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GIVE FRIENDS & FAMILY 18 POETS LAUREATE THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

This holiday season, give the gift of 18 poets laureate, who are coming to Lawrence, Kansas on March 13-14, 2011 for POET LAUREATE: A NATIONAL CONVERGENCE OF STATE POETS LAUREATE. The event, organized by United Poets Laureate -- a group of Midwestern Poets Laureate -- brings together U.S. poet laureate Ted Kooser, plus W.E. Butts (NH), Marilyn L. Taylor (WI), Peggy Shumaker (AK), Wargen Borgen (MO), Mary Swander (IA), Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg (KS), Sue Brennan Walker (AL), Lisa Starr (RI), Denise Low (KS), Norbert Krapf (IN), Marjory Wentworth (SC), Mary Crow (CO), David Romtvedt (WY), David Evans (SD), Jonathan Holden (KS), Joyce Brinkman (IN) and Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda (VA).

“It's a landmark poetry extravaganza that brings together some of our nation's best poets, who are deeply involved in and committed to serving their communities and showing us how the poetry can show us more of who we are, where we live, and how to make the most of our lives,” explains Caryn Mirriam-Goldberg, poet laureate of Kansas and organizer of the convergence.

The convergence features several public readings, museum tours at the University of Kansas' Spencer Museum of Art with a poet laureate, an auction to win dinner at a local restaurant with a poet laureate, an all-day conference featuring panels on poetry as it relates to healing, the land, spirituality, publishing, making a living and the process of writing. This event is also the book launch for *An Endless Skyway: Poetry from the State Poets Laureate of America* (Ice Cube Books), an anthology featuring close to 40 poets laureate. The convergence is co-sponsored by the Lawrence Arts Center, Spencer Museum of Art, Lawrence Publicity Library, Raven Bookstore, Ice Cube Books, Free State Brewery, Kansas Area Watershed Council, Kansas Arts Commission and Community Mercantile.

For full information, please see www.UnitedPoetsLaureate.wordpress.com. Registration is available

on-line, and at the website, there is information on accommodations.