

The Chrysalis Group Presents

Cathy Smith Bowers

Poet-Laureate of North Carolina



A CELEBRATION OF WORDS

Friday, January 28, 2011 • 7-8:30 p.m.

The Chrysalis Group Gathering Space • 3527 Ellwood Avenue (in Carytown)

"[Cathy] draws from her life experiences and from her reading. Her work is at once accessible, but doesn't stint on complexity and displays a mastery of form."

—Mike Kobre, Cathy's colleague and Queens M.F.A. Director

Join us for an evening celebrating the soul of poetry. Cathy Smith Bowers will read a selection of her poems and share the life stories behind them. Bring your own poem to share if you would like.

Cost:

Member - \$25.00; early registration - \$20.00

Non-Member - \$35.00; early registration - \$30.00

YOUR JOURNEY BEGINS

Saturday, January 29, 2011 • 10am-3 p.m.

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"Cathy's powerful poems open new avenues of thought and are a reflection of the love of words and learning."

—North Carolina Governor, Bev Perdue

Cathy believes everyone is a poet! New and experienced writers are invited to explore poetry as a spiritual path. Cathy will share her own poems and teach you a powerful writing process she has developed, by working with an abiding image. Then, you will have the opportunity to draft poems of your own and share them.

Cost:

Member - \$60.00; early registration - \$50.00

Non-Member - \$75.00; early registration - \$65.00

Lunch: 12-1 p.m. Enjoy lunch at a café or grocery within an easy walk, or brown-bag it.

THE SOUL OF POETRY • Soup N' Soul

Sunday, January 30, 2011 • 1-3:00 p.m.

Location given at the time of registration.

"Our major task in writing a poem is to shine a light on a moment of intensity."

—Cathy Smith Bowers

Cathy Smith Bowers will share her own spiritual journey and read related selections from her poetry. Soup N' Soul is a gathering of the Chrysalis community for nourishing body and soul, where a creative presentation is offered with a bowl of soup, bread and drink. Join us as we explore the weaving of community, creativity and spiritual journey.

Cost:

\$25 Members • \$35 Non-Members



"Especially now, we are in a culture deprived of spirituality. We hunger for it and are always looking for ways of having the spirit fed. In the best poetry, the spirit will be fed."

—Cathy Smith Bowers

A distinguished writer and master teacher, Cathy will bring the gift of soul that sharing good poetry—and life journeys—creates. Cathy is the author of four books of poetry, her latest, *The Candle I Hold Up to See You*, published in May, 2009. Her powerful poems about family and loss, which celebrate the "everydayness" of life, have appeared in *the Atlantic Monthly*, *the Southern Review*, *the Kenyon Review* and other major literary magazines. In addition to being named Poet-Laureate in January 2010, Cathy has received numerous writing and teaching awards. She is currently on the faculty for Queens University M.F.A. in Creative Writing, which she helped to establish. She is a poet-in-residence at both Queens and the Hayden Institute, and teaches in UNC Asheville's Great Smokies Writing Program and at Wofford College.

The Chrysalis Group is a non-profit

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