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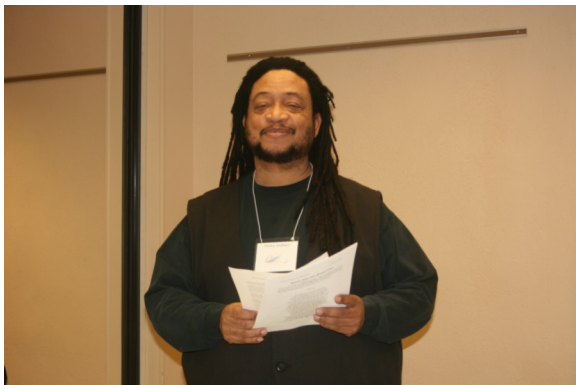
The 2010 West End Poets Weekend

Saturday, October 16, 2010 11:00 am – 11:00 pm

Come and be a part of the best poetry festival in NC! The 5th Annual West End Poetry Festival will showcase over 35 poets featuring Zelda Lockhart the 2010 Piedmont Laureate, children performer Michael Beadle, and Spoken Word artist Sky White and Sacrificial Poets North Carolina's only youth Performance Poetry Team.

The West End Poets Weekend is held annually for the purpose of providing a connection between the significant poetry talent that is deeply rooted in our community and the many poetry enthusiasts that reside in the Triangle area. The weekend event wishes to recognize and reward emerging talent as well. Most importantly, The West End Poets Weekend aims to bring together all ages to read, hear and talk about the art of poetry.

For more information please contact Kim Andrews at (919) 918-7364 or visit our website at: www.WestEndPoetryFestival.com



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Friday, September 10th at 2pm McIntyre's Author Event: Jane McClaren

McIntyre's welcomes Jane McClaren to discuss her book *Honest Eating*. Jane McClaren's story begins as one of failure, depression, and up-and-down weight problems due to emotionally-driven overeating. But in 1975, after an obese friend asked her to join him at a health program in Texas, McClaren's life path took a merciful turn for the better. She jumped at the chance to lose weight, vowing to do it, "even if it kills me!" With steely determination, she launched into a 35-year study of food and health. Always yearning to understand why a young, beautiful, funny, intelligent woman had felt suicidal, she began working with a therapy group that brought her awareness of possible causes and also some peace of mind

In *Honest Eating*, McClaren shares what enabled her to merge her love of food with a healthy attitude and body. She shares her hard-won insights about good foods that "tell the truth" and "bad foods that lie." She celebrates simple, delicious food and artistry in the kitchen. Most importantly, McClaren teaches us that we can be healthy and still maintain a positive -- even lusty -- relationship with food.

Jane McClaren earned her B.A. degree in English from William Woods University and an M.A. in English from the University of Missouri-St. Louis. She lives in Southern Pines, NC, where she actively pursues her passions--art, literature, horseback riding, and healthy eating.

Saturday, September 11th at 11am McIntyre's Author Event: Hal Herzog

McIntyre's hosts leading scientist **Hal Herzog** to read from *Some We Love, Some We Hate, Some We Eat: Why It's So Hard To Think Straight About Animals*. Combining the boundless intellect of Malcolm Gladwell with the irreverent humor of Mary Roach and the paradigm-shifting analysis of Jared Diamond, Herzog offers an unprecedented look inside our complex and often paradoxical relationships with animals.

Hal Herzog has been published in prestigious academic journals including *Science*, *the Proceedings of the Royal Society*, *The American Psychologist*, *The American Scholar*, *Journal of Social Issues*, and the *Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association*, and has been featured in *Newsweek*, *USA Today*, *the Washington Post*, *the Chicago Tribune*, *Scientific American*, *New Scientist*, *Slate*, *CNN*, *National Public Radio's Morning Edition*, *MSNBC*, *Science Daily*, *the London Times*, *the Sydney Morning Herald*, *the Vancouver Sun*, *the New Zealand Herald*, and *India Times*. He is Professor of Psychology at Western Carolina University and lives in the Great Smoky Mountains near Asheville, NC, with his wife and their cat Tilly.

