

The 2018 William Friday Teachers Retreat

In honor of Wilma Dykeman

“Carolina Voices”

*Designed to equally **educate** and **appreciate** our state’s incredible teachers*

Wednesday, July 25 – Friday, July 27, 2018 | Asheville, NC

Generously sponsored by the [North Caroliniana Society](#) and the Hillsdale Fund, Inc.

Wednesday, July 25 | The Collider, Theatre A/B | 1 Haywood Street, Suite 401

12:30 – 1:00 **Registration & Refreshments**

1:00 – 1:50 **Welcome & Introductions**
Christie Norris | [Carolina K-12](#)

2:00 – 3:15 **Talkin’ Tar Heel: How Our Voices Tell the Story of North Carolina**
[Dr. Walt Wolfram](#) | NC State University

Do you know what a “dingbatter” is? If someone tells you a poster on your classroom wall is a little “sigogglin,” what do they mean? Dr. Wolfram, co-author of the book [Talkin’ Tar Heel](#), will start our exploration of North Carolina history & culture by discussing how language & dialect provide a window into NC’s rich & diverse cultural & historical heritage. Participants will receive a copy of the book that Dr. Wolfram will be happy to sign at the end of his session. Access ready-to-implement lesson plans for integrating excerpts of the book in your classroom [here](#).

3:15 – 3:30 **Break & Book Signing**

3:30 – 4:45 **Cherokee Knowledge: Tending the Fire in 2018**
Dr. [Ben Frey](#) | Department of American Studies, UNC-Chapel Hill

The Cherokee people have a long and storied history in what are today known as the Southern Appalachian Mountains. Nearly 18,000 enrolled members make up the Eastern Band of Cherokee Indians, descendants of those who remained in their homeland after the Trail of Tears in 1838. In this session we will explore some prevailing (and harmful) stereotypes about American Indians and contrast these with Cherokee life in North Carolina today. We will examine how traditional knowledge can shape a Cherokee world view, and tie this to the importance of carrying Cherokee language and culture forward into the future.

4:45 – 5:00 Break

5:00 – 6:00 **Songs & Stories of Western Carolina**
[Joe Penland](#) with accompanist Cathy Arrowood

Deep in the Appalachian mountains of North Carolina there's a front porch that has been the destination of many folks who love the mountains, its music and stories. Grammy winners to kids with their first banjo have made their way to the place Joe Penland simply calls "the farm". Deemed a "Cultural Treasure" by The Asheville Citizen Times, and the recipient of the coveted Bascom Lunsford Award, [Joe Penland](#) – accompanied by Cathy Arrowood - will immerse us in Western culture through stories and song!

6:00 – 8:00 **Teacher Appreciation Dinner at [Strada Italiano](#)** | 27 Broadway

- A Toast to Teachers – *Christie Norris*
- Greetings from Jim Stokely, President of the [Wilma Dykeman Legacy](#)
- A Welcome from Our Hosts, the [North Caroliniana Society](#) – *Jim Clark, President*

Thursday, July 26

8:00 – 9:00 **Breakfast & Book Talk at [Malaprops Bookstore](#)** | 55 Haywood Street

No trip to Asheville is complete without a visit to one of North Carolina's most famous independent bookstores. We'll spend the morning with private access to Malaprops Bookstore, where we'll enjoy breakfast while staff provide a brief book talk on North Carolina authors. And because the North Caroliniana Society appreciates each of you so much, you'll receive your own \$10 gift card to Malaprops to spend now or later!

9:15 – 10:00 **The Life & Legacy of Wilma Dykeman** | The Collider, Theatre A/B – 1 Haywood Street
Jim Stokely | President of the Wilma Dykeman Legacy

Asheville native [Wilma Dykeman](#) (1920 - 2006), in whose honor this event is held, was a writer, speaker, teacher, historian, & environmentalist who admirably stood for environmental integrity, social justice, and the power of the written and spoken word. We are honored to have her son Jim Stokely with us to talk about Wilma Dykeman's life and legacy, as well as share readings from her posthumously-published memoir, *Family of Earth: A Southern Mountain Childhood*.

