

# *Friends of the Steele Memorial Library*

*Presents*

## *The 32<sup>nd</sup> Annual Poetry Festival Contest & Weekend*

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### *2008 Poetry Festival Contest*

The *Friends Poetry Festival Contest* is well underway, with submissions arriving daily at the Steele Memorial Library. Categories are available for youth and adult. Entry deadline is noon, March 17, 2008. For *Contest* rules, please visit [http://www.cclld.lib.ny.us/poetry\\_rules\\_2008.htm](http://www.cclld.lib.ny.us/poetry_rules_2008.htm).

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### *Poetry Festival Weekend*

**March 29 & 30, 2008**

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**Saturday, March 29th**

#### *Poetry Workshop*

**With Guest Writer Dr. MaryJo Mahoney**

**March 29, 2008**

**2:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

**Auditorium, Steele Memorial Library**

As I attend to his dying body,  
there is something reeling in the space

around his body, but I cannot see it.  
I am not saying: as his body dies,  
his spirit continues. I am not saying:  
as his body lives, his spirit stays fixed.

from "The Bottle/The Body"

Dr. MaryJo Mahoney is a visiting writer at Allegheny College in northwest Pennsylvania, on one-year leave from her position as Assistant Professor of English at Elmira College. Prior to her career in higher education, Dr. Mahoney worked as a nurse, an experience that feeds the intensity of her writing in works such as "The Bottle/The Body." As a professor of creative writing, she publishes poetry and creative nonfiction. Her work appears in *DoubleTake Magazine*, *Louisiana Literature*, *Spoon River Poetry Review*, *Tampa Review*, *Spinning Jenny*, *Drumvoices Revue*, *Seattle Review*, *Cimarron Review*, *Prairie Schooner*, *The Paris Review*, *Borderlands: Texas Poetry Review*, *Diner*, *Washington Square* and *Northwest Review*.

Dr. Mahoney will preview one poem per poet before the March 29<sup>th</sup> Workshop, for participants to review during the Saturday session. Individuals interested in attending are asked to please pre-register by March 15<sup>th</sup> by calling the Steele Memorial Library's Business Office at 607.733.8607. No fee is required, but space is limited. Thank you.

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**Sunday, March 30th**

***Festival Contest Awards Ceremony  
& Reading by Dr. MaryJo Mahoney***

**Reception to Follow**

**March 30, 2008**

**2:00 – 4:00 P.M.**

**This event is free and open to the public.**

**Rural Research Laboratories  
@ the Arnot Art Museum's Carriage House  
254 Baldwin Street, Elmira**

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