Saturday, September 11th at 2pm McIntyre's Author Event: Howard Norman

Howard Norman, widely regarded as one of this country's finest novelists, comes to McIntyre's to read from *What is Left The Daughter*, where he returns to the mesmerizing fictional terrain of his major books - *The Bird Artist*, *The Museum Guard*, and *The Haunting of L* - in this erotically charged and morally complex story.

Seventeen-year-old Wyatt Hillyer is suddenly orphaned when his parents, within hours of each other, jump off two different bridges--the result of their separate involvements with the same compelling neighbor, a Halifax switchboard operator and aspiring actress. The suicides cause Wyatt to move to small-town Middle Economy to live with his uncle, aunt, and ravishing cousin Tilda.

Setting in motion the novel's chain of life-altering passions and the wartime perfidy at its core is the arrival of the German student Hans Mohring, carrying only a satchel. Actual historical incidents--including a German U-boat's sinking of the Nova Scotia-Newfoundland ferry Caribou, on which Aunt Constance Hillyer might or might not be traveling--lend intense narrative power to Norman's uncannily layered story.

Howard Norman is a three-time winner of National Endowment for the Arts fellowships and a winner of the Lannan Award for fiction. His 1987 novel, *The Northern Lights*, was nominated for a National Book Award, as was his 1994 novel *The Bird Artist*. He is also author of the novels *The Museum Guard*, *The Haunting of L*, and *Devotion*. His books have been translated into twelve languages. Norman teaches in the MFA program at the University of Maryland. He lives in Washington, D.C., and Vermont with his wife and daughter.

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Saturday, September 25th at 11am McIntyre's Author Event: Jenny Nelson

Jenny Nelson comes to McIntyre's to read from *Georgia's Kitchen*. In this delightful blend of *Julie and Julia* meets *Under the Tuscan Sun*, chef Georgia Gray seems to have it all. She's head chef of a hot New York City restaurant, is engaged to her long-time boyfriend, and even has an apartment with a great view. Not even her mother - her worst critic - can find too much to complain about. But when a bad review costs her her job and a fight with Glenn ends the engagement, Georgia takes flight to Italy to nurse her broken heart and bruised ego. In Tuscany, Georgia hones her cooking skills at a new trattoria and her romantic life with the winery owner next door, but she still longs to be back in New York, running her own restaurant. When an offer is made that could make her stay in Italy an indefinite one, Georgia must decide what her dreams truly are - and what she will do to make them come true. Brimming with a love of cooking, a splash of romance, and more than a dash of travel, *Georgia's Kitchen*, is sure to capture the hearts of foodies and armchair travelers everywhere.

Sunday, September 26th at 2pm McIntyre's Poetry Event: NC Poetry Society Series

The fourth Sunday afternoon of each month McIntyre's features a published member of the NC Poetry Society reading and discussing their work. This month's event features **Scott Owens** and **Alex Grant**.

Scott Owens is the author of four collections of poetry and more than 400 poems published in various journals and anthologies. He is co-editor of *Wild Goose Poetry Review*, Chair of the Sam Ragan Poetry Prize, author of "Musings," a weekly poetry column, and founder of *Poetry Hickory*. He teaches creative writing at Catawba Valley Community College and has been nominated for two Pushcart Prizes.

Alex Grant's collection *Chains & Mirrors* (NCWN/Harperprints) won the 2006 Randall Jarrell Poetry Prize and the 2007 Oscar Arnold Young Award (Best North Carolina poetry collection). His full-length collection, *Fear of Moving Water*, a recent finalist for several national book prizes, will be released by Wind Publications in 2009. His poems have appeared or are upcoming in a number of venues, including *The Missouri Review*, *Smartish Pace*, *Best New Poets 2007*, *Arts & Letters*, *The Connecticut Review*, *Nimrod* and *Seattle Review*. He lives in Chapel Hill, NC, with his wife, Tristi, his dangling participles and his Celtic fondness for excess.

