

The Anson County Writer's Club is sponsoring the 8th Annual Carolinas Writers Conference this Saturday, April 16, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro. Among the guest speakers are North Carolina Poet Laureate Shelby Stephenson, Michelle Buckman, Amy Clipston, Karen MacMurray, Robert Macomber, Kay McSpadden, Chris Roerden and Terry Roueche.

North Carolina Poet Laureate, Shelby Stephenson, will be the featured presenter at the eighth annual Carolinas Writers Conference, to be held at the Lockhart-Taylor Center in Wadesboro on April 16. Cost is \$30 and includes a catered lunch. Coordinated by the Anson County Writers' Club (ACWC), the conference offers one- and two-hour workshops to help beginning and published authors sharpen their craft tools. Readers will have the opportunity to meet authors and share the behind-the-scenes process from inspiration to printed page. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m.

Stephenson was a professor of English and editor of Pembroke Magazine until his retirement in 2010. He was presented with the North Carolina Award in Literature in 2001, and is the author of many books of poetry based on his childhood in Benson where he grew up on a small farm. He will entertain during the lunch break with "Poetry and Perhaps a Song," and lead a discussion in an afternoon session. Participants are asked to bring a sample of their own work to share.

Leading the morning workshops are: Robert Macomber, national award-winner for historical literary fiction, "Planning Your Writing Career: Organizing and Starting Your Literary Work;"; Kay McSpadden, novelist and newspaper columnist, "Tell All the Truth, But Tell it Slant: The Art of the Short Story;"; Chris Roerden, publishing industry veteran, "What Editors Look For;"; Terry Roueche, author of some 50 plays produced nationally and internationally, "Playwriting Workshop;"; Amy Clipston, best-selling author of Amish fiction, "Keeping Up with Deadlines;"; and Karen MacMurray, librarian, author, and internet marketing guru, "Social Media Made Easy."

Afternoon workshop presenters, in addition to Stephenson, are: Roerden, "Don't Murder Your Manuscript;"; McSpadden, "The Truth and Nothing but the Truth - Sort Of: Writing Effective Essays;"; Macomber, "Marketing Yourself and Your Work: The How-to on Spreading the Word with a Limited Budget;"; and Michelle Buckman, international conference speaker and author of six novels, "Plot and Character Layering."

Following the workshops, all presenters will join in a panel discussion to answer questions from attendees.

Biographies of the presenters and descriptions of the workshops can be found at www.carolinaswritersconference.org. Registration can be made on the website via Paypal, or by mailing a check to: 2016 CWC, P.O. Box 363, Wadesboro, N.C., 28170. Registrations will also be taken at the door.

Conference sponsors are the Anson County Arts Council and Ansonia Theatre, the Anson County Tourism Development Authority, South Piedmont Community College, the William A. Smith Trust, the Effie Allen Little Foundation, the Elizabeth Burns Yost Trust, and Uwharrie Bank.

The annual storytelling event, Backporch Stories, will be held the day before, Friday, April 15, at the Ansonia Theatre at 7 p.m. This event features nationally-known storyteller Mitch Capel, aka Gran'daddy Junebug, Linda Goodman and Jadie Fuson. It is hosted by J. A. Bolton. Tickets are only \$5 at the door.

Baptist Association's Woman's Missionary Union Meets

Surrender-Sacrifice-Serve was the theme of the Annual Meeting of the Anson Woman's Missionary Union as they met March 22 at Lilesville Baptist Church. A fellowship time was held prior to the meeting and attendees were treated to delicious food most attractively displayed. The table decoration was unique—minnows were swimming around in small fish bowls with colored pebbles in the bottom.

Special guest speaker was Dr. Edna Ellison, author of over 35 books, numerous magazine articles, and papers, and she has spoken in numerous national and international venues. Dr. Ellison is also known for her mentoring techniques and her humorous manner of sharing truth. She challenged those in attendance to "be a Jesus woman," to walk a dark valley with someone, to mentor a young woman in missions, to learn about post-traumatic stress disorder and minister to someone with that disorder, to teach a Bible study, and other things to encourage others.

WMU Director, Jennifer Lee, presented door prizes to the youngest person and the oldest person in attendance as well as to the church with the most persons in attendance. Prayers were offered for missionaries serving in our nation, for those serving in international missions, for chaplains and volunteers and also for those missionaries who are retired and are still serving in retirement.

The Leadership Team for this year consists of Jennifer Lee, Delores Thomas, Ann Thomas, Sandra Pliescott, Cathy Williams, Janet White, Marilyn Jackson and Rev. James Parks.

Books with needed information regarding the present and up-coming ministry were distributed. Anyone who missed the meeting and needs to pick up one of the books should contact Jennifer Lee (704-826-8782) or Delores Thomas (704-272-7230).

Submitted by Delores Thomas, Communications Consultant, ABA WMU

Airborne & Special Operations Museum Foundation Hosts the First Vietnam War Remembrance Ceremony

At 10:30 a.m. on May 7 at the Airborne & Special Operations Museum parade field, the ASOM Foundation and presenting Sponsor Select Bank & Trust will host the first Vietnam War Remembrance Ceremony to honor our Veterans of the Vietnam War. This will be an annual event.

"We are trying to make this an "Everything Vietnam" experience from start to finish,"

said Paul Galloway, Executive Director of the ASOM Foundation. The guest speakers, General (Retired) James Lindsay, will honor all Vietnam Veterans and Colonel (Retired) Ken Smith will highlight the 173D Airborne Brigade, one of the longest army serving units during the Vietnam War.

The Vietnam Veteran's of America "Johnston County" will provide the color guard. Chaplain Jon Cone from the Cumberland County Veteran's Council will start and finish the event. All Vietnam Veterans in attendance will be pinned during the ceremony with the lapel pin as part of the United States of America Vietnam War Commemoration. The pinning will be provided by a joint effort of the Cumberland County Veteran's Council, the City of Fayetteville and the Army. The Missing Man Table will be presented by Rolling Thunder Chapter 1, NC.

All Vietnam Veterans planning to attend are encouraged to register so ample logistics can be worked out. Veterans can send their rank, name, branch of service, and tour dates to info@asomf.org, call 910.643.2778 or online at www.asomf.org.

Music will be provided by the Ground Forces Band Brass Quintet.

According to Bill Hedgepeth, President and CEO of Select Bank & Trust, "As a young man growing up in Fayetteville during the Vietnam War I witnessed first-hand the many sacrifices made by friends, their families and neighbors who served during this period."

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Sign up sheet also be available at the Twin Valley Country Club

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The Anson Athletics Strength and Conditioning Department would like to thank all of the sponsors, golfers and volunteers who participated in the 3rd annual Anson Athletics Strength and Conditioning Golf Tournament sponsored by the Bearcat Athletic Support Foundation. The Tournament was held at Twin Valley Country Club on Saturday, April 9. We had tremendous success raising money for our program that benefits every high school athlete.

A special thanks to the following businesses and individuals for making this day possible.

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Jake Thomas, Head Strength and Conditioning Coach, Anson High School