



Richard Collins

COLLINS POETRY RESIDENCY

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. The resident poet will facilitate at least one public reading, workshop, and online poetry forum, and launch a limited edition broadside publication during the October 2010 residency.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS:

1. Cover page that includes the following:
 - o Name
 - o Address
 - o Email
 - o Phone
2. A writing resume
3. 5 representative poems
4. Purpose Statement: *What would you hope to accomplish during a poetry residency?*
5. Philosophy Statement: *What are your beliefs related to community-based poetry and its relevance today as an art form?*
6. October 2010 availability

Mail 3 copies of the application materials to the Midwest Writing Center, 225 E. 2nd St. Suite 303, Davenport, IA 52801. Review period opens July 15 and applications must be received at the MWC office or postmarked by August 31.

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. Robin Throne will serve as the 2010 Collins Poetry Residency mentor. She is an avid supporter of community-based poetry and a patron of the literary arts. Her poetry has appeared in numerous publications, and in 2008, she co-produced Richard Collins' posthumous poetry collection, *Greater Joy, Shorter Sorrow, Thankful Prayer.*



Robin Throne