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Friends of the Library News

By Mary Kate Keith



Lee Smith To Be the Featured Speaker at 2003 Spring Dinner

A very special evening is in store for those who attend the Friends of the Library's 2003 Spring Dinner. Lee Smith will be the guest speaker at the annual event, which will be held on Wednesday, April 30, 2003. Lee's latest novel, *The Last Girls*, published in 2002, was selected as the number one pick for September and October 2002 by "Book Sense 76." It also received starred reviews in *Publishers Weekly* and *Booklist*. *USA Today* said in its review that, "An honest portrait of intelligent, well-rounded southerners is always refreshing, and *The Last Girls* delivers."

Helen W. Evans, chair of the Friends of the Library's Program Committee, praised Smith, saying,

Lee makes the audience her friend. She is a marvelous speaker who is engaging and always delivers a strong, thoughtful story. We look forward to welcoming her back to NC State for this special night.

Smith, a retired faculty member from NC State's Department of English, has written many books, including best-selling novels *Oral History* and *Fair and Tender Ladies* and the collections *Me and My Baby*, *View the Eclipse* and *News of the Spirit*, both *New York Times* Notable Books. Her awards include the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Writer's Award and



SUSAN WOODLEY RAINES

Lee Smith.

the 1999 Academy Award for fiction from the American Academy of Arts and Letters. The Libraries' Special Collections Department has a Web exhibit on her career entitled "A Diamond from Coal Country" at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/archives/exhibits/leesmith/>. She grew up in Grundy, Virginia, graduated from Hollins University in Virginia, and resides in Hillsborough, North Carolina.

Please plan to join us for a wonderful evening with one of North Carolina's most distinguished writers. For event and ticket information, please call the Friends of the Library at (919) 515-2841. ❖

Friends of the Library To Sponsor Seminars

◆ Reserve a Space ◆

On Saturday, February 1, 2003, the Friends of the Library will host two informative seminars for Friends members and for the interested public. Beginning at 9:00 A.M., the first seminar will discuss preservation needs of personal collections. This will be followed by a session on rare-book collecting. See the schedule below for complete descriptions.

The seminars will be held in the Faculty Senate Chambers in the West (Erdahl-Cloyd) Wing of the D. H. Hill Library and are free and open to the public. Seating is limited, and advance registration is required. Participants can register for the seminars by calling the Friends of the Library at (919) 515-2841. Please call no later than January 29, 2003, to reserve a space.

SEMINARS

9:00 to 10:30 A.M.

Preservation Solutions for Private Collections

Scott Devine, head of the NCSU Libraries Preservation Department, will discuss preservation issues for small personal collections. Participants will learn what can be done on a limited budget to preserve collections of personal papers, books, and family photographs. Key issues will include:

- environmental concerns, such as light damage, temperature, relative humidity, and pest management
- proper storage and handling
- matting and framing
- basic repair techniques for papers and photographs
- working with a private conservator

The library will provide free catalogs and other samples. Participants are welcome to bring items from their personal collections for advice on preservation options.

11:00 A.M. to 12:30 P.M.

A Gentle Madness: An Introduction to the Joys and Woes of Book Collecting

Anyone who is a collector of books or is interested in learning more about book collecting should attend this seminar. Linda McCormick, assistant curator for rare books and research services in Special Collections, invites novices as well as established collectors to attend this introductory workshop on building personal libraries and book collections. Topics will include:

- what makes a book rare
- book collecting online and off
- tips for assessing values of collections
- how to decipher a dealer's description of a book
- an overview of basic book terms

The Friends is pleased to host these seminars for its members and the general public. Please remember to reserve a seat by calling (919) 515-2841 no later than January 29, 2003. ◆



[Left] Scott Devine.



[Right] Linda McCormick.

Red Wolves, Pallas' Cats, and Gorillas: The 2002 Fall Luncheon

Red wolves, Pallas' cats, and gorillas highlighted discussions at the Friends of the Library's annual Fall Luncheon on November 1, 2002. Michael Stoskopf, professor of aquatics, wildlife, and zoological medicine and of molecular and environmental toxicology, educated the audience about the dangers these animals face and the efforts being made by researchers at the NC State College of Veterinary Medicine to save them. While all three species have faced extinction, the amazing work of NC State faculty and students has given new hope to saving them. Red wolves are being successfully reintroduced to the Alligator River National Wildlife Refuge located near Manteo, North Carolina. Pallas' cats, native to Mongolia and dying from disease, have produced disease-free kittens at the College of Veterinary Medicine. Gorillas are being studied ever more closely to determine how best to protect them in areas subject to human warfare and poaching.

