

# Hortense Hippopotamus

For Jim Carney

*A great many things may happen between the cup and the upper lip.*

At 2PM she rises up from her armchair and cable news network and places a kettle on the stove. She imagines that she can balance an egg on her nose, tries three times then bends down to clean up the sticky mess. The 3 yolks in the white blob made a face at her,

well a squished face as the eyes we're a bit out of sorts, but the egg

man did make for an interesting bit of afternoon company and so she poured tea for two and then set out a red gingham dish towel and a plate of cookies on the floor next to her new friend and then began to tell Mr. Eggs of her two sons off in the Army, a daughter

who lives in a large pond at the park and has an excellent supply

of food and friendly neighbors. Mr. Eggs hadn't touched her tea or any of her special raisin cookies that, at one time was the toast of Elmwood elementary, but no matter she thought, he looks not well and maybe he won't mind if I eat the last cookie on the plate.

She could always get more but didn't want him to think she didn't

watch her figure. But how silly she was being, Mr. Eggs is a kind man and would never entertain such a foolish opinion of her. And so she warmed their cups and then, getting herself off of the floor, tipped her hand to her head to say ta, and then using a kitchen rag cleaned up Mr. Eggs, then placed the dishes into the sink, cleaned

and then walked back to her armchair, television and her live news.

—geoffry gatza

# LITCITY

9/21

**Just Buffalo Small Press Series. 7pm.** Featuring Amy King, Geoffrey Gatza, and Jason Christie. Rust Belt Books (202 Allen St., 885-9535).

**Open Reading. 7pm.** Hosted by Livio Farallo and featuring Claudia Torres, with ten slots available for open readers. Brewhaus Coffee & Cafe (112 Chestnut Street, Lockport, 433-7823)

**Poetics Plus. 3pm.** "Emerson as Poet-Critic." A talk by Professor Robert von Hallberg of the University of Chicago. UB Clemens Hall (Room 436, North Campus, Amherst, 645-2575).

**Reading. 6pm.** Olga Karman, author of *Scatter My Ashes Over Havana*. D'Youville College Montante Family Library (320 Porter Ave., 881-7618).

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**Wave Books Poetry Bus Tour. 7pm.** Reading in Clifton Hall during "Gusto at the Gallery." Featuring Aimee Nezhukumatathil, Anthony McCann, Matt Hart, Mark Bibbins, Betsy Wheeler, Ethan Paquin, Monica Youn, and Michael Kelleher. Albright Knox Art Gallery (1285 Elmwood Ave., 882-8700)

**Book Sale Preview. 10am-5pm.** Donations needed for Just Buffalo's Literary Family Fair on Sept. 23. Market Arcade Complex (617 Main St., 845-6197); contact 832-5400 or www.justbuffalo.org for details.

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**Scrabble Tournament Party. 12-5:30pm.** Free open play or three-game tournament; \$10. Adam Mickiewicz Library & Dramatic Circle (612 Fillmore Ave., 847-0839); call the Buffalo Scrabble Club at 885-0462 to register or for details.

**Just Buffalo Literary Family Fair. 10am-4pm.** Book sale, storytelling presentations, and entertainment for kids and adults. Market Arcade Complex (617 Main St., 845-6197); \$5.

**Panic in the Attic. 7:30pm.** Readings by Doug Manson, Michael Kelleher, and Kevin Thurston. 340 Richmond Ave; RSVP to epaquin@adelphia.net.

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**Booksigning. 2-4pm.** Breast Cancer Awareness Month with Amy Benjamin, author of *The Waking Dance*, a novel chronicling the author's battle with the illness. Barnes & Noble (1565 Niagara Falls Blvd., Amherst, 834-0626).

**Poetics Plus. 4pm.** "Fearing New Englandly: Getting Lost in the Woods as Primal Scene." A talk by Professor Elisa New of Harvard University. UB Poetry Collection (420 Capen Hall, North Campus, Amherst, 645-2917).

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**Poetics Plus. 3pm.** "Robert Creeley and the Persistence of American Poetry." A talk by Professor Charles Bernstein of the University of Pennsylvania. Clemens Hall (Room 436, North Campus, Amherst, 645-2575).

**Tuesday Night Book Group. 7:30pm.** Discussion of *Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls. Borders Books (2015 Walden Ave., Cheektowaga, 685-2844)

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**Booksigning. 12-1:30pm.** Tammy Benlolo, author of *From My Side of the Table*. Barnes & Noble Buffalo State College Student Union (1300 Elmwood Ave., 878-4000).

**Write Thing Reading Series. 7pm.** Author Lance Olsen. Medaille College Library at Huber Hall (18 Agassiz Circle, 884-3281).

## RECURRING EVENTS

**Drawing Room. 5:30pm.** Spiritual Writing Series with Jim Leonard, every Thursday through Nov. 16 (except Oct. 5). Adams Art Gallery (600 Central Ave., Dunkirk, 366-7450).

**EM Tea Coffee Cup Open Mic Poetry Series. 7-9:30pm** every Tuesday EM Tea Coffee Cup Café (80 Oakgrove Ave. at Hughes St., 884-1444).

**"Hockey in Buffalo : Jockeying Prominent Families." 1-3pm.** Five-week study course on Robert Swados' *Counsel in the Crease*, with instructor Dr. B. G. Flickinger. Larkin House (65 Lincoln Pkwy, 400-9786); call to register.

**Just Buffalo Writers Critique Group. 7pm,** meets first and third Wednesday of every month. Flux Gallery, Market Arcade Arts Centre; just buffalo literary center members only. (832-5400).

**Workshop. 7-9pm.** "The Art of Story" with instructor Gary Earl Ross. Meets on consecutive Wednesdays Sept. 27-Oct. 18; \$80-\$100. Market Arcade Complex (617 Main St., 845-6197); contact Just Buffalo at 832-5400 or www.justbuffalo.org to register.

**Moonlight Poetry Circle. 9pm,** first Fri. of each month. Share poetry informally through spoken word, song, music, art, etc. 320 West Ave., lower. moonlightcircle@hotmail.com

**Northside Writers Group. 7pm,** first and third Thursday of each month. Ascension Lutheran Church, 4640 Main Street, Amherst. (626-4204).

Send weekly literary event info (name, description, location, date, time, and admission) to: editorial@gartvoice.com, subject "In The Margins," or fax to: 881-6682. Listings must be received by the Wednesday before publication, consideration.

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