

NEWSLETTER

President's Letter

Dear MKR Society Friends –

Many of you may have heard that we lost another dear friend to the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society. Jake Jacoway passed away on January 21. Jake was a former treasurer of the MKR Society and was in charge of placing memorial markers on deceased individuals who had been important in the works of Rawlings. He helped plan our annual conference when it was held in the city he called home, Palatka. Jake also helped members of our society in so many ways.

Kevin McCarthy remembers Jake helping him research African-American sites in Palatka and introducing him to important residents who knew about the history of baseball in his county. After Jake retired to Gainesville, Kevin saw him regularly and shared a little-known fact about him with me. Jake had invested in a company that was researching the pirate history of the St. Johns River and how a small town along the river might have been the site of buried treasure.

Rodger Tarr recalled Anita, “the other Tarr,” once mentioning to the Society that she had never tasted cane syrup and then being greeted the next day by Jake carrying a quart of “the most delicious cane syrup you have ever tasted.” Jake was known for his hard work and generosity, a humble and dedicated friend. He will be missed by all who knew him.

I hope to see everyone come out to share our memories of Jake and Idella Parker at this year’s annual conference in Jacksonville. The slate of speakers looks great. Ben Green will be there to speak at the banquet and Dan Schafer has agreed to be the speaker for our luncheon. I look forward to seeing everyone there.

Announcements

- 30th Annual MKR Conference, Florida Yacht Club, Jacksonville, April 1-2, 2016.
- Board of Trustees Dinner Meeting, Courtyard Marriott/Orange Park, 7pm, March 31.

IS IT TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP?

Please check your address label. The date that you see on the label is the date your dues are due. If your membership is current, we thank you! Renewal card at: <http://rawlingsociety.org/>



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Call for Papers

The Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Journal of Florida Literature seeks articles, creative fiction and poetry, book reviews, and notes in the spirit of or regarding the life and work of Rawlings, her circle, and other authors who use the state of Florida as a source of creativity. The JFL is a peer-reviewed journal sponsored by the Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society. Send submissions to Editor Anna Lillios at Anna@ucf.edu



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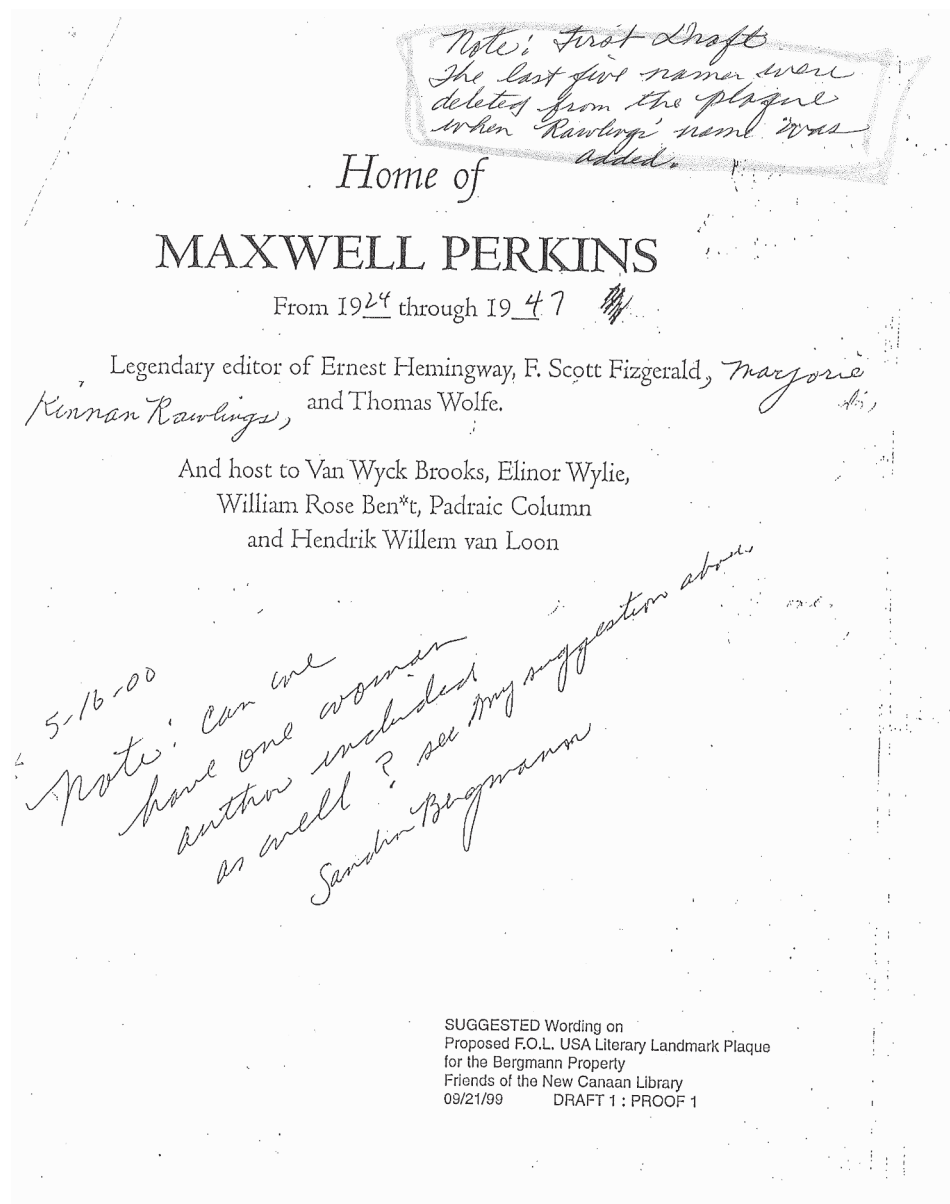
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Maxwell Perkins House Recognizes Rawlings

