

## Saturday Workshop Faculty



**Stephany Evans**  
*Fiction That Will Sell*

The President of FinePrint Literary Management, ghost writer, former magazine editor and an agent since 1990, Evans' core interests are health/wellness, spiritually, lifestyle, popular reference, narrative nonfiction, stories with a strong, interesting female protagonist.



**J. Anderson "Andy" Harp**  
*Writing & Selling a Thriller*

Hearing his father recount his World War II experiences, Harp gained appreciation for storytelling and adventure. He hiked through Europe and was a Marine Corps mountain and arctic-trained instructor before attending law school at Mercer University.



**Richard Hyatt**  
*Writing Historical Fiction/Nonfiction*

Twice nominated for the Pulitzer Prize in Journalism, Hyatt has written eleven books, including *The Carters of Plains* (1977), *Zell: The Governor Who Gave Georgia HOPE* (1997), and *Mr. Speaker: A Biography of Tom Murphy* (1999).



**David Johnson**  
*Creating a Dramatic Voice*

A major characteristic of Johnson's stories and poem is a sense of voice and a sense of place, creating, even in his smaller lyrics, a true sense of drama and action. Like Columbus natives Carson McCullers and Shay Youngblood, he has been a guest at Yaddo.



**Karen McElmurray**  
*Memoir Writing*

Teaching creative writing at Georgia State, McElmurray won the 2003 AWP Award for Creative Nonfiction and a National Book Critics Circle Notable Book for her first book, *Surrendered Child: A Birth Mother's Journey*. Her newest novel is *The Motel of the Stars*.



**Callie McGinnis**, Co-Leader  
*Turning Your Family History Into A Book*

An avid genealogist, McGinnis began researching her family history in 1977. She is an active member of the Muscogee County Genealogical Society and has taught classes in genealogy and family history. She started writing her family history in earnest since 2003.



**Nick Norwood**  
*Poetry*

Appearing in numerous magazines and anthologies, Norwood's first book, *The Soft Blare*, was selected by Andrew Hudgins for the River City Publishing Poetry Series. His second book, *A Palace for the Heart*, was a winner of the 2002 Mellen Press Poetry Contest. He teaches creative writing and literature at CSU.



**Tito Perdue**  
*Our Visiting Author*

Perdue dwells on a small Alabama farm that has come down to him from an ancestor who served under Andrew Jackson in the Battle of New Orleans. He writes with a pungent wit and iconoclastic point of view. ". . . without question, one of the most important contemporary Southern Writers . . ." - The New York Press.



**Clela Dyess Reed**  
*The Equinox of Poetry: A Fine Balance*

Reed has been an educator on the high school and college level. Her poems have won various awards, been published in numerous regional and online magazines and anthologies. Brick Road Poetry Press just published her new book, *Dancing on the Rain*.



**Lynn Willoughby**, Co-Leader  
*Turning Your Family History Into A Book*

A former history professor, Willoughby left academia to write full time, producing biographies as well as business, family, and community histories. As a "personal historian," she has authored nine books (two of which won awards), co-authored another, and published numerous spiritual essays and journal articles.

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*Celebrating, Nourishing  
and Stimulating the  
Literary Arts in  
the Greater  
Chattahoochee Valley*

*September 24-26, 2009*

Columbus Public Library  
3000 Macon Road  
Columbus, Georgia



## In Celebration of the Creative Genius of Nunnally Johnson

Columbus Native  
News Reporter, Columnist  
Short Story Writer  
Screenwriter  
Director, Producer

# Nunnally Johnson Film Festival

*Free and Open to the Public*

Thornton Jordan, Host

Thursday, September 24

10:30 a.m. **Casanova Brown**

A timid man cares for a baby in a hotel room

2:30 p.m. **How to Marry a Millionaire**

Three models out to snare rich husbands

Friday, September 25

10:30 a.m. **We're Not Married**

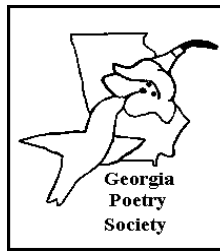
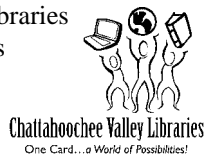
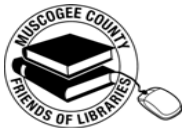
A justice-of-the-peace learns his license is invalid

2:30 p.m. **Mr. Peabody and the Mermaid**

Man catches a beautiful mischievous mermaid

*A character from one of Nunnally Johnson's many films will be highlighted in David Johnson's workshop "Creating a Dramatic Voice"*

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## An Evening of Poetry Reading

with **Clela Dyess Reed**  
and **Nick Norwood**

7 p.m., Thursday, September 24

*Free and Open to the Public*

# Jill McCorkle

Author of  
**Ferris Beach**  
**July Seventh**  
**Carolina Moon**  
**Tending to Virginia**  
**The Cheerleader**  
numerous short stories



Keynote Address:

## "The Life of a Story"

7 p.m., Friday, September 25

*Free and Open to the Public*



Jill McCorkle's appearance is made possible by a grant from the City of Columbus through the Columbus Cultural Art Alliance and the Columbus Convention and Visitors' Bureau

## Dutch Treat at the Meritage

1350 13th Street

A chance to eat and socialize  
after the Keynote Address on Friday Night

An open microphone will be available for those who would like to read their material

Please make reservations by Wed. Sept 16

For Meritage's menu, visit [meritageonline.com](http://meritageonline.com)

## Saturday Workshops:

8:30 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Registration General:

\$50 (Before September 1)

\$65 (After September 1)

Discounted: \$40:

Senior Citizen, Active Duty Military,  
College Student or Youth (Under 19)

*Book Sales and Book Signing*

8:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m., Saturday, Sept 26

## Carson McCullers Mixer

for Conference Faculty and Workshop Attendees

6:00-7:30 p.m., Saturday, September 26

**Carson McCullers Center**

1519 Stark Avenue

the house where Columbus Native

Carson McCullers

wrote much of

**The Heart is a Lonely Hunter**

and other literary works



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After a Day of Workshops, Relax with

**Columbus Symphony Orchestra**

and the music of

**Handel, Sibelius and Beethoven**

7:30 p.m., Saturday, September 26, 2009

Bill Heard Theatre at the RiverCenter

900 Broadway

Workshop attendees may purchase an orchestra seat ticket at the reduced price of \$25.00.

For additional information, visit our web site

[chattwriters.org](http://chattwriters.org)

or our web blog

[chattwritersforum.wordpress.com](http://chattwritersforum.wordpress.com)

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