

Reading Matters

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PUBLICATIONS

- **Philip Nel**, Afterword to Crockett Johnson's *Magic Beach*. Appreciation by Maurice Sendak. Front Street, 2005.
- **Donna Potts**, "Spring Storm" (poem), *Exposed* 2:36 (June 2006): 2.
- "The Gardens of Fort Worth" (poem), *Document* 1 (Summer 2005): 7.
- "Monarchs Migrating" (poem), *Moondance* 9.5 (Fall 2005): <<http://www.silver-gateway.com/moondance/year/issue/poetry/poem4.html>>.
- **Naomi Wood**, "God in the Details: The Voice of the Narrator and the Voice of God in the Chronicles of Narnia." *Narnia Revisited*, ed. Shanna Caughey (Dallas, Texas: BenBella Books, 2005): 45-57.

PRESENTATIONS

- **Donna Potts'** poem "The Gardens of Fort Worth" was included along with a collage of her Fort Worth photographs in *Document*, an exhibit at the National University of Ireland, Galway. The exhibit represented the first of what will be an annual collaboration between Galway-based poets and artists. 1 June - 1 July 2005.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Ann Warren** writes, "Hello, all. Ann and Eddie Warren are teaching this semester in Florence, Italy (actually, Ann is teaching Humanities and Great Books and Eddie is assisting), in the first semester of KSU's island campus program. Please urge your students to sign up for the spring semester courses, and to do it through a special studies course if they need to in order to get English credit. The facilities here are wonderful; the students are living in a very comfortable (maybe even luxurious) apartment, and we are all having a terrific time. See you in the spring."

NEWS FROM ALUMNI

- After going from K-State to Texas State for his MFA, **Darren DeFraim** (M.A. 1992) went to Western Michigan for his Ph.D. He then spent the last five years in the University of Wisconsin system, and has just returned to Kansas to become Director of the Writing Program at Wichita State. His novel, *The Salt Palace*, has just been published by New Issues Press. He sends his best to the faculty who remember him from fifteen years ago.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Friday, October 7, 3:30 p.m., ECS 17, the Graduate Program will be hosting an "Applying to Ph.D. and M.F.A. Programs" Workshop. All students interested in graduate studies are invited. For more information, contact Greg Eiselein at eiselei@ksu.edu or 532-0386.

Friday, October 14, 4:00 p.m., Union 212. Robert Root will read from his work. He is the author of *Recovering Ruth: A Biographer's Tale*. This memoir was published in May 2003 by the University of Nebraska Press and won the Library of Michigan's 2004 Michigan Notable Book Award.

Tuesday, November 1, 4:00 p.m., Hemisphere Room, Hale Library. A Roundtable Discussion on the Poetry of Susan Hahn. Featuring Jill Clingan, Elizabeth Dodd, Gregory Eiselein, Michele Janette, and Donna Potts.

Friday, November 4, 7:00 p.m., Union Little Theater. Ted Kooser will read from his work. Kooser is the U.S. Poet Laureate and the author of ten collections of poetry. His most recent book is *Delights & Shadows*, winner of the 2005 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry.

Wednesday November 30, 3:30 p.m., Union 212. Three Views of Seamus Heaney's "Digging." Featuring Christina Hauck, Donna Potts, Karin Westman.

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