



SPENCERTOWN ACADEMY ARTS CENTER

FESTIVAL OF BOOKS THIRTEENTH ANNUAL 2018

PROGRAM LISTINGS

FRIDAY, AUGUST 31

1:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. – MEMBERS PREVIEW BOOK SALE - Free admission for members, \$10 for members' guests
Extended early buying to get first choice of 10,000+ gently used books. Preview shoppers enjoy wine and cheese from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. Members and their guests ONLY. Memberships may be purchased at the door.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

9:30 A.M. to 11:15 A.M. – CHILDREN'S PROGRAM - Free admission
Visit with Biscuit the Puppy, the beloved storybook character with a mind of his own. Pose for photos with the silly pup and take home a related art project. Sit and listen at the Storybook Corner, then browse in the Kid's Book Room.

10:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. – BOOK SALE - Free admission
More than 10,000 affordably priced hard- and soft-cover books, fiction and non-fiction, as well as CDs, DVDs and LPs. All skillfully sorted and displayed for easy browsing. A Specialty Book Room tempts collectors with limited editions, signed copies, etc. New this year, teachers with ID receive 20% discount on purchases (except in Special Books Room).

YOUNG WRITERS PRESENTATIONS – In the Tent, 11:30 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. - Free admission
Presentation of award-winning stories and essays from the Young Writers Contest held earlier in the spring, hosted by Kelly Kynion, contest organizer.

AUTHOR PRESENTATIONS – In the Tent, 12:30 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. Free Admission

12:30 – Two Formidables - Readings and discussion
Linda Dahl and Donna Kaz are determined women who confronted sexism and discrimination head on. Dahl's memoir, *Tooth and Nail: The Making of a Female Fight Doctor*, recounts her years as an ENT surgeon by day and ringside physician by night. Kaz's book, *UN/MASKED: Memoirs of a Guerrilla Girl on Tour*, describes her journey pre #metoo from survivor of domestic violence to artist/activist.

2:00 – Americans, Bridges, and the Duna - Reading and conversation
Jessica Keener will discuss her literary thriller, *Strangers in Budapest*, in which an American couple and their adopted child find international intrigue in the Hungarian capital. Author Daphne Kalotay (*Russian Winter; Sight Reading*) will join Jessica in discussing the inherent mystery of a foreign setting, and how place can serve as both catalyst and character.

3:30 – Back to School – A Charming Tutorial! - Reading and discussion
Jamie Cat Callan will share delightful stories about her travels throughout France from her latest book, *Parisian Charm School*, along with secrets to hosting a great dinner party, tips on the art of flirtation, and how to live with *joie de vivre*.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. – BOOK SALE - Free admission

AUTHOR PRESENTATIONS – In the Tent, 12:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. - Free Admission

12:00 – Schizophrenia and Mental Health in America - reading and discussion
Nonfiction writer Sandy Allen will discuss *A Kind of Miraculous Paradise: A True Story about Schizophrenia*. A memoir (as written by the author's uncle Bob, who was diagnosed with schizophrenia, and interpreted and presented by Allen), their first book is also part investigative report on mental healthcare in America.

1:30 – Poets in Conversation - readings and discussion
What is it like to be a poet in today's world? Carol Durant (*Whole Phat and Gluten Free Poetry*) and Karen Schoemer (her poems have appeared in *Up the River, Chronogram, and the Pine Hills Review*; some have also been set to music by her group Jaded Azurites) will share their poetry, and discuss the state of their art.

3:00 – Ghosts, Photography, and Southern Gothic - reading and conversation
Jon Michael Varese will discuss his novel *The Spirit Photographer*, a tale of death and betrayal that shows how determinedly the ghosts of the past remain with us, and how resolutely they refuse to be quieted. The book conjures the Reconstruction-era South, with fugitive hunters, voodoo healers, and other dangers. Jon will appear in conversation with author Hollis Seamon.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

10:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M. – BOOK SALE CLEARANCE - Free admission

All remaining books are just \$1.00 and special books are half off already low prices
Closing hour surprise specials.

