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Local poets have their month, their say

The Ferrington Poet's Corner, featuring a dozen local poets, gave their annual reading to a full house at McIntyre's Bookstore during Wednesday afternoon on April 15. The audience received a pleasant deluge of some two dozen short – but always pithy – poems followed by a conversation-filled wine and cheese close out.

The occasion focused on two themes. First, dedication of the reading to a local personality of note, Margaret George, one of the Poet's Corner founders, who passed away on March 19, was a fine poet, a remarkable person, giving of herself in working with local hospice services, and known for backing a variety of efforts to improve life in Chatham County. Three of the assembled poets read a group of Margaret's poems, all of which underlined her witty view of life and her status as a poet among poets.

The second theme was orchestrated into a local hurrah as poets – and their poetry – celebrated April

as National Poetry Month. The group has grounds for celebration.

The Poet's Corner began four years ago, meeting once a month at the Players Room, Galloway Ridge via the courtesy of the latter's Board of Directors. During that time, the group has produced well over 500 poems, published a poetry collection, "Beautiful Spirit," in 2006 and recently began a monthly newsletter, "Poeticals", available to members and anyone with a yen for poetry.

The McIntyre reading covered a surprising range of titles: "When We Were Ten," "The Sea," "Ellington," "Comfort of Conformity," "Hank's (Williams) Last Ride," "Blue Ballad," "On My Dogs Getting Old," "Ignorance, Darwin and Aging." Ms. George's poems were "Lucy in Transition," "One Day" and "Memories."

So you'll remember them as they become more well known through readings and publications, the Poet's Corner core at the April 15 reading were: Jeannette Shaw-Lynch, Marsha Altmeyer, Ken and Helen Eill, Judy Barrett, Barry Reece, Sharon Blessum, Forrest Greenslade, and Rosemarie Roth. A close friend of Margaret George — Sylvia Ross — gave the eulogy, highlighted by

excerpts from a sheaf of Margaret's poems.

For more information on Ferrington Poet's Corner, including a gratis subscription signup for "Poeticals," email bsommers@earthlink.net.

— William Sommers

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20th Annual Haw River Festival

"A festival to celebrate the Haw River as a Source of Inspiration!" will be the theme for the 20th annual Haw River Festival on Saturday, May 9, at Old Bynum Bridge. Originating in Guilford County, the Haw River is one of North Carolina's most magnificent rivers and is rich in natural and cultural history. The Haw River Festival is a community-based event that explores the role of the Haw in our hearts and minds, and the correlation between all of its communities of life.

This year's festival will bring together nature and music lovers, artists and scientists from many disciplines, to converge on the topic of the Haw River as experienced through creative expression. The festival will bridge the arts and sciences through and workshops and activities such as painting Clyde Jones' critters, canoe rides, nature walks, identifying river critters, performance and photography.

This year's festival will also include a gallery of artists, non profit and environmental agencies offering up information on conservation and preservation practices in our neighborhoods and communities. A silent auction will feature the work of Jones along with a raffle of a brand new Dagger Approach 10.0 Kayak. Live performances by The Never, The Chuck Davis African American Dance Ensemble, Risuenos, The Tim Smith Band, The Paperhand Puppet Intervention, Louise Kessel & Jef and who could forget Cynthia Crossen and the Festival jam.?

The 20th Annual Haw River Festival is made possible by the Haw River Assembly. HRA is a non-profit citizens' group founded in 1982 to restore and protect the Haw River and Jordan Lake, and to build a watershed community that shares this vision. For more information, contact germane@hawriver.org or 919.542.5790.

Red Cross needs your blood

You can help the American Red Cross save lives by donating blood at the Pittsboro Community Blood Drive on Tuesday, May 5, from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

in the Belmont Station parking lot at the intersection of 15/501 and Hwy 64. Registration will be held at New Branch Chiropractic & Health Center.

The drive is sponsored by New Branch Chiropractic & Health Center, PLLC, Snap Fitness and Pittsboro Dental Associates. Walk-ins will be welcome or appointments can be made with Dr. Nygren or Gloria Benson at 642-0555.



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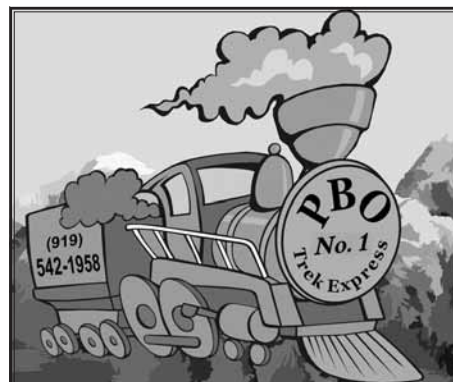
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