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2007 OHIOANA AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Columbus, OH – September 21, 2007. . . .The Ohioana Library Association announces the sixteen recipients of the 2007 Ohioana Awards. Linda Hengst, executive director of the Ohioana Library, stated, “We are proud to be able to recognize such talented Ohioans. They each have made significant contributions to the literary and artistic life of Ohio and our nation.”

Science fiction and fantasy author **Lois McMaster Bujold**, winner of both the Hugo and Nebula awards for science fiction, is the recipient of the **2007 Ohioana Career Award**, given to an Ohio native for an outstanding career in arts and humanities. Historian and author **Charles C. Cole Jr.** has been chosen for the **2007 Pegasus Award**, which honors a native or non-native Ohioan for exceptional cultural achievements.

The recipients of the Ohioana Book Awards, Ohioana Citations and Named Awards are listed below (a detailed profile of each award recipient, listed in alphabetical order, is also attached, and digital photos are available upon request):

Ohioana Book Awards—awarded each year for outstanding books published the previous year in the categories of fiction, nonfiction, poetry, juvenile books, and books about Ohio or Ohioans. Normally, only one award is given in each category, but this year there were ties in two areas.

Fiction: *The Teahouse Fire* by **Ellis Avery**, former resident of Columbus.

Nonfiction: *The Great Deluge: Hurricane Katrina, New Orleans, and the Mississippi Gulf Coast* by **Douglas Brinkely**, former resident of Perrysburg and an Ohio State University graduate.

Poetry: *Blue Front* by **Martha Collins**, former Oberlin College professor and *Declension in the Village of Chung Leuong* by **Bruce Weigl**, currently of Oberlin.

Juvenile Books: *The Lemon Sisters* by **Andrea Cheng** from Cincinnati and *Copper Sun* by **Sharon Draper**, also of Cincinnati.

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About Ohio/ Ohioans: *Growing Season: The Life of a Migrant Community*, photos by **Gary Harwood** of Cuyahoga and Portage Counties and text by **David Hassler** of Kent.

Ohioana Citations—awarded for distinguished service in specific fields or areas of the arts and humanities.

Ricky Clark, Oberlin, for Historic Preservation of the Decorative Arts

David Catrow, Springfield, for Art and Journalism

Jerry Mallet, Findlay, for Education and Children’s Literature

Ladd McIntosh, Akron native and Ohio State University graduate, for Music

Ohioana named awards—endowed awards or named to honor former Ohioana staff.

Ohioana Alice Louise Wood Memorial Award for Children’s Literature to **James Cross Giblin**, formerly of Painesville and now living in New York City, for the body of his work and other contributions to children’s literature.

Ohioana Helen and Laura Krout Memorial Poetry Award to **Kathy Fagan**, Worthington, for the body of her work and her contributions to poetry in Ohio.

Ohioana James P. Barry Award for Editorial Excellence to *Kenyon Review*, **David H. Lynn**, editor, Gambier.

Ohioana Walter Rumsey Marvin Award, a grant to encourage writers under 30 years of age who have not yet published a book, will go to **Nicole McClelland**, formerly of Lake County.

The Ohioana Awards will be presented at the Ohioana Day celebration on Saturday, Oct. 27, 2007, at the Ohioana Library/State Library of Ohio building, located at 274 East First Ave., Columbus, Ohio. The luncheon and awards ceremony begins at 11:30 a.m., preceded by the 78th annual meeting at 10 a.m. and a reception/book fair at 11 a.m. The event, celebrating the 65th anniversary of the Ohioana Awards, is open to the public; however, reservations are required by October 17. The cost of the luncheon is \$35 per person.

An Ohioana Gala fundraiser, held the evening before, Oct. 26 from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m., will give the public an opportunity to meet the award winners in an informal setting. The Gala will feature a silent auction, jazz music by Arnett Howard, hors d’oeuvres by Catering by Scott, and wine from Valley Vineyard. The cost is \$50 per person and reservations are required by Oct. 17. For more information about the Ohioana Awards or to make reservations for the luncheon

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and/or gala, please contact the Ohioana Library, 274 East First Ave., Suite 300, Columbus, OH 43201, call 614-466-3831, or email ohioana@ohioana.org.

The Ohioana Luncheon and gala are sponsored this year by Huntington Bank, Vorys, Sater, Seymour & Pease, LLP, Honda of America Mfg. Inc., and Seeley Financial Inc. WOSU Public Media is the sponsor for these events.

The Ohioana Library Association's mission is to recognize and encourage the creative accomplishments of Ohioans; preserve and expand a permanent collection of books, sheet music, manuscripts, and other materials by Ohioans and about Ohio; and disseminate information about the work of Ohio writers, musicians and other artists to researchers, schools and the general public. The Ohioana Library is a not-for-profit organization, supported by memberships, grants, contributions, and a subsidy from the State of Ohio.

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