Twyla Hansen

TWYLA HANSEN'S latest book, *Prairie Suite: A Celebration* (Spring Creek Prairie Audubon Center, 2006) is a poem-drawing collaboration with ornithologist Paul Johnsgard. Her book *Potato Soup* (Backwater Press, 2003), won the 2004 Nebraska Book Awards competition for poetry. Her writing has appeared in a wide variety of publications, including *Prairie Fire Newspaper, Prairie Schooner, Crab Orchard Review, Ascent, Organization & Environment, Encyclopedia of the Great Plains* (University of Nebraska Press, 2004), *Crazy Woman Creek: Women Rewrite the American West* (Houghton Mifflin, 2004), *Poets Against the War* (Nation Books, 2003), and *A Contemporary Reader for Creative Writing* (Harcourt Brace, 1994). Her poems were nominated for the Pushcart Prize in 2001 and 2003. Her previous poetry books are *Sanctuary Near Salt Creek* (Lone Willow Press, 2001), *In Our Very Bones* (A Slow Tempo Press, 1997), and *How to Live in the Heartland* (Flatwater Editions, 1992). Twyla earned her BS and MAg from the University of Nebraska — Lincoln. She was raised in northeast Nebraska on land her grandparents farmed in the late 1800s as immigrants from Denmark. She is a creative writing presenter through the Nebraska Humanities Council speakers bureau, and lives and works in Lincoln, where her wooded acre is maintained as an urban wildlife habitat and in 1994 was recognized by the Mayor's Landscape Conservation Award.

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Prairie Visions Writing Festival

with Twyla Hansen

Friday,
September 25, 2009

Prairie Visions Writing Festival

WHO

Join Twyla Hansen and other high school juniors and seniors from around the state of Nebraska for the ***Prairie Visions Writing Festival.***

WHAT

Prairie Visions Writing Festival is a poetry writing workshop designed to help students improve their writing skills. In the morning, Twyla Hansen will give classes on writing poetry. Students will then be given a sack lunch to take out on the prairie. Students will draw inspiration from Homestead's restored tallgrass prairie to write their own poetry. Following lunch, students will come together to share their poetry and receive constructive comments to improve their writing.

WHEN

Prairie Visions Writing Festival will be on Friday, September 25, 2009, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

WHERE

Prairie Visions Writing Festival will be held at Homestead National Monument of America's Education Center. The workshop will be outside underneath a tent and students will be walking the trails, so please dress accordingly.

HOW TO REGISTER

Pre-registration is required and begins August 15, 2009. To register, contact Laureen Riedesel at the Beatrice Public Library at (402) 223-3584. Registration will close Friday, September 18, 2009, and is limited to the first 125 students.

Registration is $5 per person which covers the cost of the sack lunch. Please make checks payable to Beatrice Public Library. Please remember that if a reservation is made for 15 (14 students & 1 advisor) that $75 is expected to be paid after the September 18, 2009, deadline. Food will be ordered for the number reserved and must be paid whether all attend or not.

THE FINE PRINT

Student submissions will be compiled and copied into a spiral bound book. All students will receive a copy of the book and each school's library will also receive a copy. Students will be asked to have their parent/ guardian sign a Release to Publish and bring it with them to the Festival. Download the Release to Publish at www.nps.gov/home. The Release to Publish can be found on the home page by scrolling down to the Upcoming Events section.

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