The New Lecture Series: Alabama Women Writers

The Friends of the Spring Hill College Library has announced the 2001-2002 lecture series on Alabama Authors. Once again, the Alabama Humanities Foundation has graciously provided funding for the programs.

This will be the third year of the series. Two years ago the program was titled “Alabama Poets: An Intimate portrait.” Last year, it was “Literary Conversations With Emerging Alabama Writers.” Both were enjoyed by sizable, enthusiastic audiences. Because all the writers in these programs were men, it was decided to do the 2001-2002 program on women authors.

The form of each program will remain the same. First, the author will be introduced and interviewed by a scholar familiar with her work. Then she will have an opportunity to read from her publications or from a work-in-progress. After that, she will field questions from the audience. This is always an exciting part of the program. Finally, there will be a social-hour (with delicious refreshments) at which audience-members can converse with the writer.

The new series will offer three lectures. The first author, Melinda Haynes, will speak on November 1. She recently published her second novel, Chalktown, which followed her acclaimed work, Mother of Pearl. She will be interviewed by Adline Clark, owner of Black Classics, a Mobile bookstore.

On February 21, Carolyn Haines will speak. She has published many works of general fiction (novels, romances, and short stories), and she has recently produced a collection of memories about Eugene Walter. She is a regular participant on WHIL’s “Coastal Voices.” She will be interviewed by John Hafner, an English professor at Spring Hill College.

The final program will occur on April 11. It will feature Cynthia Williams, author of four Christian books for children. She will be interviewed by Roy Hoffman, a published novelist and essayist.

Friends of the Library are asked to record these dates on their calendars.

The objective of the programs remains the same. We want to encourage the literary arts in Alabama. We want our audience-members to meet successful authors and to think about their own writing potential. We want to draw attention to the Spring Hill College Library, the impressive collection it houses, and the wonderful work it does.

Friends’ Calendar of Events

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Tune your radio (and computer) to The Book Guys!

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If you love books, you’ll love The Book Guys available from the Alabama Print Information Center. Just go to www.alaprint.org and click on “Listen to the Book Guys.” And while you’re visiting the site, look around and let other folks know about us.

Just who are the “Book Guys?” The Book Guys began in the 1980’s when Allan Stypeck paid his first visit to the Mike Cuthbert Show in Washington. The basic format then was what it is now: Listeners with books in their possession call the program and Allan gives them an appraisal based on their visual description of the books. All evaluations are contingent on a visual inspection, of course, but most callers just want to know if they have something valuable in their library or not.

From there, the program launches into topics both closely associated with and far afield from the book in question. Sometimes the book was made into a movie, and Mike and Allan discuss who starred in the film. Sometimes there are other books by the same author that are interesting. Sometimes The Guys break into song. You never know what’s going to happen.

The Book Guys also offer weekly prizes during quizzes sponsored by the Library of Congress Center for the Book. The Guys offer a basic reference list of books for the collector, ABAA national directories and Library of Congress guidelines on care and maintenance of rare books. To be on the show or for free materials, call 1-800-828-BOOK any time of day or night or go to their site at www.bookguys.com to e-mail them. Library of Congress and reading list recommendations will be sent back by e-mail for no charge in Word format.

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