

# Thistledown

## ☞ Monthly Photo ☛



This month's photo is by dawn.v (see page 3 for details)

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Located at 523 South 2nd Street  
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## ☞ The Times They Are a-Changin' ☛

**Attention Members!** This year I will be looking for more submissions from the SMPS members at large. Jana has admirably performed double duty as our information conduit as well as President the last couple years; now she has earned a few moments peace each month.

So: all of you get to help me spread the word.

Starting in October 2010, when you hear about an event that SMPS should attend, a newsy tidbit about a fellow poet, or a great new book that gave you goose pimples, let me know. Send an

email to [newsletter@southernmnpoets.org](mailto:newsletter@southernmnpoets.org) with whatever you've got.

Each month the newsletter should go out to our recipients at the beginning of the week before our Saturday luncheon, so in general aim to send news by the end of any month for it to appear in next month's publication.

Welcome to the days ahead, everyone, and enjoy the poetry in your life this year.

Derek Liebertz

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## ☪ Poetry Events, Near and Far ☮

SMPS - Specific Local Events✓ **Saturday Luncheon Meeting**

October 9, 2010

12:30pm Bring your own lunch and chat

1:00pm **A Gathering of Poets and Storytellers**Cost **\$5.00** (payable at the event)

Bring Photos, maps, memorabilia, journals, documents, recipes – anything that elicits memories

Emy Frenz Arts Guild

We are exceedingly pleased to present a special workshop led by Twin Cities writers and poets Sherry Quan Lee and Lori Young-Williams. Discover your memories and stories by exploring historical records, photos, and memorabilia.

Please note: Advance registration is required. Contact Jana Bouma at 507-243-4050 or [jbouma@hickorytech.net](mailto:jbouma@hickorytech.net) to register for this event. We are looking at a maximum attendance of 20 people, so don't delay if you are interested.

✓ **Third Thursday**

October 21, 2010

This falls on the same night as the Good Thunder Reading Series, so we will not meet at the Emy Frenz Guild. Instead, we highly encourage you to attend the afternoon and evening sessions at the university if possible. The details of that event are listed just below, keep reading ...

Regional Events✓ **Good Thunder Reading Series: Robert C. Wright  
Minnesota Writer Residency**

October 21, 2010

3:00pm Talk on craft (Ostrander Auditorium)

7:30pm Reading (CSU Room 253)

Minnesota State Mankato

Presenter information:

**Kara Garbe** is a student in the MFA program at MSU Mankato, the 2010 winner of the Robert Wright Award, and is currently at work on a memoir about her time overseas as a Peace Corps Volunteer. Her writing has been supported by the Minnesota State Arts Board, the Loft Literary Center, and the Blacklock Nature Sanctuary.

## ☪ Poetry Events, Near and Far (cont.) ☮

**Freya Manfred's** six published books of poetry are *A Goldenrod Will Grow*, *Yellow Squash Woman*, *American Roads*, *Flesh and Blood* (chapbook), *My Only Home*, and *Swimming With a Hundred Year Old Snapping Turtle*. Her poetry has appeared in over 100 reviews and magazines and over 30 anthologies, and her literary memoir, *Frederick Manfred: A Daughter Remembers*, was nominated for a Minnesota Book Award and an Iowa Historical Society Benjamin F. Shambaugh Award.

**John Calvin Rezmerski** was recently appointed Poet Laureate of the League of Minnesota Poets. He has entertained hundreds of audiences around the upper Midwest with his readings and performances, taught creative writing and journalism at Gustavus Adolphus College, and led writing and storytelling workshops for over 30 years. His poems have been published in magazines and anthologies as varied as *The Wall Street Journal*, *Mennonite Life*, *New Letters*, *Chelsea*, *Nursing Outlook*, *Poems of Exotic Places*, *The Party Train*, *The Sumac Reader*, and *Tales of the Unanticipated*.

✓ **The Vibrant Word, 2010 Lutheran Festival of Writing**

October 29 - 31, 2010

Cost **\$95.00**

Luther College, Decorah, Iowa

**Registration deadline: Oct 22**

Keynote speakers will be Robert Cording and Rene Steinke. You do not have to be Lutheran to attend. The cost of \$95 is for registration; hotel, meals, and transportation are extra. To read more information and for registration, visit this website: [lutheranfestivalofwriting.org](http://lutheranfestivalofwriting.org).

Contact Linda Reuben, a new member of SMPS, if you are interested in attending the conference and sharing travel costs. She can be emailed at [l.reuben@mchsi.com](mailto:l.reuben@mchsi.com) -- thank you for letting the group know about this event, Linda.

☪ SMPS Officers ☪

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☪ Editor's Corner ☪

I already took over the front page this issue to let you all know about some adjustments to the newsletter, but one important item remains to mention here. Each month I am hoping to find a volunteer from SMPS who would write up a short article.

The subject is up to you and the length would be somewhere around 200 - 300 words. One member already has plans to submit a piece sometime this winter, but almost all the slots are open now so if you're interested please contact me.

The October newsletter image is by "dawn.v", one of the many talented Flickr denizens. You can see the original in higher resolution at:

[www.flickr.com/photos/dawnv/4847398034/](http://www.flickr.com/photos/dawnv/4847398034/)

Happy reading and writing, everyone.

Your editor, **D E R E K**

☪ I Signed Up For What?!? ☪

Talk to Derek at a meeting if you are interested in helping, or email [newsletter@southernmnpoets.org](mailto:newsletter@southernmnpoets.org) -- thank you!

**Saturday Meeting Desserts & Third Thursday Beverages**

(SMD)	Oct 9	Sandy Newbauer
(TTB)	Oct 21	<a href="#">Good Thunder Reading Series</a>
(SMD)	Nov 13	Linda Reuben
(TTB)	Nov 18	Marv Ostrom
(SMD)	Jan 8, 2011	Marv Ostrom
(TTB)	Jan 20, 2011	John Rezmerski
(SMD)	Feb 12, 2011	Sue Chambers
(TTB)	Feb 17, 2011	Sandy Newbauer
(SMD)	Mar 12, 2011	Ike Sarma
(TTB)	Mar 17, 2011	<a href="#">need a volunteer</a>
(SMD)	Apr 9, 2011	Sandy Newbauer
(TTB)	Apr 21, 2011	Ike Sarma
(SMD)	May 14, 2011	<a href="#">need a volunteer</a>
(TTB)	May 18, 2011	Derek Liebertz

☪ SMPS Member News ☪

- Gerry Tostenson will miss our October 9 meeting because her daughter is being inducted into the Augustana College Hall of Fame. Awesome!
- Our best and healthy wishes go out to Marv Ostrom, who has been fighting some health issues. Happily, we hear from his wife Eleanor that he is improving.

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Be sure to keep SMPS as a part of your life! Just fill out the form below and send it with your membership fee to our Treasurer Gerry Tostensen. Thanks for supporting Southern Minnesota Poets Society!

The SMPS membership year runs from **January 1st** - **December 31st** of each calendar year

**SMPS MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell #: \_\_\_\_\_

New Member? Yes No (circle one)

Dues Enclosed: Regular (\$15.00) \_\_\_\_ Student (\$7.50) \_\_\_\_

Mail application and check to: **Gerry Tostensen SMPS Treasurer, 24070 577th Lane, Mankato, MN 56001**

All SMPS members are encouraged to also become members of the League of Minnesota Poets ( <http://www.mnpoets.org> )