

# THISTLEDOWN

SOUTHERN MINNESOTA POETS' SOCIETY

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## MEETING

Saturday, October 10, 1987  
BETHANY LUTHERAN COLLEGE  
734 Marsh, Mankato  
11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
(Dutch treat lunch)

## REMINDERS

Use West parking lot (Valley side) and entrance. Please, call Wilfred Johnson (507/387-3730) to make lunch reservations, and the cooks will love you.

## PROGRAM

We will have a workshop on critiqueing.

Mail an unidentified copy of a poem and a cover sheet giving name, address, title and first line of the poem to: SMPS Program Committee c/o I. J. Sarma, 1577 Sharon Dr., N. Mankato, MN 56001

Postmark deadline - October 5, 1987. Preferred are poems of 25 lines or less. No PERFECT POEMS, please.

The executive board of the SMPS is of the opinion that our programs provide opportunities for all of us to enhance our writing, and it appears that a significant number of our members support this view.

One thought is that we need more programs which foster active participation by all members in a quest for insights and practices leading to better poetry.

In the coming months we will try and evaluate several such programs.

In the October workshop, we will try to form several groups, and attempt to critique unidentified poems. The exact procedure will depend on attendance, and will be explained at the outset.

The program committee will see to it that at least one replicate copy of each poem sent in is available per two attendees.

It is further suggested that you send a poem which you feel has promise, but of which you are not sure of and have not read before in public.

## SMPS NOTES

We welcome new members P. J. Doyle and Mavis Christensen and wish them good writing.

All our "Get well!" wishes go to Monica Haack who has a pinched nerve. Don't let that un-nerve you too much, Monica, and hurry back, you hear!

Don't miss--if you can help it--the writer's conference sponsored by MINNESOTA INK, at Mankato, on October 24. P. J. Doyle, our new member, is one of the speakers. Details will be available at our meeting.

## LOMP LIGHTS

36 poets were in attendance at the fall meeting in Minneapolis September 26 th. Elvira T. Johnson gave an enjoyable talk on: "A Primary Tool - the Text." Barbara Stevens held the seminar, and I understand it was quite educational. 33 poems were submitted, and SMPS members walked off with the lion's share of the awards. Aren't you sorry you missed the meeting! I am but I HAD TO! Make plans for the future.

The good turnout by SMPS members was appreciated, especially the work done at the registration desk.



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