

Mood Makers News

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MMB - New Year - New Out Look

Look for more different events in 2003. We will continue to do the standard activities, Book Signings, Book Club, Poetry Nights, Storytelling and Art Exhibits. Our plans for 2003 include, a self empowerment and spiritual growth workshop, re-enactments and community awareness discussion groups. Also "Poetry on the Wall™", a writers workshop and a few things we will spring on you later this year.

We feel this is going to be an excellent year!

The **MMB Writers Network** will be working on several projects that will help them grow

"Poetry on the wall"
a different way to enjoy poetry

"Poetry on the wall" is back for a second year. Many of our customers have asked, when will we have the next "poetry on the wall"? **It's Back!** A new exhibition of poetry will be installed during April, **National Poetry Month**. MMB is asking for entries until February 5th. Poems must be typed, one to two letter size pages. A short *Bio* and *Photo* must accompany your entry. Poems will only be returned with a self-addressed stamped envelope. *Contact MMB for entry forms*. Only 12 poems will be selected. The exhibit opens **April 4th at 6:30 p.m.** with a reception. Poets must read their work on opening night.

and increase their awareness in the community. If you are interested in joining the group, contact Curtis Rivers at MMB for additional information.

In January 2002, a Middle Eastern Folk Dance Group performed at MMB. The **SWORD & SCARAB** troupe. An excellence performance. This group will do a return performance in 2003. They also teach Middle Eastern Dance. If you are interested, let us know and we will put you in contact with the right person.

MMB and it's store Book Club will sponsor a major book signing and reading in February. See details below. If you are interested in joining the book club, contact Zell Hicks, store manager.

Roby to Sign at MMB

Kimberla Lawson Roby, the national best-selling author of *It's A Thin Line*, *Casting the First Stone, Here and Now*, and *Behind Closed Doors* will sign and read from her new book, *A Taste of Reality* at MMB on **Saturday, February 15 at 3:00 p.m.** Roby has been a Blackboard and Essence best selling author for all four of her books. MMB standard book club discount applies to those clubs registered with the store. Book Clubs are asked to call MMB to confirm the number of club members attending.

Hours: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday & Saturday 11:00 PM to 6:00 PM
Thursday 11:00 to 8:00 & Friday 11:00 PM to 7:00PM
Sunday, 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

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"Creating the right mood for you"

"If All of Rochester Read the Same Book"

For the past two years Writers & Books have sponsored a very successful program entitled "If All of Rochester Read the Same Book", turning Rochester and surrounding communities into one giant book club. 2003 will mark the third year for this program. MMB has been a participant in each of the prior years and this year is no exception. The 2003 book selection is "Kindred" by Octavia E. Butler. Ms. Butler is a nationally known author of several best selling Science Fiction books. MMB has planned several activities around "Kindred".

March 1-15th Rochester Contemporary, Host a juried satellite exhibition of visual art created in response to the novel, "Kindred" at Mood Makers Gallery.

March 13th MMB Book Club reads and discuss "Kindred" at 6:30 p.m.

April Roundtable Discussion "Kindred, are we our brother's keeper?" at 6:30 p.m.

You can pick up your copy of the book at MMB, also, "I'm Reading Octavia Butler" Buttons are available at the store. For a complete schedule of "Kindred" events and author appearances ... pick up an events calendar at Writers & Books or stop by MMB.

February 1st. at 7:00 p.m.
Black History Month Kick-Off
featuring
spoken word, drumming,
poetry.

February 28th at 7:00 p.m.
Scenes from "Black History"

If you missed the last
Mary Baker Eddy
Workshop ... There is
scheduled for March 22th
at 2:00 p.m.

MMB Monthly Open Mic

February 22th

Open Mic Poetry the fourth Saturday of each
month. 7:00 p.m.

March 29th

The Ron Alexander TV & Video Show con-
ducted by Jabari Sekou Productions. 7:00

March 28th

Sister "T" Open Mic Christian Poetry
"Cornbread & Beans" 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

Men of Color to Arms

March 22 at Mood Makers Gallery

Time: 7:00 p.m

An exhibition of Photographs
interspersed with excerpts from poems
composed by Dr. David Anderson.
"These works underscore the call to
african american men to step up to their
responsibility to restore our population
to a sense of community", says Dr. Anderson.
This exhibition is in conjunction with the
"Year of Frederick Douglass", 2003
Conference "Men of Color to Arms", sched-
uled in Rochester N Y, March 28-29, at the
Four Flags Hotel, located at West Main &
St. Paul streets. The conference salutes
Frederick Douglass's advocacy for black
men's participation in the U.S. Civil War.
On March 28, Dr. David Satcher, the 16th
Surgeon General of the United States will be
the keynote speaker at the conference.
Dr. Anderson's exhibit will be in MMB's
Gallery from March 22th to 30th.

