



A Poetry Workshop being at the Barnum Museum

Dianna Miller will encourage aspiring poets in a self-discovery process this Saturday

(Bridgeport, CT) — On Saturday, December 9 at 10:30 a.m., Dianna Miller, a Professor of freshman English at Quinnipiac University will give anyone interested an opportunity to explore their abilities at writing poetry and chance to learn to express their feelings in words. This exploratory poetry workshop will be held at The Barnum Museum for a charge of \$5 per member or \$10 per non-member. Space is limited, so interested people are encouraged to call 203-333-1104 ext. 102 to reserve a place at the fascinating seminar.

Using the poetry of Walt Whitman participants will discuss a sampling of his poetry and discuss how he continues to influence American poetry. The theme of the workshop will be winter solstice and attendees will write individually and discuss their thoughts throughout the workshop. Miller emphasized that no experience is needed to participate and that the environment will be confidential and non judgmental. The focus will be on the structure of poems and understanding that anything put on paper can magically become part of a poem.

Dianna Vagianos Miller, MA, a resident of Shelton has facilitated poetry workshops for healing in Bridgeport and at various retreats in the tri-state area. Miller is working towards certification in poetry therapy through the National Association of Poetry Therapy. She earned a Bachelor's degree in English from Adelphi University and a master's degree in writing from Manhattanville College. Her poetry has appeared in *Sensations Magazine*, *Inkwell*, *Jacob's Well*, *The Handmaiden*, *The Lucid Stone*, *Poetry Motel* and the anthology *I Will Bear This Scar, Poems of Childless Women* edited by Marietta Bratton.

The Barnum Museum has three floors of absolutely fascinating exhibits that illustrate the extraordinary life of Phineas Taylor Barnum. P. T. Barnum, one-term mayor of Bridgeport and four-term member of the Connecticut General Assembly, was born July 5, 1810 in Bethel and died April 7, 1891 in Bridgeport. The original museum building, owned by the City of Bridgeport, is listed in the national Register of Historic Places and is totally handicapped accessible.

What: A Poetry Workshop conducted by Dianna Miller

Where: The Barnum Museum, 820 Main Street, Bridgeport, CT 06604

When: Saturday, December 9, 10:30 a.m. - Noon

**Cost: \$5 for Barnum Museum Members, \$10 for non-members
Call to reserve your space, as space is limited.**

Regular Museum Hours: Tuesday through Saturday - 10:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.,
Sunday – Noon to 4:30 p.m. General admission: Adults \$5, seniors and college
students \$4, Children 4 to 17 \$3 and children under 4 are free.

For more information call 203-331-1104 or visit www.barnum-museum.org

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