

Edgar Allan Poe's Bicentennial 1809-2009

It's just around the corner! I intend to make Baltimore the leader in celebrating the life and times of Edgar Allan Poe! We've been working on idea's for over a year now and the Steering Committee has come up with some great proposals.

2009 will be a year long celebration of Poe. The big event will be a recreation of Poe's funeral in October. A horse drawn hearse will bring Poe's body from the former Washington Medical College on Broadway to the Westminster Hall for a funeral service. We are inviting a number of people who knew Poe, even Rufus Griswold will be invited to say a few words, to speak at the eulogy. We are also inviting a number of writers and actors from the 21st century to offer their eulogies. A number of Poe's character's have also expressed an interest in appearing. We will present the funeral that Poe never received in 1849.

This will go down in the annals of Poe appreciation as the biggest event dedicated to the memory of Poe! We will be sending out mailings with updates and the Poe website: <http://poecelation.tripod.com> will be updated on a regular basis with dates and locations of all the activities. The Poe House will be offering for sale the official Baltimore Poe Bicentennial T shirt in early 2008. Be the first to have one. Watch for the mailing or visit the website after the current 2008 birthday celebration is finished.

Vote for Baltimore!!

Some of you may be aware the City of Brotherly Love, Philadelphia, is laying claim to Poe's body. There's even been a threat of purloining his body in the middle of the night! Outrageous is what I say! The Philadelphia Enquirer has a on line poll at <http://www.philly.com/inquirer.polls/10556007.html>. Let Philadelphia know that they should keep their greasy sub stained hands off of Poe's body! Vote for Poe! Vote for Baltimore!