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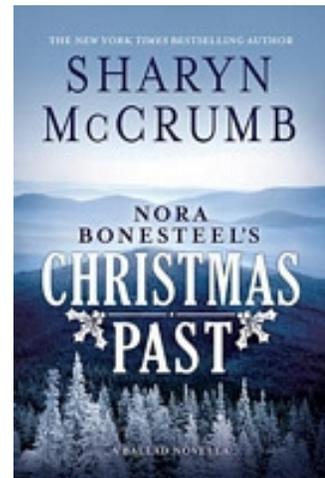
“Nora Bonesteel’s Christmas Past: A Ballad Novella” **A Lecture and Book Signing by** **Award-Winning Author Sharyn McCrumb**

PROGRAM: *“Nora Bonesteel’s Christmas Past: A Ballad Novella,”*
Lecture and Book Signing by Sharyn McCrumb

DATE: Thursday, October 9, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.

LOCATION: East Tennessee History Center
601 South Gay Street
Knoxville, TN 37902

ADMISSION: FREE



(Knoxville, TN) The East Tennessee Historical Society and the Friends of the Knox County Public Library are pleased to announce that popular Appalachian author Sharyn McCrumb will be the guest speaker for a presentation and book signing in celebration of her new book, *Nora Bonesteel’s Christmas Past*. The novel tells a hauntingly beautiful Christmas story of spirits, memories, and angels unaware. The book is a welcome revisit with some of her most beloved characters who understand all too well that there is more to this world than the eye can see, especially at Christmastime. The event is at 7 p.m., October 9, 2014, at the East Tennessee History Center, and is free and open to the public.

About Sharyn McCrumb

The award-winning Southern writer is best known for her Appalachian “Ballad” novels, set in the North Carolina/Tennessee mountains. Included in these are the *New York Times* Best Sellers, *She Walks These Hills*, *The Rosewood Casket*, and *The Ballad of Frankie Silver*. Sharyn McCrumb's other best-selling novels include *King’s Mountain*, *The Ballad of Frankie Silver*, *The Songcatcher*, *Ghost Riders*, *St. Dale*, and *The Ballad of Tom Dooley*.



McCrumb, who was named a “Virginia Woman of History” in 2008 for Achievement in Literature, received the 2011 Perry F. Kendig Award for Achievement in Literary Arts from the Blue Ridge Arts Council of southwest Virginia. McCrumb's many honors include: Appalachian Writers Association Book of the Year Award; the Wilma Dykeman Award for Literature given by the East Tennessee Historical Society; the Audie Award for Best Recorded Book; AWA Outstanding Contribution to

Appalachian Literature Award; the Chaffin Award for Southern Literature; the Plattner Award for Short Story; and AWA's Best Appalachian Novel. She was the first writer-in-residence at King College in Tennessee. In 2005 she was honored as the Writer of the Year at Emory & Henry College.

About the ETHS

Established in 1834, the East Tennessee Historical Society is widely acknowledged as one of the most active history organizations in the state and enjoys a national reputation for excellence in programming and education. For 180 years the East Tennessee Historical Society has been helping East Tennesseans hold on to our unique heritage—recording the events, collecting the artifacts, and saving the stories that comprise the history we all share.

About Friends of the Knox County Public Library

Friends of the Knox County Public Library is a non-profit organization whose mission is to foster a love of libraries, books and reading in the Knox County area. The organization raises funds to sponsor community outreach programs, represent the interests of Knox County library patrons, and support a variety of services offered by the local library system that would otherwise not be available due to budget or staff restrictions.

The program is free and open to the public. The lecture will begin at 7:00 at the East Tennessee History Center, 601 S. Gay Street, Knoxville. Ms. McCrumb will be signing books following her lecture. For more information on the lecture, exhibitions, or museum hours, call 865-215-8824 or visit the website at www.EastTNHistory.org.

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