Many of you may remember Sandra and Richard Bergmann's presentation on their architectural renovation of Maxwell Perkins's home in New Canaan, Connecticut. You may not know that it was Sandra Bergmann, who insisted that Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings be included in the list of writers memorialized on the house plaque. Here is a copy of her original request that the proposed writers include Rawlings.



The 29th Annual MKR Conference
The Florida Yacht Club, Jacksonville, FL, April 1-2, 2016

Thursday, March 31

7 pm Annual Trustees Dinner, Courtyard Marriott, Orange Park

Friday, April 1

8-9 am Registration
9-9:15 Welcome, Ashley Lear, President; Anne Pierce, Vice President; and Anna Lillios, Executive Director of the MKR Society.
9:15-10:30 Lisa Kerr (Medical University of South Carolina)—"The Boy on the Stairs: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and the Search for Motherhood."
Robert Bowman (Florida State University)—"The Picturesque (and Problematic) Poverty of 'Jacob's Ladder.'"
Christopher Nank, (Ringling College of Art and Design)—"Imagery of Invasion and Occupation in 'Jacob's Ladder.'"
10:30-11 Break
11-11:45 Rodger Tarr (Illinois State University) and Brent Kinser (Western Carolina University)—
"A Literary Analysis of 'Jessamyn Springs'"
11:45-12:30 Darien Andreu (Flagler College), chair; Jon Bosworth (Flagler College) and Mark Kirwan (Flagler College)—"Working with Stetson Kennedy's Papers."
Sandra Parks (St. Augustine)—"Stetson Kennedy's Palmetto Country Today"
12:30 Wayne Woods (Jacksonville), "Preview of Jacksonville Boat Tour"
1-3 Boat Tour of Jacksonville with Wayne Woods
6:30 Cocktail hour, **Timuquana Country Club**
7:30 Banquet, **Timuquana Country Club**
Tribute to Idella Parker
Guest Speaker: Ben Green (Florida State University)

Saturday, April 2

8:30-9 am MKR Society Business Meeting
9-9:30 MKR College Writing Contest Winners (Kevin McCarthy and Ashley Lear)
Lisa Grubba (Jacksonville)—"Dear Marjorie" (Winner of the Graduate MKR Award) and Savannah Bateman (Western Carolina University)—"Heap o' folkses be varmint's: Animal and Human Identity in Rawlings's *Cross Creek*" (Winner of the Undergraduate MKR Award)
9:30-10 Bradley Bennett (FIU)—"Science in Fiction: *The Yearling* and Ethnobotany in Northern Florida."
10-10:30 Break
10:30-11 Keith Huneycutt (Florida Southern College)—"The Brown Sisters Encounter the Florida Frontier"
11-12:15 Claire Koshar (Montverde)—"Marjorie and the Bird Dogs"
Margaret Harris (Palm Harbor), "Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Sewing."
Anne Bellissimo (retired librarian)—"Martha Mickens, Zora Neale Hurston, and Idella Parker"
12:15 Silent Auction
1:00 pm Luncheon, **Club Continental, Orange Park**. Guest speaker: Dr. Dan Schafer (UNF)