

## An Invitation

**Learn!** The August Derleth Society has created a large display of Derleth memorabilia in the Derleth Room at the Sauk City Public Library that is open to the public. Its archives contain an extensive collection of books by and about August Derleth.

**Enjoy!** “Augie’s Room” is located in Leystra’s Restaurant on Phillips Blvd. in Sauk City. Stop by to enjoy a good meal and browse the display of Derleth memorabilia.

**Celebrate!** Every year, on the second weekend in October, many ADS members make their way to Sac Prairie, Wisconsin, home of August Derleth, for the Walden West Festival (WWF), a celebration of the life and work of August Derleth. The ADS offers a weekend of events with speakers, plays, videos, skits, a candlelight graveside poetry reading, and tours of Derleth points of interest. The festival is usually held at the historic Freethinker’s Hall on Polk Street.



## Become a Member Today!



*During WWF, members enjoy walking in Augie’s footsteps, enjoying the beauty of fall in Wisconsin, the scenic Wisconsin River, and its surrounding bluffs.*



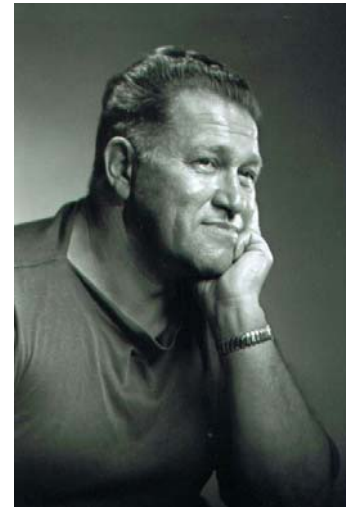
*Each year the ADS sponsors a children’s writing program developed through the help of local schools and teachers. Winners receive awards and a special Derleth Children’s novel during the annual WWF.*

**Visit the ADS web site for more information: [www.derleth.org](http://www.derleth.org)**

# THE AUGUST DERLETH SOCIETY

*Now and then, in the course of my walks in the hills or marshes, there were brief periods when awareness of unity with all nature burgeoned—a sense of utter harmony with all things: leaf, stone, soil, blade, water, air...*

—August Derleth



### **WHO WAS AUGUST DERLETH?**

August Derleth, Wisconsin’s most prolific writer, completed over 170 books in his lifetime. He wrote poetry, short stories, journals, historical and romantic novels, regional history, mysteries, and children’s books. He was an editor, publisher, and owner of Arkham House, a Sauk City publishing company specializing in science fiction, fantasy, and the macabre. Derleth and Arkham House are credited with saving the works of H.P. Lovecraft—today, a widely-read and influential writer—from obscurity by publishing them in anthologies and books.

### **THE AUTHOR**

August Derleth’s greatest contribution was “The Sac Prairie Saga” a series of books that chronicled life in Augie’s native Sac Prairie, interweaving nature studies with the human drama. His influence and popularity continues to grow, in part, because he captures and evokes the sense of rural, small-town mid-America like no other author—combining nature and man in their struggle to survive beyond the 21st century.

### **THE AUGUST DERLETH SOCIETY**

Established in 1978, the August Derleth Society (ADS) has been instrumental in recognizing and promoting August Derleth and his writings. The Society has endowed the August Derleth Creative Writing Award, which is given at the University of Wisconsin to promising young college writers, and also supports writing in elementary schools through the August Derleth Young Writers Project. *The Society’s primary accomplishment continues to be returning a number of Derleth’s works into print.*

**Selected Books by  
August Derleth**

**SOLAR PONS & OTHER MYSTERIES**

- “In Re: Sherlock Holmes” : The Adventures of Solar Pons*
- The Memoirs of Solar Pons*
- Three Problems for Solar Pons*
- The Return of Solar Pons*
- The Reminiscences of Solar Pons*
- The Casebook of Solar Pons*
- Mr. Fairlie’s Final Journey*
- The Man on All Fours (Judge Peck)*
- Murder Stalks the Wakely Family (Judge Peck)*
- Sign of Fear (Judge Peck)*
- Three Who Died (Judge Peck)*
- Sentence Deferred (Judge Peck)*
- The Narracong Riddle (Judge Peck)*
- Seven Who Waited (Judge Peck)*
- No Future For Luana (Judge Peck)*
- The Moon Tenders (Steve/Sim mystery)*
- The Mill Creek Irregulars (Steve/Sim mystery)*
- The Pinkertons Ride Again (Steve/Sim mystery)*
- The Ghost of Black Hawk Island (Steve/Sim)*
- The Tent Show Summer (Steve/Sim mystery)*
- The Watcher on the Heights (Steve/Sim mystery)*
- The Three Straw Men (Steve/Sim mystery)*

**SUPERNATURAL TALES**

- Someone in the Dark / Something Near / H.P.L.: A Memoir / Not Long For This World / The Mask of Cthulhu / Lonesome Places / The Trail of Cthulhu / Mr. George and Other Odd Persons / Colonel Markesan and Less Pleasant People / Harrigan’s File / Dwellers in Darkness / In Lovecraft’s Shadow.*

**HISTORY**

- The Wisconsin: River of A Thousand Isles*
- The Milwaukee Road: Its First 100 Years*
- Sauk County: A Centennial History*
- Wisconsin Murders.*

**Derleth Books Cont.**

**SAC PRAIRIE SAGA**

- Wind Over Wisconsin (fiction)*
- Restless is the River (fiction)*
- Shadow of Night (fiction)*
- The Shield of the Valiant (fiction)*
- Still is the Summer Night (fiction)*
- Village Daybook (non-fiction)*
- Village Year (non-fiction)*
- Countryman’s Journal (non-fiction)*
- Wisconsin Country (non-fiction)*
- Sac Prairie People (fiction)*
- Walden West (non-fiction)*
- Return to Walden West (non-fiction)*
- Evening in Spring (fiction)*

**POETRY**

- Hawk on the Wind / Man Track Here / Wind in the Elms / The Edge of Night / West of Morning / Country Places / By Owl Light / Caitlin / The Landscape of the Heart .*

**WISCONSIN SAGA**

- Place of Hawks (fiction)*
- Bright Journey (fiction)*
- The House on the Mound (fiction)*
- The Hills Stand Watch (fiction)*
- The Shadow in the Glass (fiction)*

**BIOGRAPHY**

- Still, Small Voice: The Biography of Zona Gale*
- Concord Rebel: A Life of Henry D. Thoreau*
- Emerson, Our Contemporary*
- Writing Fiction*

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**JOIN US!**

Membership in the August Derleth Society helps fund programs, such as the Wisconsin Writer’s Conference at UW-Baraboo, which supports and encourages the study of August Derleth’s work and preserves the memory of this Wisconsin writer, publisher, editor, columnist, naturalist, environmentalist, and teacher.

Membership includes a one-year subscription to the ADS Newsletter—filled with articles, letters, photos, poems, and woodcuts, as well as original Derleth works and news of ADS activities and its members. *(Submission of written material is welcome.)*



**MEMBERSHIP FORM**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_

**State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone (optional)** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-mail (optional)** \_\_\_\_\_

**We are a non-profit organization. Ask about our Endowment Fund.**

**Membership Level Desired:**

- \_\_ Individual.....\$15.00/yr**
- \_\_ Family.....\$20.00/yr**
- \_\_ Business/Library.....\$30.00/yr**
- \_\_ Patron.....\$50.00/yr**
- \_\_ Lifetime.....\$300.00**

**Please mail this form with your check, payable to The August Derleth Society to:**

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