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POETRY FESTIVAL



Opening Celebration: Readings & Reception

October 14, 2016, 6:30 to 8:30 pm

Flyleaf Books

Reception and Socializing

- Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and wine.

Readings *introductions by Gary Phillips*

- Kevin Boyle
- Stuart Dischell
- Alexis Pauline Gumbs
- Debra Kaufman
- Katherine Soniat

Book Signing and Socializing

- Buy books to have the poets sign.

Alexis Pauline Gumbs



Debra Kaufman



Kevin Boyle



Stuart Dischell



Katherine Soniat





Gary Phillips



Celisa Steele



Calvin Olsen

Vincent Kopp



Jacinta White



Grey Brown



Maura High



Grace Ocasio



Allison Hedge Coke

Jay Bryan



Michael McFee



Abigail Browning



Susan Spalt



Gideon Young



Krystin Gollihue

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POETRY FESTIVAL



October 15, 2016
Century Center

12:00 to 8:30 pm
Downtown Carrboro

12:00 Workshop with Michael McFee *welcome by Gary Phillips and introduction by Abigail Browning* ▾ Michael McFee
▾ The workshop focuses on essential elements of poetry, using poems submitted in advance as examples. Regardless of whether you submitted a poem and whether your poem is used, you'll benefit from attending.

1:30 Reading by and Discussion with Allison Hedge Coke *introduction by Gideon Young* ▾ Allison Hedge Coke

3:00 Panel on Healing and Poetry *facilitated by Susan Spalt*
▾ Grey Brown ▾ Krystin Gollihue ▾ Vincent Kopp
▾ Grace Ocasio ▾ Calvin Olsen ▾ Jacinta White

4:30 Open Mic *facilitated by Jay Bryan and Maura High*
▾ Sign up between 12:00 and 4:30 for a chance to read a single poem, no longer than three minutes.

6:00 Reception ▾ Eat, drink, and visit with poets.

7:00 Finale Readings *introductions by Celisa Steele*
▾ Gary Phillips ▾ Michael McFee