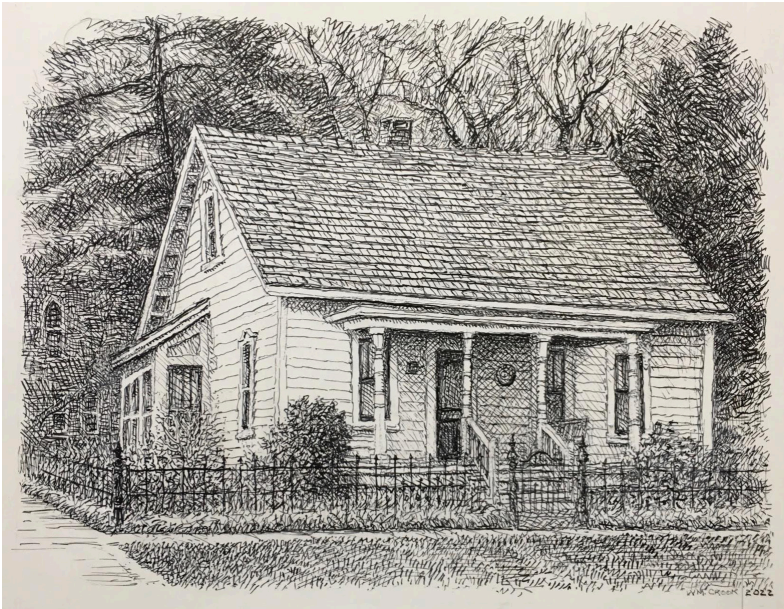


## FRIENDS OF EDGAR LEE MASTERS MEMORIAL HOME AND MUSEUM



Bill Crook ink drawing of Edgar Lee Masters Home.  
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We will soon be putting out our Little Free Library again for you to enjoy and are planning some fun events at the house and hope you can join us. Tours will also be available for groups, as we love to share the little house with all.

The board currently consists of Jane Stephenson, Shelly Knuppel, Brandon Lavelly, Terri Treacy, Dan Robertson, and Kathy Olesen. We are a small but mighty board whose goal is to share the works of Edgar Lee Masters and preserve the memory of one of the most significant writer/poets.

We appreciate your continued support and hope to see you at our events to help us keep the legacy of one of Petersburg's own alive.

Kathy Olesen, President

### From the President's Desk

Hello Friends of ELM,

Looks like spring may be here, finally, and yard work at the Little House has begun. With the help of the Menard County Garden Club, the ELM board has been busy digging, pulling, and raking, getting the grounds in shape for our 2022 events.

Speaking of upcoming events, let's start with *Music on the Back Porch*, which is always a fun time. Our scheduled dates are May 15th, June 19th, and July 17th from 3 to 5 PM. *Night Under the Stars* will take place on October 8th. Save the dates! Entertainment lineup and details to be announced.

We will be selling 4"x6" notecards, and 8"x10" and 11"x14" prints of a beautiful William Crook ink drawing of the Edgar Lee Masters Home and Museum. These should be hot off the press soon and our members will have the first chance to buy these.

### Night Under the Stars 2021



What do you have when you mix good friends, tasty food and drink, music by George Caton, and an outstanding silent auction at one of Petersburg's most famous historic sites? **Edgar Lee Masters Night Under the Stars!**



**It's Annual Renewal Time for  
Friends of Edgar Lee Masters Memorial Museum**

We created the **Friends of Edgar Lee Masters Memorial Museum** in the spring of 2020. The response from the community has been amazing -- we extend our deepest gratitude for your generosity. This spring marks the beginning of our 3rd year as a **Friends** group. To ensure the sustainable care of the home and continued support of Illinois arts and artisans, we sincerely hope we can count on your continued friendship and support.

[Pro-tip: Help us Grow -- bring a friend to the next Music on the Backporch concert.]

**Membership Levels**

- \$15 Writer
- \$30 Editor
- \$100 Nobel
- \$ Other donation

Checks payable to:

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PO Box 12  
Petersburg, IL 62675

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Museum is supported 100% by donations.



**Night Under the Stars  
2022**

Clockwise from top left:

It turned out to be a chilly evening. Everyone enjoyed warming up by the cozy campfire.

Yummy hors d'oeuvres were enjoyed by all. An adult beverage vendor could not be secured; but BYOB and sharing proved satisfactory.

Shelly & Jack Knuppel and granddaughter, Riley, were joined by their friends Mary (l) and Carrie (r), who by the way, were incredibly helpful with setup for the event-- thank you Mary and Carrie!

Winners of the 2022 ELM raffle.



“IN TIME YOU SHALL SEE FATE APPROACH YOU  
IN THE SHAPE OF YOUR OWN IMAGE IN THE MIRROR.”

~Edgar Lee Masters, Spoon River Anthology