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# Contract Signed. We Are ON for July 16-18, at The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio.

## 15 Rooms Blocked Out for Us (Until May 31)

With the signing of a contract, The Lodge is now preparing to hold our requested 15-room block. Once the block is in place and The Lodge gives us directions about how to register, we will pass that information along promptly.

The availability of rooms at \$169 a night did not occur, however. Before we got the signed contract back to The Lodge all those rooms had been booked! Is this place popular?! So our rooms will be the Deluxe Double rooms, at \$179 a night plus taxes, which will bring the total to \$216 a night.

If the cost of a room is excessive for any of our members, I would mention that rooms may be shared by two people at no extra charge and only \$10 a night extra for third or fourth adults. Children under 16 stay at no charge. There is a campground in the park with 93 RV and tent sites plus 12 cedar cabin sites. Also, in Geneva-on-the-Lake there are a number of inns and small motels that you could check out online. (Most seem to be seasonal and some require week-long rentals,



*One of the campsites in Geneva State Park.*

but it may be worth checking.) Five miles south is the town of Geneva, where some walk-up second-floor loft rooms are offered, and at Exit 218 on I-90 there is a Motel 6, which is 6½ miles south of The Lodge.



*Paved walkway along the Lake Erie shoreline near the Lodge.*

## Two Letterpress and Amateur Journalism Demonstrations Planned at Local Libraries

The Ashtabula County District Library main library, in Ashtabula, was excited to take up Arie Koelewyn's offer of setting up a letterpress printing demonstration for the public on one of the days we're in the area. And I will add to it with a live demonstration of composing and printing an amateur journal with a laptop computer and an inkjet printer. Maybe even a color laser if I can load it into the car. There will also be displays of amateur journals.

Arie says his approach to the letterpress demonstration will be along these lines: "Take a small, tabletop press, some ink, paper and some type and you can create magic, or so it seems to those uninitiated to the black art. I have an approximately 100 year old Golding Official #2 press that is fairly easy to carry around. Its 6"x4" chase is just about perfect to create a bookmark or small card and the press is easy enough to operate that



*Some of the beach areas of Geneva State Park.*

*The Lodge is located in the northeast corner of this park.*





*Sunrise over Lake Erie behind The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake and its gazebo.*

even a child can operate it. Throw in a typecase, composing stick, and a few cuts for decorative flair and you (or in this case I) can talk, illustrate and demonstrate for hours about the joys of letterpress and its history. People can print their own bookmarks, or at least the final color. I usually pre-print much of content, leaving only a key element for the demonstration.”

Subsequently the library asked if we could also repeat the demonstrations on another day at their branch library in Geneva, and we have agreed.

Any of our publishing members are encouraged to bring a display of their journals, or poster boards, etc., about their amateur journal, that we could add to these demonstrations.

## **A Formal Auction Is Not Planned This Year**

Although we won't have a convention auction this year, members who have ajay-related items they would like to dispose of, either by sale or by gift, are welcome to bring them and we will provide space in our meeting room to display them.

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*Yes, we'll have a banquet, but ours won't be as large as this one in a photo from The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake!*



*Gulls wheel and dive over the Lake Erie surf line.*

*Images courtesy of the Geneva State Park website and The Lodge at Geneva-on-the-Lake website.*



*Cross country skiers at Geneva State Park.*

*(I, for one, am glad we don't hold our conventions in February! —BB)*