 2021. He has a block of rooms for us at the Hotel Vue which is high on a bluff with a spectacular view of the Mississippi River. Be sure to reserve your room before October 8th to receive the discounted rate.

He has listed some of the interesting things to do in Natchez and many more are on the Natchez website. Everyone will be on their own Friday. FYI: Many of the downtown clubs have live music on Fri and Sat night. Mark will have something for us to do as a group after the meeting on Saturday afternoon. He has studied the history of Natchez extensively and will be a great guide to aid us in discovering Natchez.

Today is the last day to mail your entry to the poetry contest. If you haven't already mailed your entry, you had better get moving!

This is the tentative schedule for Saturday, October 23rd:

8:45 – 9:00 Registration (\$8 to cover meeting expenses, \$7 lunch)

9:00 – 10:00 Devotion and Business Meeting

10:00 - 10:15 Break

10:15 - 11:00 Janice Canerdy announces winners of the fall mini contest.

Winners read their poems.

11:00 – 12:00 Presentation ceremony for Poet of the Years 2020-2021, Brenda Finnegan. Brenda reads from her chapbook, *Horn Island Vista*. Book Sales and Signing. Note: Any other poets who have published books they wish to sell may also do so during this time.

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch and ‘Discovering Natchez’ – our host, G. Mark LaFrancis

I’m looking forward to seeing a big turnout for this special and unique MPS mini festival. Contact me with any questions. Pattyb8319@gmail.com

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“Poetry comes from the highest happiness or the deepest sorrow.” —A.P.J. Abdul Kalam