10:00 – 10:10 Break

10:10 – 11:00 **Curriculum Connections: NC's Lumbee Fight for Justice**
Christie Norris, [Carolina K-12](#)

We don't want you worried about how to teach the various concepts we are covering throughout our three days together (this is supposed to be a "retreat," after all), so let Carolina K-12 do your lesson planning for you! In this session you will sample a Carolina K-12 lesson plan that highlights North Carolina's rich American Indian history in an exploration of the Lumbee "Battle of Hayes Pond."

11:00 – 11:10 Break

11:10 – 12:30 **Integrating History & Fiction in the Classroom**
Dr. Terry Roberts | [Author](#) and Director of the [National Paideia Center](#)

Join novelist Terry Roberts in a session dedicated to exploring the overlap between history and fiction. You will have the chance to read and discuss excerpts from Terry's award winning novels juxtaposed with the historical documents that influenced them, as well as explore other texts and strategies for integrating history and story in the K-12 classroom.

- 12:30 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 2:00 **From Slavery to Civil Rights, an Aural History Tour**
Mary D. Williams, Performer & Adjunct Professor, Duke Center for Documentary Studies
A combination of spirituals, protest songs, and inspiring gospel, this performance will take you on an aural history tour from the time of slavery through the Civil Rights Movement. (Listen to Mrs. Williams on NPR [here](#).) Teachers will receive a free copy of Mrs. Williams' CD, [Blood Done Sign My Name](#), for use in the classroom! See UNC's [Documenting the American South](#) online exhibits, such as [North American Slave Narratives](#) for related primary sources and information to utilize back in your classroom.
- 2:00 - 4:00 **Ashville on Your Own!**
Enjoy some time with your new friends from around the region as you take a break to explore Asheville in your very own way! Need some suggestions?
- [Black Mountain College Museum](#) celebrates the history and legacy of Black Mountain College, an experiment in community and arts-centered education.
 - Need some fresh air? The [NC Arboretum](#), with a mission of "Cultivating Connections between People and Plants" offers a 434-acre public garden.
 - Biltmore Estate: Arrive before our private tour to explore the [gardens & grounds](#), [gift shops](#), and more.
 - For a sweet afternoon pick-me-up, check out [French Broad Chocolates](#) or the [Chocolate Fetish!](#) Or, for sweets and art, check out [Woolworth Walk](#), an art gallery in a historic building including a restored soda fountain!
 - [aSHEville Musuem](#) is an art museum celebrating women and girls.
 - And these are only a small sampling of the possibilities! Go to <https://www.exploreasheville.com/things-to-do/> to discover even more possibilities and enjoy!
- 4:10 – 4:30 **Arrival at Biltmore Estate** | 1 Lodge Street
Please arrive at Biltmore by 4:10 PM to allow time for parking. At Biltmore House, you may choose between Park & Ride and Park & Walk parking lots. (Park & Ride shuttles guests to the front of Biltmore House whereas Park & Walk requires an 8-10 minute walk.)
- 4:30 – 6:00 **Private Tour of Biltmore House**
No trip to Asheville is complete without a visit to the luxurious grounds and family home of George and Edith Vanderbilt. Enjoy a private, customized tour of the [Biltmore](#), a marvel of historical elegance and charm, as magnificent today as it was more than a century ago. You'll see displays of vintage clothing, accessories, art, furniture, and more that tell stories and illustrate the lives of the Vanderbilt family, their guests, and employees.
- 6:15 – 7:00 **Group Photo, Wine Tasting & Reception at the Biltmore Winery**
We will end our day together with a relaxing beverage, light snacks and great company at the beautiful Biltmore Winery.
- Enjoy dinner on your own/with your new friends! Asheville has something for everyone!**
Check out <https://www.exploreasheville.com/foodtopia/> for suggestions.

