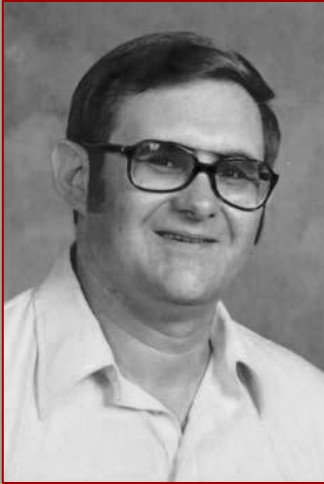


"The voice of poetry is necessary to a democracy because of its unique place between the single soul and the community...between the past and the breath of living." - Robert Pinsky

COLLINS POETRY RESIDENCY—APRIL 2012



Richard Collins

The Collins Poetry Residency is established in honor of Richard, Susan and Ryan Collins and their contributions to and encouragement of poets and poetry in the Iowa/Illinois Quad Cities and the Upper Mississippi River Valley. The residency supports community-based poetry and a regional poet who resides in the six-county Quad City area (Rock Island, Henry, Mercer, Scott, Clinton, Muscatine). The poet selected has not yet published a chapbook or book-length collection of poetry. The resident poet will facilitate at least one public reading, workshop, and online poetry forum; launch a limited edition broadside poem; and work to bring forward disparate voices from the poetry community during the April 2012 residency.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Cover page that includes the following:
 - o Name
 - o Address
 - o Email
 - o Phone
2. A writing resume' (include your development as a poet, i.e. poetry publications, readings, paid and unpaid writing experiences, other writing events, and development of other writers/poets)
3. 5 representative poems
4. Purpose Statement: *What would you hope to accomplish during a poetry residency and how would you approach the encouragement of other community-based poets?*
5. April 2012 availability

Application submissions will be accepted from May 1 – August 31, 2011, and applications must be received at the MWC office or postmarked by August 31, 2011. The resident poet will be announced Jan. 2, 2012.

Mail 3 copies of the application materials to the Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA 52801.

Notification: Include a self-addressed, stamped envelope for notification. Optionally, you may also include a self-addressed, stamped postcard to confirm receipt of your application. Application materials will be recycled once the residency has ended; please retain copies for your own records. *The Midwest Writing Center is a member of the Council of Literary Magazines and Presses (CLMP) and follows its contest ethics guidelines.*

Residency Mentor: Dr. Ellen Tsagaris will serve as the 2012 Collins Poetry Residency mentor. She is a college professor and an advocate for community-based poetry. She has written poetry since childhood and her poetry has appeared in several periodicals. *Sappho, I should have listened* is a chapbook of her poetry to be released in 2011. Dr. Tsagaris also teaches various creative writing workshops for MWC.



Ellen Tsagaris