

Ode to the InULA Program & Social Committee, 2008-2009

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I have an actual report that I will turn in for the record but to report at the InULA Business Meeting, I wrote a poem. I am most definitely not a poet but I thought this could be fun. And if any parts of this poem strike you as being kind of entertaining or not too awful, please note that those parts are dedicated to the InULA Program & Social Committee - Lou Malcomb, Kathy Marlett, Kiyoshi Otsu, and Tony White. This poem is in their honor for such a great year of events.

Since the committee reported last year,
Our monthly events, it's become very clear,
Are worth the effort to schedule and plan,
And as long as the committee feels that it can,
We shall continue to persevere.

In the summer and fall of 2008,
InULA drank wine and bowled really great,
We toured the gardens of the IMA,
And hiked the woods of southern Indian-a,
A great time was had throughout much of the state!

The holiday luncheon, well, what can you do.
The Tudor Room reservation for the 3rd time fell through,
So the Coronation Room turned into the Georgian,
With a "Eh!" buffet and no good food vegetarian,
But at least the Arts Program Director from T.C. Steele came through!

The committee had sights on professional dev,
And Zotero for citations seemed good for the head,
So from the IC came the great Chanitra,
And on a tremendously grand Mardi Gras,
She taught us the Firefox plug-in from A to Zed.

Origami was next and to our great delight,
Our committee's Kiyoshi had skills that were right,
For offering instruction and making door prizes,
Crane mobiles and other paper surprises!
A wonderful time and the perfect respite.

The Spring Program requires a credit that's due,
To the one whose idea it was, and that is you, Lou,
To invite David Lewis to talk to us all,
About digital scholarship, and where we will fall,
In the plan to make scholarship become like brand new.

Our next holiday luncheon promises to be wow,
With a caterer, new room and I'll just tell you how
Hard Kathy has worked to set things up better
Than the 2 previous luncheons both put together.
We'll be at the Grand Hall in Neal-Marshall now.

Today's meeting is hopefully not going to hell,
There should be some things from places that are swell,
And to the committee, Lou, Kathy, and Kiyoshi,
And to our liaison, the tall art guy Tony,
A big Thanks to the You who did so much so well!