

First Thursday Urban Appalachian Literary Salon

Sponsored by the Urban Appalachian Community Coalition

Lydia's on Ludlow

329 Ludlow Ave.

Cincinnati, OH 45220

Winter/Spring 2017 Series

Thursday, February 2, 7-9 pm

Tellico Family Band: A Songwriting Family

Tellico is a 3-generation Appalachian family band that includes Nancy and Jim Cook, their daughter, Sherry Cook Stanforth and their 13-year-old grandchild, Aubrey Stanforth plus an occasional other grandchild or two. Sherry and Aubrey, both talented poets as well as musicians, are the songwriters of the band, continuing the tradition of Appalachian and urban Appalachian ballad writing into the twenty-first century. Both Tellico's original and traditional Appalachian songs tell stories of land and family, love and loss, changed ways of living and working. Come hear some music, sing-along or help keep the rhythm, and engage in conversation about urban Appalachian music today.

Thursday, March 2, 7-9 pm

Our Beloved Community: Poetry, Story and Song about Over-the-Rhine

In 2011, Over the Rhine Community Housing commissioned poets Richard Hague, Pauletta Hansel, Michael Henson and Desirae Hosley to create a performance of poetry, story and song in collaboration with Over the Rhine residents. The resulting piece incorporates multiple voices and points of view as inspired by a series of neighborhood conversations and writing workshops the four writers conducted, highlighting the ways in which Over-the-Rhine residents demonstrate a resiliency of spirit and strength in their connection with each other. Join us for a performance and discussion.

Thursday, April 6, 7-9 pm

Palindrome: Poems of My Mother by Pauletta Hansel *Palindrome* is a series of poems by Cincinnati Poet Laureate Pauletta Hansel written in response to her mother's dementia. The story of two generations of Appalachian women in flux, *Palindrome* considers the changeability of memory and time and the shared loss of identity as the mother/daughter relationship alters in such a profound way. Poems include those crafted from the mother's handwritten memoirs describing, among other things, her early years in eastern Kentucky, as well as the poet's own experience as caregiver. A discussion of poetry as a tool for both documenting what was and understanding what is will follow the reading.

Note: Come early for a good seat, and to order locally-sourced, organic food, coffee, tea and craft cocktails at Lydia's on Ludlow (Om Eco Café).

For information about the Urban Appalachian Community Coalition and its Urban Appalachian Literary Salon visit <http://uacvoice.org/>.

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