

Creative Writers Reading Series Continues

The Creative Writers Reading Series continues with a Thursday, April 16, noon-time session in the library featuring writer Michael Macklin, a carpenter and a poet. Several student writers will also be reading from their work during the event.

Macklin is an associate editor of *The Cafe Review*, a journal of poetry and art, and his own poetry has appeared in a number of journals and anthologies including *Rattle*, *Animus*, *Off the Coast*, *The Other Side of Sorrow*, and *The Best of Moon Pie Press, Volume 1*. His chapbook, *Driffland*, was published by Moon Pie Press. In the last year, he has presented his work at the Belfast Poetry Festival (collaborating with Artist Cathy Melio) and was part of a group of poets that just produced The Police Poetry Calendar that includes poems by Portland, Maine Police Officers. Michael holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Vermont College. He is interested in the mysterious way that words can lead us from what we know into the unknown.



The series concludes on April 23 with featured fiction writer Shonna Milliken Humphrey. The series, coordinated by instructor Jan Grieco, is free and open to the public.

Library Sponsors Poetry Contest

In honor of National Poetry Month and National Library Week, which is also in April, the NMCC library staff are holding a poetry contest. Students and employees are encouraged to write a poem -- any form, any length and on any topic. Poems can be submitted at the library or by e-mailing groy@nmcc.edu by Monday, April 27. Poems will be reviewed by a panel of judges, and the winner will be announced on Thursday, April 30. The winner will receive a gift basket and his or her very own "READ" poster.

Monday, April 13:

Aroostook Food Festival, 9 am - 3 pm, Christie Lobby
Admissions Testing, 1 - 3 pm, MRT 105
PrISM, 1 - 2 pm, MRT 211
NMBABU Meeting, 6 - 9 pm, Edmunds Conference Ctr.

Tuesday, April 14:

Septic Tank Installation Meeting, 8 am - 3 pm, Edmunds Conference Ctr.
On Course for College, 8:00 am - 1:30 pm, Gym
PrISM, 11 am - 12 pm, MRT 211
NMCC's Biggest Loser, 11:30 am - 12:30 pm, Keegan Rm.
Student Senate Meeting, 12:15 - 1:00 pm, Academic Success Center
VITA, 1 - 4 pm, Edmunds Conference Center
AARA Testing, 6 - 9 pm, CHR 113

Wednesday, April 15:

MLTI Spring Leadership, 7 am - 4 pm, Edmunds Conf. Ctr.
ICP Training, 8 - 10 am, CHR 205
President's Scholar Luncheon, 12 - 1 pm, Keegan Room
PrISM, 1 - 2 pm, MRT 211
VITA, 1 - 4 pm, Edmunds Conference Center

Thursday, April 16:

Northern Maine Pain Symposium, 8 am - 5 pm, Edmunds Conference Center
PROBUS, 10:00 - 11:30 am, Keegan Room
Creative Writers Reading Series, 12 - 1 pm, Library
Admissions Testing, 1 - 3 pm, MRT 105

Friday, April 17:

Critical Care Course, 8 am - 2 pm, CHR 205
Admissions Testing, 1 - 3 pm, MRT 105

What's Happening on Campus...

Weekly Menu

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<u>Monday</u> SPECIALS	<u>Tuesday</u> SPECIALS	<u>Wednesday</u> SPECIALS	<u>Thursday</u> SPECIALS	<u>Friday</u> SPECIALS
<i>Soup:</i> Italian Wedding	<i>Soup:</i> Bean Sausage	<i>Soup:</i> Gumbo	<i>Soup:</i> Tomato	<i>Soup:</i> Corn Chowder
<i>Deli:</i> BLT	<i>Deli:</i> Greek Wrap	<i>Deli:</i> Chicken Salad	<i>Deli:</i> Roasted Portabella	<i>Deli:</i> Salami Italian
<i>Grill:</i> Honey Dijon Ckn.	<i>Grill:</i> Milano	<i>Grill:</i> Pastrami	<i>Grill:</i> Grilled Cheese	<i>Grill:</i> Philly Steak
LINE ENTREES	LINE ENTREES	LINE ENTREES	LINE ENTREES	LINE ENTREES
Pork Chops	Chicken Cordon Bleu	Chicken Fingers	Beef/Ckn. Fajitas	Chicken a la King
Beef Stew	Turkey Burger	Monte Cristo	Pizza Burger	Egg Noodles
Roasted Red Potatoes	Baked Potatoes	Chicago Dog	Rice/Spicy Rice	Nacho Supreme
French Fries	French Fries	French Fries	French Fries	French Fries
Hot Vegetable	Hot Vegetable	Hot Vegetable	Hot Vegetable	Hot Vegetable
Spice Cake	Angel Food Cake	Bread Pudding	Hawaiian Wedding Cake	Cheese Cake

Menu is subject to change. Don't see what you like here? Check out our daily salad bar and pizza offerings.

Fall/Summer Registration Underway

The 2009 Summer/Fall Course Schedule is now on campus. You can pick up a copy in the lobby or from the wall display outside of the Student Affairs area. Both schedules are also available electronically via the portal. Paper and on-line pre-registration is now underway. Register early for the chance to win a prize!

Passport Information...

Beginning on June 1, all US Citizens will need a passport book or passport card for land travel to and from Canada. Members of the campus and local community can now apply for a passport book and/or card at the NMCC library.

To apply for a passport, you need to bring your birth certificate (must have an embossed seal and filing date), two passport photos (these can be taken at WalMart, Sears, Goin' Postal, Rite Aid or the Post Office), a photo ID such as a valid driver's license, and two blank checks.

Stop in the library to get an application and to get your questions answered.

Scholarship News...

The NMCC scholarship site on the portal is once again open for applications for scholarships for the fall. Every student who is returning in the fall should complete a new scholarship application. If you already have two recommendations on file in the financial aid office, then new recommendations are not required; however, a new application will still be needed.

Storage Shed for Sale

NMCC residential construction seniors have built a quality, sturdy shed to help fund their annual "Send Them Off with Tools" program. The shed is approximately 7 feet wide x 11 feet long x 8 feet high. It is shingled, clad with forest green vinyl siding, trimmed in white and features a 24 in. x 28 in. window on one end. The shed has a 5 foot wide double swinging door, making storage for your ATV, mower or snow blower simple and easy. The asking price for the shed is \$1,500. Please contact instructor Guy Jackson at 768-2781 or contact any residential construction student.



Instructor Gives Good Job Advice to Students



Pam Palm speaks to a large group of business students during a recent seminar at the College.

NMCC adjunct instructor Pam Palm spoke to a group of medical office administration, medical assisting and medical coding students earlier this semester to share tips with them as they prepare to enter the job market. These were some great tips that are fitting for students in all fields, so here are a few highlights:

In job hunting:

1. Be sure your resume has no grammatical mistakes and no spelling errors! Have someone proof it for you.
2. In your application letter, show confidence and that you believe in yourself.
3. For your interview, dress nicely/appropriately. Use a firm handshake and make eye contact. Keep politics, religious opinions, and controversial subjects out of the interview.
4. If you don't get hired, graciously accept it. Don't 'burn bridges'... you never know, you may get called back for a different opening.

Once you have a job:

1. Customers/patients are number one, so be nice to them. Smile and diffuse difficult situations.
2. Make eye contact; let the person know you recognize his/her presence in your office, even if you are tied up on the phone.
3. Be loyal and be positive!
4. Don't get drawn into office politics. Talk professionally and directly to those who may have a problem with you before going to a supervisor.
5. When you make a mistake, own up to it and apologize.