Regarding Pallas' cats, NC State vets have successfully raised the cats' offspring by taking newborn kittens from the birth mothers and having domestic, disease-free house cats nurse them as surrogate mothers. This experiment has produced disease-free Pallas' cats, an astonishing success.

In the case of gorillas, Stoskopf vividly described the difficult and sometime dangerous work of NC State graduate students and faculty who work to save the few remaining gorillas in Africa. Stoskopf's talk provided an exciting and informative look at work being done in North Carolina that has far-reaching effects for animal conservation around the globe.

Susan Nutter presented the fourteenth annual NCSU Libraries Faculty award to George L. Hodge, associate professor of textiles and apparel, technology and management at the College of Textiles. Hodge has worked closely with librarians at the Burlington Textiles Library to teach information literacy to students taking his courses (*see* "George Hodge Receives 2002 NCSU Libraries Faculty Award," in "Part I: Library News," page 6). ❖



Michael Stoskopf was the keynote speaker at the 2002 Fall Luncheon.



Vice Provost and Director of Libraries Susan Nutter [left] congratulates George Hodge, the 2002 recipient of the NCSU Libraries Faculty Award.

Friends of the Library Board of Directors, 2002–2003



Front row, seated, left to right:

Sue Daughtridge, Friends' President Assad Meymandi, Suzy Purrington, Lawrence Apple.

Second row, left to right:

Maryann Bitzer, Emma-Garnett Satterfield, Helen Evans, Vice Provost and Director of Libraries Susan Nutter, Cyma Rubin, Elizabeth Bell, Director of Library Development Tracy Proctor.

Back row, left to right:

Tom Ward, Hayne Palmour, Patches Meares, Terry Wood, John Stewart.

Not pictured:

James S. Fulghum III, Kaye Gibbons, Mansour H. Mohamed, Linda G. Murphy, Nancy R. Olson, Robert L. Purcell, W. Trent Ragland III, K. C. Ramsay, Wyndham Robertson, William E. Willis Jr., Brenda Wilson, and George Worsley Jr.

Tony Horwitz Wows Audience



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Tony Horwitz, Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist and best-selling author of *Confederates in the Attic*, appeared at NC State's McKimmon Center on November 5, 2002, for a special reading sponsored by the Friends of the Library and Quail Ridge Books and Music of Raleigh. His talk explored his entertaining new book, *Blue Latitudes: Boldly Going Where Captain Cook Has Gone Before*, a tale of high-seas adventure and a portrait of one of history's greatest navigators, Captain James Cook.

To research the book, Horwitz spent eighteen months retracing Cook's voyages across the Pacific. His travels took him to Tahiti, New Zealand, Australia, Tonga, Hawaii, the Aleutian Islands, and Yorkshire, England. Horwitz even took a voyage on a replica of Cook's ship, the *Endeavor*, to get a feel for what sailors of the time experienced. He lived and worked as an eighteenth-century seaman. "I slept in a narrow

hammock, fourteen-inches wide, in the ship's hold alongside forty others, and climbed the 127-foot main mast to furl sails in rolling seas. We're wimps compared to Cook and his men who did this for three years at a time."

Horwitz summed up Cook's adventures saying, "This is an experience we can't have today, no matter how far we travel. The only remotely similar experience would be if a spacecraft landed in our backyard and aliens stepped out to greet us. Except Hollywood has prepared us even for that. Cook was open, tolerant, and willing to learn from unfamiliar cultures."

Publishers Weekly gave the book a starred review, commenting that "Horwitz skillfully paces the book by intertwining his own often amusing adventures with tales of Cook and his men. Despite the historical focus, Horwitz doesn't stray too far from the encounters with everyday people that gave his previous books such zest." ❖



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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

✓ *Special Seminars*

February 1, 2003

The Friends will host seminars on preserving private book collections and on the joys of rare-book collecting.

✓ *Spring Dinner*

April 30, 2003

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