

NEWS RELEASE

NEBRASKA WRITERS GUILD TO HOLD FALL CONFERENCE AT HASTINGS COLLEGE

*Lt. Governor Rick Sheehy to offer
opening remarks.*

WHEN: October 5 – 6 , 2007
WHERE: Hastings College Campus
Hastings, Nebraska

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The fall 2007 conference of the Nebraska Writers Guild (Est. 1925) will be hosted by Hastings College. Writers from all over the state and of all genres will gather at the NWG conference this fall where they will listen to and learn from guest authors. The Guild's conferences are geared for and welcomes all writers, from the beginner to the published. In addition to being a great learning experience, the conference provides important networking with other writers.

FRIDAY OCTOBER 5: 5pm to 9pm- Barrett Alumni Center – 12th St. & 6th Ave.
Reception and open mic readings for all genres. Will be opened by speaker Sharon O'Brien, who is a Willa Cather scholar and author of two books on Cather. O'Brien is a professor of English and American Studies at Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pennsylvania.
O'Brien will be followed by John Menaghan, a playwright and author of two books of poetry. Menaghan is a professor of literature and creative writing from Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles.
Cyndy Salzmann, a popular national speaker, award winning journalist and author of both fiction and non-fiction books, will give attendees tips and techniques she uses in writing her Friday Afternoon Club Mystery series, including her just released *Crime & Clutter*. Salzmann is published by Howard Books/Div. of Simon & Schuster and will have her books available. She will appear on Friday ONLY.
The evening will then feature readings in all genres by conference attendees.

SATURDAY OCTOBER 6: 8am – 4pm/ Hazelrigg Student Union – 9th St. & Elm Ave.

8:45am – OPENING REMARKS BY LT. GOV. RICK SHEEHY.

9am – Conference begins with featured authors Sharon O'Brien, John Menaghan and others, offering tips and techniques to help writers of all levels.

Many authors will have their books available for sale and signing.