



NEWSLETTER

President's Letter

Dear MKR Society Friends –

At the end of the summer, I had the privilege of visiting our beloved Phil May at his home in Jacksonville. The occasion was bittersweet. Gloria May, Phil's wife of over 65 years passed away this July. In the time following her passing, Phil has been going through his books and papers and is donating materials to different organizations and societies. Look for some of his materials at our upcoming auction and in the UF archives. We had a pleasant visit and continue to stay in touch as he works through a lifetime of papers, many of which are invaluable to our society.

Announcements

- Board of Trustees Meeting, 11:30-1:30, October 1, Hotchkiss House, Daytona Beach, FL.
- 30th Annual MKR Conference, March 31-April 1, Daytona Beach Resort and Conference Center

I was also finally able to visit the Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art at the Museum of Arts and Sciences right here in Daytona Beach. We will be having our annual conference here in Daytona with an excursion to that museum to see the remarkable *Dance of the Whooping Cranes*, a gift from N.C. Wyeth to Rawlings after he provided illustrations, including this one, for *The Yearling*. The painting was prominently displayed at Cross Creek and later purchased by the Browns. I hope that everyone is as pleased with this new addition to our museum as I am.



*Dance of the
Whooping Cranes,
N.C. Wyeth, 1938*

Cheers,

Ashley Lear



30th Annual Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Conference
Daytona Beach Resort and Conference Center
March 31-April 1, 2017

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The Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Society invites you to attend the 30th Annual Rawlings Conference in Daytona Beach, Florida. The conference will be held at the Daytona Beach Resort and Conference Center. The Daytona Beach Resort and Conference Center is located at 2700 N. Atlantic Avenue, Daytona Beach, FL 32118. Phone: 1-800-654-6216. A block of rooms has been reserved under the name, "Rawlings Society." Cost is \$129-179, plus tax, depending on size and ocean view.

This year's conference will include a Friday afternoon excursion to the Cici and Hyatt Brown Museum of Art at the Museum of Arts and Sciences, which features a substantial collection of Florida artwork including N.C. Wyeth's *Dance of the Whooping Cranes* from his illustrations of *The Yearling*. The tour will be followed by cocktails and a banquet dinner at the resort. On Saturday, April 1st, we will conclude our conference with a luncheon and outdoors excursion, to be determined.

We are seeking speakers for the conference. If you'd like to present a 20-minute talk on any aspect of Rawlings's life or works, her circle of friends, Cross Creek or other landscapes featured in Rawlings's life or works, the Cross Creek trial, or her political/social/economic/gender/literary views; please send a title and brief description of your talk to Leslie Poole at Leslie.K.Poole@gmail.com. Deadline is March 1, 2016. Please respond soon because sessions will fill up quickly.

Once again, Elaine Bradbury has agreed to organize our silent auction fundraiser. This year, it will include donated materials from Phil May and Roy Hunt. Elaine asks that you limit any donated auction items to books or memorabilia associated with Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings. If you have items you would like to donate to the Society, please contact Elaine Bradbury at hhfsouth@embarqmail.com.

For more information about the conference, please contact Leslie Poole at Leslie.K.Poole@gmail.com.



Remembering...

Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and her friends

Where:

Begins and ends at the Cross Creek County
Park, bus to Antioch Cemetery

When:

Friday, October 28, 2016
5-8 p.m.
(optional Rawlings house tour 4:00 p.m.,
\$3/person)

What?

Pork BBQ Dinner
Bus to Antioch Cemetery, Narrated
Rawlings/Cross Creek Grave Sites Tour
Dessert Social

Cost:

\$35/person

Reservations:

Space is limited
Prepayment required
Complete attached form and mail with pay-
ment to the address supplied by October 21st
Questions? 352-466-3672

List of Events

MXR house tour (optional \$3. per person) 45 minute tour by docent	4:00 p.m.
Check-in at covered picnic area in Cross Creek County Park for Dinner	5:00 p.m.
Depart by bus to Antioch Cemetery Intro by guide on the way over	5:45 p.m.
Arrive at Antioch Cemetery for a tribute to those mentioned in Cross Creek with narrated guide of grave sites	6:15 p.m.
Board bus for trip back to the Cross Creek County Park	7:10 p.m.
Dessert Social with a dessert from Cross Creek Cookery with beverage	7:30 p.m.
End of Event	8:00 p.m.



Name _____ Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

Email address _____

_____ tickets at \$35 each. Check enclosed for \$ _____

Confirmation by email or phone. Please list the names of those who will attend

Please mail by October 21, 2016



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MKR Writing Award

The 2017 Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Writing contest is now open for college-age and graduate students. Prizes include \$1,000 for a graduate-student essay and \$500 for an undergraduate essay. Students are expected to write 1500-3000 words—either a critical essay or a piece of creative work—on a subject related to works, career, or legacy of Rawlings. They are expected to present their work at the next annual Rawlings conference at the Daytona Beach Resort and Conference Center. The deadline is February 1, 2017. For more information write to Leslie.K.Poole@gmail.com

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 Rawlings Society. Contact Editor Anna Lillios at Anna@ucf.edu.

The beloved Kentucky author Wendell Berry, now 81, was asked by the *New York Times* "What childhood books and authors stick with you the most?" He replied: "As a reader, I was inclined to find a book I liked and read it over and over again. When I was about 12, I could fairly recite *The Yearling*." Quote sent in by David Nolan.

To learn more about the society, visit our website, <http://rawlingssociety.org>, or check us out on Facebook and Yahoo Groups.

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