

THE  
*Ambassador*  
POETRY PROJECT



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Grosse Pointe MI

On Friday, September 25th, Marick Press will partner with *The Ambassador Poetry Project* to launch a new literary periodical based in Detroit. Hosted by the Grosse Pointe Art Center, the celebratory event will feature a number of poetry readings, a musical performance, and a book launch and author signing by Canadian author Lori A. May. The event is free and open to the public, and begins at 7pm. Refreshments will be served.

*The Ambassador Poetry Project* is a new quarterly online periodical with an intended annual print anthology. Featuring the poetry of Ontario and Michigan writers, as well as occasional narrative works and regional photography, *The Ambassador Poetry Project* aims to bring two distinct, but closely related, regions together in celebration of the craft.

While many of the works featured will naturally offer geographical insights and regional inspirations, the publication aims to encompass more than a “border town” vibe. Just as the infamous bridge was created to link the two countries, *The Ambassador Poetry Project* aims to connect Canadian and American writers and readers who share a common fondness for poetry.

There is no connection between this poetry project and the Ambassador Bridge, but there is a metaphor at play. Connecting countries and poets, bridging common grounds and ideas, *The Ambassador Poetry Project* aims to act as a gateway for emerging and established writers, as well as readers, of homegrown talents. For those whose passion is poetry the role of ambassador is often adopted, and with these ideas in mind the project was born.

The launch issue will feature more than 30 poems from writers stemming from all parts of Michigan and Ontario. Representing the two regions are poets from Houghton, Dearborn, Toronto, Ypsilanti, London, and of course Detroit. Poets include Mariela Griffor, Penn Kemp, John Jeffire, as well as a couple of Pushcart nominees including Randall R. Freisinger.

The launch event will feature poetry readings from several writers included in the debut issue. Also that evening, *Ambassador* founding editor Lori A. May will be celebrating the release of her latest book, *stains: early poems*. May will read selections from her latest publication and offer a book signing during the reception. A best-selling novelist, *stains: early poems* is her first full-length poetry collection. A southwestern Ontario native, Lori A. May now lives in Detroit.

The staff at Marick Press and GPAA friends welcome this event also as an opportunity to thank the long time director of the GPAA, Susan McDonald, for her many years of support of poets, writers and artists in her role as director of the Grosse Pointe Artists Association.

**Event details:**

Date: Friday, September 25 2009  
Time: 7pm  
Cost: free  
Venue: Grosse Pointe Art Center  
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