

Novelist to speak for Writer's Guild

Michigan-born novelist and poet Gary Guildner, man of many interests, will be the guest speaker for Cranbrook Writers Guild at 8 p.m. Monday at Cranbrook House Library, 380 Lone Pine, Bloomfield Hills.

A short story writer and creative writing teacher who just completed a stint as senior Fulbright professor of American literature at University of Warsaw, Guildner is also a baseball buff who organized and coached the first baseball team in Warsaw while he was in Poland.

With him in Poland as adviser to the team was Stan Musial, infielder and outfielder for the St. Louis Cardinals, 1941-63. Musial, who is of Polish descent, appeared with Guildner on national TV. Guildner also met Lech Walasa while he was in Poland.

Guildner is at work on a novel that will incorporate some of his experiences as a baseball coach in Warsaw. He will speak about his experiences and impressions.

The program is open to the public. Tickets are \$5. To reserve, call 332-3210.

BETWEEN 1989 and 1984, Guildner published a first collection

preview

of stories, "The Crush," and seven collections of poems including "First Practice," "Digging for Indians" and "Blue the Heavens." He has lived in Mexico, France and Poland as well as Oregon, Iowa and his hometown, West Branch.

He has received two National Endowment for the Arts fellowships, the Robert Frost Fellowship and the William Carlos Williams and Theodore Roethke prizes.

His recent books are "The Second Bridge," a novel, and "A Week in South Dakota" stories, both published in 1987 by Algonquin Books of Chapel Hill.

Guildner aspired to be a pitcher until his arm went dead while he was still in high school. After completing bachelor's and master's degrees at Michigan State, he taught at Northern Michigan University. He has been visiting professor at Reed College and MSU and is presently professor of English at Drake University.



Gary Guildner likes to talk about baseball in Poland and creative writing.

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Every entrant will receive a free subscription to *Poetry*, the newsletter of Great Lakes Poetry Press, which profiles Midwestern poets and reports on the latest developments in American poetry.

Each poet may enter only one poem, 20 lines or less, on any subject and written in any style. The poem and the poet's name and address must be typed or printed on one side of a sheet of typing paper. The poet should keep a copy, since entries can't be returned.

The contest, which closes June 15, has no entry fee. Mail entries to: Midwest Summer Poetry Contest, Great Lakes Poetry Press, P.O. Box 56703, Harwood Heights, Ill. 60636.

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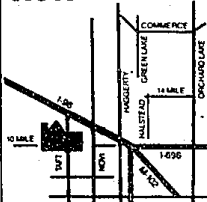


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