The Underground Railroad Tours - e-mail: akwaaba@usa.net
by *akwaaba* The Heritage Associates - 585-482-5192

Ebony Visions Watch

Below is a list of the Thomas Blackshear retired sculptures. These pieces are in stock at MMB. In most cases we only have a few of these sculptures for sale. Store policy does not permit layaway of retired pieces.

Retired Sculptures

A TIME TO DREAM
SISTERS FOREVER
RUDY TOOT
2000 ANGEL

MIDNIGHT
THE FAMILY
BUNDLE OF JOY
2001 ANGEL

NIGHT IN DAY
FOREVER FRIENDS
2002 ANGEL

FLOWER GIRL
FIRST STEP

MMB Price Reductions

2003 CALENDARS 50% OFF

Christmas Cards \$5.00/box

**Christmas Santa's & Angels
40%**

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An apology is in order if you have tried to visit our web site and found it inaccessible. MMB's site will soon have a new look and feel. Our webmaster (Deus Associates) is giving our site a total face left. We are adding some tools that will make it easy to do business on the site with us. Give us some time get the job done. We are sure you will like what you see!

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Independent Minds*

2003 Events at a Glimpse

January

Call for "Poetry on the Wall"
Open Mic Night

February

Black History Kick-Off
Kimberla Lawson Roby, book signing
Open Mic Night
Scenes from "Black History"

March

Kindred Art Exhibition
MMB Book Club, reads "Kindred"
Two Ladies "Historical Re-Enactment"
Mary Baker Eddy Workshop
Ron Alexander TV/Video Show

April

"Poetry on the Wall" Exhibition
Karin Ward Book Signing
Poetry in the Afternoon
Open Poetry Mic

May

Mother's Day Program "Honor Thy Mother"

June

Catherine Collins Book Signing
Juneteenth, "They were not Told"
Father's Day Program, Honor Thy Father
Parade of Authors, Lake Country Romance Writers

July

Children Story Hour
Open Mic Poetry

August

Marcus Garvey Tribute
Children Story Hour
Writer's Festival
"The Master" Exhibit by Kaiyum Gallery

September

Annual Store Sale
Open Mic Poetry

October

Writer's Workshop
Open Mic Poetry
Author Book Signing

November

Author Book Signing
Open Mic Poetry

December

Ninth Annual Holiday Open House

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Mood Makers Books & Art Gallery
Village Gate Square
274 North Goodman Street
Rochester, New York, 14607

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Book Talk

What MMB Customers Are Reading!

Adults top five books:

1. Addicted - Zane
2. The Prisoner's Wife - Asha Bandele
3. Raising Fences - Michael Datcher
4. Blame It on Eve
5. Bad Boy Brawly Brown - Walter Mosley

Children Books top five:

1. Little Bill Books - Bill Cosby
2. The Cheetah Girls 1-13 - Deborah Gregory
3. Watsons go to Birmingham - C. Paul Curtis
4. Afro-Bets Books - Just Us Book Co.
5. Red Dancing Shoes

Still Going Strong top five:

1. Visions for Black Men - Na'im Akbar
2. Mis-Education of the Negro - Carter G. Woodson
3. From the Brower File - Anthony T. Browder
4. The Coldest Winter Ever - Sister Souljah
5. Makes Me Wanna Holler - Nathan McCall

Book Value Of The Month:

What you Owe Me - Bebe Moore Campbell \$12.99 HC

NEW ON OUR SHELF: JANUARY 2003

1. A Taste of Reality - Kimberla Lawson Roby
2. The Chocolate Ship - Marissa Monteilh
3. Six Easy Pieces - Walter Mosley
4. Having What Matters - Monique Greenwood
6. Another Day at the Front - Ishmael Reed
7. This Far by Faith - Juan Williams
8. Honoring Sergeant Carter - Allene G. Carter
9. Should America Pay - Raymond A. Winbush, Ph.D.
10. Be Boy Buzz - Bell Hooks

Body & Soul Books

1. Pay Yourself First - Jesse B. Brown
2. Beautiful Black Hair - Shamboogie

Bestselling Local Authors

1. In My Father's House - Victoria Johnson
2. Only Wet Babies Life Change - Mary-Frances Winters