Friday, July 27

- 7:30 – 9/9:45 **Check Out & OPTIONAL Breakfast at [Early Girl Café](#) | 8 Wall Street**
Experience one of Asheville’s favorite eclectic eateries! At your leisure, you can sit down at Early Girl Café and order from their breakfast menu (or pop in and order something to go.) Let the server know you are with the Friday Teachers Retreat and your tab will be covered by the North Caroliniana Society! Please leave at least 45 – 60 minutes for breakfast if dining in.
Hotel guests should make sure to check out of your rooms before heading to the Thomas Wolfe House.
- 9:00 – 10:00 **[Thomas Wolfe Memorial](#) | OPTIONAL Film & Exhibit Exploration | 52 West Market Street**
Arrive at the Thomas Wolfe Memorial anytime between 9:00 – 10:00 AM for independent exploration of their exhibits. A brief 22 minute film plays at 9:00 AM and again at 9:30 AM that provides an overview of Thomas Wolfe.
- 10:00 – 11:00 **[Thomas Wolfe Memorial](#) Private Tour | 52 West Market Street**
Considered by many to be one of the giants of 20th-century American literature, Thomas Wolfe immortalized his childhood home in his epic autobiographical novel, *Look Homeward, Angel*. Wolfe’s colorful portrayal of his family, his hometown of “Altamont” Asheville, North Carolina, and “Dixieland” the Old Kentucky Home boardinghouse, earned the Victorian period house a place as one of American literature’s most famous landmarks. Please arrive by 10 AM when our day will officially begin with a private tour of the house.
- 11:00 – 11:20 Break and return to Collider
- 11:20 – 12:30 **Integrating the North Carolina Collection into Your Classroom**
The North Carolina Collection is dedicated to preserving literary, visual, and artefactual materials illustrating four centuries of the colony and state of North Carolina. In this session, teachers will be introduced to the vast resources available in this collection for integrating Carolina Voices into your classroom! Learn how to navigate their extensive [Online Exhibitions & Digital Collections](#) and make sure to check out on your own ready-made lessons that accompany some of their materials, such as “[Sour Stomachs and Galloping Headaches](#)” – [Exploring the Medical History of North Carolina](#) and [What can a Postcard tell you about NC Geography?](#)
- 12:30 – 1:00 Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:40 **Curriculum Connections: Exploring “Tips and Tricks”**
Christie Norris, [Carolina K-12](#)
Albert Einstein defined insanity as “doing the same thing over and over again and expecting different results.” If you feel students are not as engaged in your lessons as you would like them to be, sometimes implementing the smallest of strategies can make a big difference. In this session, share your best “tips and tricks” that can be used to better activate learners.

1:45 – 3:15

Witness to the Holocaust

[Dr. Walter Ziffer](#) | Holocaust survivor, freelance writer, author

In this deeply personal talk, Holocaust survivor Dr. Walter Ziffer will discuss the difficulties he experienced surviving German genocide. As a Jew and a native of Czechoslovakia, he will share first-hand experiences of his town's invasion by Nazi troops on September 1, 1939, the two years following the occupation, deportation in June 1942, being conscripted into forced labor (which led to the deaths of most of his family members), and his induction into the German concentration camp empire. This is also the story of his first love—a love decimated by Nazi brutality which has left a mark that persists to this day. Using accounts from his own experiences, he will discuss the treatment received by prisoners, liberation by the Soviet army, beginning a new life after the war, as well as of the importance of maintaining vigilance so as to prevent a repeat of this atrocity.

3:15 – 3:45

Group Photo, Reflections and Closing

3:45 – 4:00

Evaluations and Adjourn



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- **Chuck Pickering**, for hosting a complimentary teacher appreciation reception and wine tasting at the Biltmore Winery.
- **Jim Stokley**, for his time, guidance and advice in support of this event.



Make sure you visit Carolina K-12's Database of K-12 Resources, which includes hundreds of standards-aligned lessons, Power Point presentations, and other classroom activities: <http://k12database.unc.edu/>