



Creative Writers Reading Series Continues

The Creative Writers Reading Series continues on Wednesday, April 17, at noon in the library. The guest author is Anne Britting Oleson, a Maine poet whose work has been published on three continents. She has published two chapbooks, *The Church of St. Materiana* (2007) and *The Beauty of It* (2010) and submits work for publication every day.

Oleson will read a passage from her published work and then answer questions about the work, her experiences as a writer, or other areas of interest the audience members may have. In addition to the reading by Oleson, students from NMCC's creative writing class will briefly read from their own original work.

The series concludes next week with author Monica Wood. Wood will not only be taking part in a noon presentation, but will also be on hand earlier in the morning for a book signing. The library, with the support of a grant from the Maine Humanities Council, will host a presentation by Wood from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., including a book signing for her book, *When We Were the Kennedys*.

These sessions are free and open to the public.

NMCC Receives Bridging Cultures Grant; Film Series & Book Discussion Planned

The NMCC library has received a Bridging Cultures Bookshelf: Muslim Journeys grant from the National Endowment of the Humanities. The library is one of seven institutions in Maine and 843 nationwide to receive the award.

The grant resulted in the library receiving a collection of 25 books, three films and access for one year to *Oxford Islamic Studies Online*.

"We are delighted that the library was selected to receive these materials to add to the collection and to make them available to our community," said Gail Roy, assistant dean of learning resources. "The books and DVDs in this bookshelf offer diverse perspectives and information about the Muslim world."

To celebrate receiving the grant and to promote the collection, NMCC will be hosting both a film series and a book presentation in coming weeks.

The film series begins this Wednesday, April 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Edmunds Conference Center, and it will continue each Wednesday evening for the next three weeks. The series will be facilitated by NMCC English instructor Eric Pelkey.

The April 17 film will be *Koran by Heart*, an inspiring documentary that follows three 10-year-old children as they leave their countries to compete in an annual Koran reciting contest in Cairo. Over 100 students from over 70 countries compete, and several have memorized the entire 600-page Koran without actually speaking Arabic. The documentary captures touching moments with the three children at home with their families, where they open up about life and religion, academic dreams and career aspirations.

Upcoming films will be *Islamic Art: Mirror of the Invisible World* on April 24 and *Prince Among Slaves* on May 1.

In addition to the film series, a presentation on two books from the collection will be held in the NMCC library on Friday, April 26, at 12:00 noon. Look for more details next week.

Both the film series and the book discussion are free and open to the public. For more information, see the college's website at www.nmcc.edu or contact Gail Roy the NMCC library at 768-2734 or groy@nmcc.edu.

NMCC Celebrates new Wind Power Equipment



The College hosted an open house in the wind power lab last week to celebrate the addition of a nacelle to the lab for training purposes. It is the largest piece of equipment ever purchased by the college. President Crowley congratulates the students from the wind power (right) and auto collision repair (left) programs who did a lot of work refurbishing the unit (seen in background). See more details on the press release posted online at www.nmcc.edu.

President's Award Nominees Sought

The President's Award is presented annually to an individual who has provided meritorious service to the College. This person may be a graduate or graduating senior, an employee, or a member of the community. This award is intended for a person with a distinguished record of service to the College, service which has contributed greatly to the fulfillment of the mission, vision and goals of the College.

The Vision

"Educating Today's Students for Tomorrow's Opportunities"

Mission Statement

Northern Maine Community College provides career and transfer programs that lead to associate degrees or certificates. The students served have an opportunity to develop as individuals and to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary for employment or for transfer to a senior college or university. The college assists in economic and human resource development by offering programs of study, courses or seminars to employed individuals, specialized training to attract business and industry, and various community interest courses or seminars.

College Goals

- I. Complete the transition to a comprehensive community college.
- II. Enhance the quality of programs and services, assure continuance of institutional accreditation, and foster professional program accreditations and/or certifications.
- III. Promote and support professional development, diversity, professionalism, ethics, integrity and opportunity.
- IV. Enhance accessibility to viable program services.
- V. Continue to support regional economic growth.
- VI. Increase enrollment and retention.
- VII. Enhance the long-term fiscal and physical viability of the college.

Events

TUESDAY

NATEF Visit, 7:00 am - 5:00 pm, AT Classroom 2

Foundation Executive Board Meeting, 8:00 - 9:00 am, Martin 3rd Floor Conference Room

Wood to Energy Workshop, 9:30 am - 3:30 pm, Alt. Energy Center

NATEF Lunch, 11:30 am - 1:00 pm, Keegan Room

Construction Project Meeting, 1:00 - 2:30 pm, Edmunds Conference Ctr

WEDNESDAY

Nursing Seminar, 8:00 am - 12:00 pm, Hunt MMC

Asbestos Awareness Training, 9:00 - 11:00 am, Edmunds Conf. Center

Creative Readers Writing Series, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Library

TRIO Luncheon, 12:00 - 2:00 pm, Keegan Room

Weight Watchers Program, 12:00 - 1:00 pm, Snow Hall Conf. Room

Admissions Testing, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, MRT 105, 210

Safety Meeting, 1:00 - 2:00 pm, Martin 3rd Floor Conference Room

Umpire Meeting, 6:30 - 7:30 pm, CHR 208-1

Islamic Film Series, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Ctr

THURSDAY

NESHRRM Meeting, 7:30 - 9:00 am, Edmunds Conference Ctr

PROBUS Meeting, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm, Keegan Room

Student Senate Meeting, 12:15 - 12:45 pm, CHR 201

P.I. Rotary Meeting, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, Edmunds Conference Ctr

Chorale Practice, 4:00 - 6:00 pm, Hunt MMC

FRIDAY

Maine Motor Transport, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm, Edmunds Conf. Center

Admissions Testing, 1:00 - 4:00 pm, MRT 107

April is Community College Month!
Lots of activities are scheduled throughout the month. To learn more, go to www.nmcc.edu.

NMCC President's Award Nomination

Name of Nominee: _____ Date: _____

Meritorious service: _____

List the outstanding way(s) the college's mission, vision and goals have been enhanced or achieved through the service of this nominee: _____

*Please use additional pages as needed to provide your nomination rationale and return by **May 4** to the president's office.*

Signature of person submitting nomination