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# Poet Laureati!

The National Convergence of the U.S. Poets Laureate

March 13-14, 2011 \* Lawrence, Kansas

Next spring, several hundred visitors will come to Lawrence, Kansas to attend events associated with Poet Laureati, an event featuring 19 poets laureate from throughout the United States along with Ted Kooser, former U.S. poet laureate. Poets are coming hundreds of miles to be keynote presenters, and we expect participants to come from throughout Kansas, Missouri and neighboring states.

**POET LAUREATE AUCTION:** As part of our fundraising efforts to help the poets laureate attend, especially since many state arts funding programs that previously supported poet laureate programs have been cut in recent years, we are holding an auction. People will bid on going to dinner with a poet laureate to a downtown-area Lawrence restaurant. This is also a good way to feature our vibrant community!

**HOW YOU CAN HELP:** We are asking local restaurants to donate a meal for two that can be paired with a poet laureate for the auction. This way, the 19 poets laureate will each be dining with whoever has the winning bid for dinner with them at a local restaurant. **The value of this meal should include whatever you deem as the average for two people (including beverage and dessert). A gift certificate would be perfect.**

**WHAT WE CAN DO FOR YOU:** We will be highlighting all participating restaurants on our website, <http://UnitedPoetsLaureate.wordpress.com>, by including your logo and a short description about you (plus your website if you have one). We will also include these details in the conference/event program, and we will list participating restaurants in much of our extensive publicity, and in a registration packet sent to all people who register to attend the March 13-14 events (think of it as a personalized restaurant guide for all participants). Finally, we will feature highlighted information your restaurant (including logo, overall information, and menu) during the auction, which begins Sun., Mar. 13 and runs through all events, ending Mon. afternoon, Mar. 14.

**HOW YOU CAN SIGN UP:** Simply give us a gift certificate for the amount that would cover a nice meal for two, and also email us (at [CarynMirriamGoldberg@gmail.com](mailto:CarynMirriamGoldberg@gmail.com)) a copy of your logo and sentence or two about your restaurant.

**Thank you!**

**We're asking:**

1. **Tellers, up to \$100**

2. Tellers, up to \$100
3. Merc, up to \$25
4. Mirth, \$30
5. Panda Garden, \$2 (pick up gift certificate -- Caryn will do this)
6. Buffalo Bob's, \$25 (gift certificate)
7. Wheatfields, dinner for two
8. 715, \$75 (gift certificate)
9. Pachamamas,
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20. The Wa
21. La Parrilla
22. Genovese
23. Zen Zero
24. Local Burger -- Caryn wrote email to Hilary, and we're awaiting answer
25. India Palace
26. Aladdins
27. Mad Greek
28. Ten
29. Ingredient
30. Anglers
31. Encore
32. Dempsey's Burgers
33. Esquina -- left flyer, go back and speak with Robert Krause (owner)