



THOMAS TAYLOR & ELYSE BRUCE



Rose Glen

Rose Glen Literary Festival was named to honor the history and legacy of Rose Glen Plantation. Thanks to a generous gift by the late Reese Marshall Ripatti who donated 67 acres, Walters State Community College, Sevier County Campus, is located on a portion of the storied plantation. The Rose Glen Literary Festival was held there from 2010 to 2013.

At its height, Rose Glen was one of the largest and most lucrative farms in Sevier County, and one of the most productive in East Tennessee. While the farm is no longer operational, the plantation house and several outbuildings— including a physician's office, loom house and double-cantilever barn— have survived intact, and have been placed on the National Register of Historic Places.

Rose Glen was established in the late 1840s by Dr. Robert Hatton Hodsden (1806–1864), a Sevier County physician and politician who by 1860 had become one of the county's wealthiest individuals. Hodsden was an attending physician for the Cherokee Removal (commonly called the Trail of Tears) in the late 1830s, and between 1841 and 1845, he served as a representative in the Tennessee state legislature. Although he was a slave owner, Hodsden was staunchly pro-Union during the American Civil War, and was a member of the Sevier County delegation at the East Tennessee Unionist Convention in Greeneville in 1861. After his death, Hodsden's descendants continued to manage Rose Glen well into the 20th century.

February 25, 2017

9:00 am –3:00 pm

Sevierville Convention Center

**202 Gists Creek Road
Sevierville, Tennessee**



9:15 am-10:00 am

June Hall McCash - "Titanic Love Story"
Ballroom A



June Hall McCash is the author of seven non-fiction books and four historical novels. Her debut novel "Almost to Eden" won the Georgia Author of the Year Award for First Novel in 2011. She was the founding director of the MTSU Honors Program and chair of the University's Department of Foreign Languages.

Kristina Horton - "Martyr of Luray Mill: Ella May and the 1929 Textile Workers' Strike in Gastonia, North Carolina", Classroom A

Kristina Horton, is the author of "Martyr of Luray Mill: Ella May and the 1929 Textile Workers' Strike in Gastonia, North Carolina". She will talk about her great-grandmother Ella May, a union organizer and Balladeer who became a martyr for workers nationwide when she was murdered on her way to a union meeting. Her most famous ballad, "Mill Mother's Lament," reveals Ella's motivation.



10:00 am-10:45 am

A Celebration with Wilma Dykeman's son Jim Stokely, Ballroom A



After Wilma Dykeman's death in 2006, an unpublished manuscript titled "Family of Earth: A Southern Mountain Childhood" was discovered in her papers. Dykeman's son, Jim Stokely, will discuss the book and present the video of the remarkable life of his mother and her impact on the region.

Children's Program

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Elyse Bruce - "Barn Stormin", Alcove

She is an author of more than 20 books as well as two instrumental CDs. She has illustrated numerous novels and short stories. She is the author of the Missy Barrett Adventure Series for young readers 8 and over. Her most recent which is number 7 in the series is titled "Barn Stormin." In the adventure Barrett flies in a 1927 Waco biplane with real life pilot, Marc Hightower of Sky High Air Tours in Sevierville.



Workshop

10:00 am - 10:45 am

Laura Still and Brent Minchey of Celtic Cat Publishing, Classroom A



In early 2015 Laura Still and Brent Minchey purchased Celtic Cat Publishing from its founder Jim Johnston. They will speak about their experience running a local independent publishing company and advise writers on how to prepare their work for publication.

11:15 am-12:15 pm

Jon Jefferson & Dr. Bill Bass - Ballroom A



Jefferson Bass is the writing team of Dr. Bill Bass and Jon Jefferson. Dr. Bass, a world-renowned forensic anthropologist, founded the University of Tennessee's Anthropology Research Facility. He is the author or coauthor of more than two hundred scientific publications, as well as a critically acclaimed memoir about his career, "Death's Acre." Dr. Bass is also a dedicated teacher, honored as National Professor of the Year by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Jefferson is a veteran journalist, writer, and documentary filmmaker. His writings have been published in the *New York Times*, *Newsweek*, *USA Today*, and *Popular Science* and broadcast on National Public Radio.

2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

Panel - "Ups and Down of an East Tennessee writer", Ballroom A



Sam Venable has written for the Knoxville News Sentinel since 1970, first as outdoors editor and since 1985 as a columnist who specializes in humor. He is an author of 12 books. His most recent two books are "Warning! This Product Contains Nuttiness: A Fun Look at the Bizarre World in which We Live" and "How to Tawlk and Rite Good: A guide to the language of Southern Appalachia".

Stephen Lyn Bales Nature writer, illustrator, photographer, lawn mower, recycler of recyclables, bird-feeder, senior naturalist at Ijams Nature Center in Knoxville and native son of Gatlinburg. He finds himself "lost in the wrong century, an exasperating position to be without a proper map.



Dr. Lin Stepp is on adjunct faculty at Tusculum College where she teaches research and has taught a wide variety of psychology and counseling courses for over 16 years. Her business background includes over 25 years in marketing, sales, production art, and regional publishing. She has editorial and writing experience in regional magazines and in the academic field. Stepp has nine published novels each set in different locations around the Smoky Mountains. She and her husband have published a Smokies hiking guide.

12:30 pm - 1:45 pm

Ben Montgomery
Luncheon keynote speaker



Ben Montgomery is a staff writer at the Tampa Bay Times and cofounder of the Auburn Chautauqua, a Southern writers' collective. He was a finalist for the Pulitzer Prize in 2010 and has won many other national writing awards.

Emma Gatewood was the first woman to hike the entire Appalachian Trail alone, as well as the first person—man or woman—to walk it twice and three times and she did it all after the age of 65. This is the first and only biography of Grandma Gatewood, as the reporters called her, who became a hiking celebrity in the 1950s and '60s. She appeared on TV with Groucho Marx and Art Linkletter, and on the pages of *Sports Illustrated*. The inspiring story of Emma Gatewood illustrates the full power of human spirit and determination.

Program

Welcome - Brenda McCroskey

Video Presentation:

"Telling Our Stories: One Page at a Time"

Introductions - Carroll McMahan

Keynote Address - Ben Montgomery

Prize Drawings

Menu

Garden Mixed Greens Salad

Beef Wellington

Oven Roasted New Red Potatoes

Citrus Marinated Roasted Asparagus

Fresh Baked Rolls

Cheesecake with Raspberry Coulis

Sweet Tea and Iced Water

Coffee on request