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5th Annual Thomas Wolfe Short Story Book Club Author-led Short Story Discussion Series

Free evening events, 5:30 - 7:00 PM with refreshments,
in downtown Asheville at the Thomas Wolfe Memorial State Historic Site

ASHEVILLE: Thomas Wolfe, one of America's greatest writers, has never lacked for people interested in his larger-than-life persona, his love affair with Aline Bernstein, his love-hate affair with Asheville, his colorful family, or other aspects of his life and career. But the one thing that all writers need – Thomas Wolfe included – is readers.

If you've ever been interested in reading more of Thomas Wolfe's writings, but may have put off by the length of his novels, now is the perfect opportunity to dip into his work by reading some of his short stories. Beginning in January of 2019 and continuing through April, a monthly Thomas Wolfe Short Story Book Club will meet in downtown Asheville at the Thomas Wolfe Memorial State Historic Site. Each month, a different local author will lead the club in discussion of a pre-selected short story written by Thomas Wolfe.

The good news is that you don't have to attend all club meetings, or even multiple meetings, to be a member. Just read any of the selected short stories, show up at the corresponding meeting, and be prepared for an informative and provocative conversation.

Thomas Wolfe Book Club meetings will take place every month from January through April at 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM. Refreshments will be served from 5:30 to 5:45; the discussion will take place from 5:45 PM to 7:00 PM. Our text, from which all story selections have been made since 2015, is **The Complete Short Stories of Thomas Wolfe**, edited by Francis E. Skipp with a Foreword by James Dickey (New York: Scribner's, 1987). This book is on sale at the Thomas Wolfe Memorial and at local bookstores.

Thursday, January 17

- Thomas Wolfe short story: "His Father's Earth"
- Discussion leader: Terry Roberts, winner of the 2016 Thomas Wolfe Literary Award for his novel *That Bright Land*

Thursday, February 14

- Thomas Wolfe short stories: "Return" and "Old Catawba"
- Discussion leader: Brandon Johnson, Instructor of English at Mars Hill University

Thursday, March 14

- Thomas Wolfe short story: "Circus at Dawn"
- Discussion leaders: Dan Clare, English teacher, A.C. Reynolds High School
Ana Clare, member, Thomas Wolfe Memorial advisory board

Thursday, April 11

- Thomas Wolfe short story: "The Hollyhock Savers"
- Discussion leader: Ellen Brown, author of *John Apperson's Lake George*

About the Wilma Dykeman Legacy

The Wilma Dykeman Legacy is a tax-exempt non-profit organization founded in 2012 to sustain and promote Wilma Dykeman's values by sponsoring workshops, events, and other programs. The core values of this extraordinary woman from Buncombe County included environmental integrity, social justice, and the power of the written and spoken word. For more information, visit www.wilmadykemanlegacy.org.