Poetry: an imaginative awareness of experience expressed through meaning, sound, and rhythmic language choices as to evoke an emotional response.

Monthly Readings & Workshops Around NC

Poetry in the Round

Carrboro Home of Facilitator Maggi Grace

Eight Tuesdays— September 28—November 16, 2010 6:30-8:30pm

This workshop is for poets who are ready for constructive comments about their own drafts-in-progress. We will focus on poetry -- the poems you intend to write and the discoveries you make in the actual writing of them. We will share our own work, take a look at the work of contemporary poets, and discuss the challenges we face as writers of poetry. Join us for an informal gathering, to meet other poets, for feedback, inspiration, and ideas about how to get inside the poem that seems too hard to write. Or just come to read and listen. Writing assignments available upon request. Participants are invited to bring ten copies of a poem they are working on to the first class.

Contact Maggi with questions or special needs at www.maggi-grace.com.

To Register: Contact the ArtsSchool at the Carrboro ArtsCenter, 300-G East Main St. Carrboro, NC 27510. (919) 929-2787 or online at www.artscenterlive.org

CHERRY

Ricky Garni

I read a book
shaped like a pillow
the color of a cherry

When people say
"You look like a cherry"
I say, "You must

be talking about
my book." But then
I look

At my face, and it's true
I do. And my book is my
Book it's all about me

And I grow faint
I want to rest
but I can't find
my pillow

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Piedmont Laureate Call for Applications

The Piedmont Laureate program will be accepting applications from creative nonfiction writers for 2011! Authors of works including biographies, autobiographies, memoirs, travel writings, and new journalism are eligible to apply. Writers must be residents of Alamance, Durham, Orange and/or Wake counties. **Deadline to apply is September 20, 2010.**

The 2011 Piedmont Laureate will receive a \$6,500 honorarium to present readings and workshops, encourage creative writing, and promote literature at select public events. For complete guidelines and application form, visit www.piedmontlaureate.com.

New Southerner Magazine Contest

http://www.newsoutherner.com/?page_id=263

New Southerner Literary Contest
Swallowtail Press
375 Wood Valley Lane
Louisville, KY 40299

(502) 239-3438

Accepting entries from April 1–October 1

\$200 Prize



Alice Osborn




David T. Manning

**By Request:
Poetry Revealed Presents
Open Mic Nights!**

Poet's Open Mic Night at Open Eye Café

Join Carrboro Recreation and Parks Department the first Tuesday of each month for this great event! This is a night where poets can engage with others and share the power and diversity of poetry. The event is staged to provide a venue for people to celebrate, to share, and to encourage the writing, reading and listening to poetry.

Date Held:
September 7
October 5
November 2
December 7
Time: 7- 9 PM



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Friday Noon Poets
 Amity United Methodist Church,
 Chapel Hill

On the corner of Estes and Martin Luther King Jr. Rd. (aka Airport Rd.).

Contact David Manning for information at 919-462-3695, or visit dbtm@mindspring.com

Open Mic

Royal Bean Coffee House 3801 Hillsborough St, Raleigh , 27607

919-834-BEAN

First Thursday monthly.
 7-8pm.

Hosted by Maureen Sherbondy and co-sponsored by Main Street Rag.

Email Maureen to sign up to read:
msherbondy@nc.rr.com

Going Live: Presenting Your Poetry to an Audience Sat. Oct 23rd 1:30—3:30 PM

Location: Flyleaf Books, 752 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, (Historic Airport Rd), next to Foster's Market and Flying Burrito) Chapel Hill, NC \$15 checks payable to NCPS and send to Alice Osborn, 9660-138 Falls of Neuse #294, Raleigh, NC 27615.

Register online: <http://events.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07e2y5kgge79d1d4f6>

The workshop will be followed by a **Pedestal Magazine Reading Event** from 4-6 pm.

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