

April 2011
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APRIL MEETING

The NE Georgia Writers' Club will meet **APRIL 6, 2011,**

1:00-3:00 p.m. at Peach State Bank, Gainesville.

CONFERENCE SPEAKER: Laretta Hannon

National Public Radio speaker

Author of the bestseller

*The Cracker Queen: A Memoir of a
Jagged, Joyful Life*

Conference Topic:

“How to Tell the Greatest Story Never Told – Yours”
(www.thecrackerqueen.com)

NEGA WRITERS CLUB TREASURY REPORT

ACCOUNT BALANCE 12/31/10: \$6, 291.00

Please bring \$15 checks for MAY Banquet to the April Conference, or mail them to interim treasurer Marianne Scott. **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED:** We like to have the balance double checked, so if you are willing to check the simple math each month as we do the treasurers report or are able to take the minutes at the next

business meetings in the fall- SEPTEMBER and NOVEMBER, please let Marianne Scott know.

GROWING AT GARDENS ON GREEN

Tuesdays at 12:00

711 Green St.

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Writers' Club member Kathy Lovett announces that gardening classes will be held in April as follows:

April 12 "Saving Georgia Hemlocks"

Donna Shearer

April 19 "Growing Camellias"

Dr. John D. Mixon, camellia expert,
periodontist

April 26 "Growing Ferns"

Eleanor Craig, Fern Ridge
Nursery

Though registration is not required, please e-mail if you know you plan to attend.

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Hear ye, hear ye...!

April is National Poetry Month!

WRITERS' CLUB PROMOTES POETRY

April was designated by the Academy of American Poets in 1996 as National Poetry Month. It has been celebrated since then, and was even given the distinction of a Presidential proclamation on April 1, 1996, when President [Bill Clinton](#) declared the following: "National Poetry Month offers us a welcome opportunity to celebrate not only the unsurpassed body of literature produced by our poets in the past, but also the vitality and diversity of voices reflected in the

works of today's American poetry....Their creativity and wealth of language enrich our culture and inspire a new generation of Americans to learn the power of reading and writing at its best."¹ In addition, similar official National Poetry Month proclamations have been issued by mayors from towns and cities across the country, including New York City, Los Angeles, Chicago, Tucson, and Washington, D.C

April is National Poetry Month! Therefore, let it be known, there will be display books of poetry by Northeast Georgia Writers, including our anthology, *Our Journey*, and other Georgia writers, on the second floor of the downtown branch of the Hall County Library, during the month of April.

All members are encouraged to visit this display. Bring your friends! Bring your relatives! Bring your children's teachers. Let them know that poetry is an important part of our lives.

If you see something you would like to check out or perhaps purchase, you are invited to inquire at the Adult Services desk. Ms. Marion Hunter will be happy to help you with that information.

We are also celebrating poetry month by placing our ANTHOLOGY in each school library. Please help by offering to deliver a copy to the school nearest your neighborhood-(pick them up at APRIL conference) and why not offer to READ a POEM to a classroom! Children LOVE to meet a REAL POET- WRITER.

Saturday, April 30 is Poem in Your Pocket Day, so try to plan an individual contribution. During the entire month of April you might carry a favorite poem in your pocket to share with friends, or maybe give a book of poetry to someone you love. Poetry is a perfect gift for your special upcoming graduate, or even to say, "Happy Anniversary," "Happy Birthday," "Congratulations on your upcoming Wedding," or perhaps "Bon Voyage."

Brenau Radio will feature "POETRY JAM," broadcast at 8 a.m. Listen in to hear some familiar voices of local poets! Volunteer if you are a willing voice! The show is produced by club member Marianne Scott.

Celebrations: ARTS ALIVE! FM 89.1 on your dial; webstreaming at www.brenau.edu/wbcx

The Writers' Club has also have gifted the Club's anthology to "The Next Chapter Book Store, which is located inside the Main Street Market, located in Gainesville's Downtown Historic Square. Sales benefit handicapped persons. Many of the books for sale in the store were donated by the illustrious James Mathis.

The Club's chairman of Poetry Month is Rosemary Mallinson.

CRITIQUE GROUPS

Samantha has set up critique group meetings for the last Friday of every month at 1 pm at the Spout Springs Library, which has the information on their website in the Adult Section. The first of these meetings will be April 29, 2011. There will be hand-outs, so the members can use these to generate discussion. The Spout Springs Library is at 6488 Spout Springs Road, Flowery Branch, and their phone number is 770-532- 3311, ext. 191.

Please email Samantha if you plan to attend so that the room can be set up for enough people. There is a café at the library, so you may get refreshments as you come in.

Al List is going to put the critique group info in the library newsletter, which may also generate some interest in our club.

Lynda Holmes will not be able to attend the Friday meetings, but she is keeping a critique segment on the monthly agendas.

A NOTE FROM THE NEWSLETTER EDITOR

Because of the complex issues in my life at this time, I find it necessary to resign as editor of the newsletter, effective immediately. Some of you members may wish to speak to Tom about assuming this position. Only you know if you have the time or skills to devote to this office, so it will be up to you to volunteer your services. Sincerely, Diann Rountree