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“An Authors & Poets Afternoon”

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Douglasville, Georgia – The Douglas County Connection, in conjunction with its February celebration of Black History & Culture will sponsor its **11th Annual “An Authors & Poets Afternoon”** at the Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County on Sunday, February 21, 2016 at 3:00 pm. This year’s event promises to be just as exciting as the years before with a line- up of noted local authors and poets presenting readings and performances from their respective publications.

Featured guests will be **The Tattletales**, a wonderful group of young people, ages 7 to 15, who tell stories based on oral tradition and books. Stories of the past give insight into the future. These **storytellers** will offer inspiring and enriching tales of the past. Another engaging storyteller is **Ursulla Renee Spratling “Auntie Renee”** who captivates with her award winning work. She puts her creative skills to use by presenting performances that interact with her audiences. “Auntie Renee” & The Tattletales are members of the Kuumba Storytellers of Georgia. Our **storytellers** will offer inspiring and enriching tales of the past.

Sharon Burgess’ fictional bold **“Unraveled Faith”** is a story of two women finding faith & redemption through life’s travels, a relatable and relevant story.

History buffs will enjoy the publication by local author, **Ingrid Landis-Davis**. The author has been closely involved in the publication of numerous magazines, publications and newspapers. Her book, **Short Side of The Triangle**, is historical fiction based on her family’s saga set in the pre-civil rights south. The literary journey continues with a poetry collection, **Blues Child’s Verse to Song**. Unexpectedly there is also the chance to experience Landis-Davis’ literary diversity via her published

cookbook, **Exotic Soul Kitchen**..cooking with tropical fruits, taken from her life in the south pacific.

Literary publications come to life via illustrations. And so, literary illustrations will be presented by **Dynasty Nunn**. The story of a young girl comes to life as she transcends the world of foster care.

Younger audience will enjoy author, **Tiffany Bowers**. “**A Date with Daddy**” reinforces healthy family relationship and the special bond between daughter and father.

The character “**Sunrae**” has come to life. Author, **Mona Scott** has supported “Afternoon with Authors” over the years with her stories & products developed for **Sunrae**. This year, she proudly makes the inaugural appearance of **Sunrae , the doll**.

Jackie Dotson reveals how consecration and fasting team up as a powerful tool, to get closer to God in unimaginable ways. “**Journey to Praise: A Book of Consecration and Fasting**” tell of such an amazing journey.

The featured poet is **Barbara Kendall Reed** who will present poetic readings based on her worldly experiences . Her book of art & poetry combines her love of abstract art with her expressive inspirational writings. Her art is an explosive experience with colors; it is no accident that the book is entitled, “**Life Iz Colorful**.”

Dr. Bill Willis and **Louis Kates** will present their experiences as they travel the route to publication. Dr. Willis’ manuscript, **Llewellyn Park**, is the story of a romantic adventure involving a couple that move into an exclusive gated community. They encounter intriguing cyber- crime and numerous crises. Louis Kates takes us on his “bucket list” goal to travel all of the 50 states & share the “how-to’s” of the adventure with him and his wife.

Fasten your seatbelts and get set for a raucous ride when **Barbara Miles**, the former *Chocolate Single Magazine* founder reenters a public school classroom as a substitute teacher. Little did she suspect that 21st century schools function in a different & unpredictable orbit. **Ms. Thang Goes Back to School: Survival Lessons from a Substitute Teacher** tells her story.

Families, children, women & men, young and old, will enjoy the variety of literary talent. This event is free and open to the public.

Copies of the authors’ books and other publications will be available for purchase.

Location: The Cultural Arts Council of Douglasville/Douglas County
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