

## **2024 Poetry Day in Arkansas**

October 19, 2024

Conway, AR

PRA's 2024 Poetry Day Conference is scheduled for October 19 in the Fireplace Room on the campus of Central Arkansas University in Conway, Arkansas. (Directions below.) Registration will begin at 9:00 am and the conference will begin at 9:30 am.

Karen Moulton is the Poetry Day Chair and Christine Henderson is the Poetry Day Contest Chair.

The featured speaker is Philip Howerton of Missouri State University at West Plains. Howerton earned his BS and MEd at Drury University and his PhD at the University of Missouri-Columbia. He has been published in *American History through Literature*, *Arkansas Review*, *Christian Science Monitor*, *The Concord Saunterer*, *Encyclopedia of American Environmental Literature*, *Journal of Kentucky Studies*, *The Midwest Quarterly*, *Plainsongs*, *Red Rock Review*, *The South Carolina Review*, *Teaching American Literature*, *Thoreau Society Bulletin*, and *Writers of the American Renaissance*. In addition, Golden Antelope Press published his poetry collection, *The History of Tree Roots* in 2015. He received the 2019 Missouri Literary Award from the Missouri Library Association for *The Literature of the Ozarks: An Anthology* which was published by University of Arkansas Press. He was a nominee for Missouri Poet Laureate in spring 2019. He is the owner and managing editor of Cornerpost Press Book Publishing, Associate Editor of The Heartland Review, General Editor of Elder Mountain: A Journal of Ozark Studies, and co-founder and co-editor of Cave Region Review. His second poetry collection, *Gods of Four Mile Creek*, was released by Golden Antelope Press in October 2023.

Poetry Day is the main poetry event in Arkansas. Each year this conference honors Arkansas Poet Laureate Rosa Zagnoni Marinoni (1953-1970). As a result of her efforts to promote poetry in Arkansas, Governor Ben Laney proclaimed October 15, 1948, the first annual Poetry Day in Arkansas. For conference questions, contact John McPherson at [mcperson8391@gmail.com](mailto:mcperson8391@gmail.com) or 501-305-9972.

## **Directions to the Fireplace Room at UCA in Conway**

Directions to the McCastlain Hall, which houses the Fireplace Room are as follows:

If one takes the Oak Street exit, proceed west to Harkrider; turn left (south) to Bruce Street; turn left on Doneghey Ave; right on L A Niven Drive.

If one takes the Dave Ward exit proceed west to Doneghey Ave. and proceed north to L A Niven Drive; turn left.