

"The writer operates at a peculiar crossroads where time and place and eternity somehow meet. His problem is to find that location."

-- Flannery O'Connor

Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home Newsletter Fall 2015

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President's Message

My first reflection and, indeed, obligation is to say "thank you" to the membership of the Board -- past, present and newly appointed members. A special word of gratitude to outgoing board president Christine Sajecki, who was so helpful in the transition.



In the broad sense, I wish to continue the ongoing objectives of policies already in place. Currently in process is the physical upkeep of the Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home. Savannah is a city of museums. Flannery's home should be on the "bucket list" for all visitors, at home and abroad.

The broader objective is to develop an awareness and appreciation for Flannery O'Connor's body of literature, which is unique, insightful and powerful in its expression. The Board will concentrate its efforts in this direction so that the life, times and writings of Flannery O'Connor will become better known and appreciated.

Flannery belongs to Savannah, but her writings belong to the world of literature. It is incumbent upon us to let her writings speak for themselves. We call upon the community at large to assist us in this noble objective.

Peace & Blessings,
Bishop Emeritus J. Kevin Boland
President, Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home Foundation

Mark Your Calendar! Annual Peacock Party Set For October 2

The Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home will host the **2015 Peacock Party**, celebrating the 26th anniversary of the Flannery O'Connor Home Foundation, Inc. and the ongoing effort to preserve this award-winning author's legacy in Savannah, on Friday, October 2 from 5 to 8 p.m.



This annual soiree will take place at 216 E. Gaston Street and will include heavy hors d'oeuvres, a full bar, a silent auction and live entertainment. All proceeds will support ongoing programs, building maintenance and outreach initiatives at the Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home in Savannah.

A \$100 donation per person is requested. Period-appropriate dress is optional. Please RSVP by calling **912.233.6014** or emailing flanneryoconnorhome@gmail.com. We hope to see you there!

[Learn more!](#)

Fall Lecture Series To Kick Off On September 27

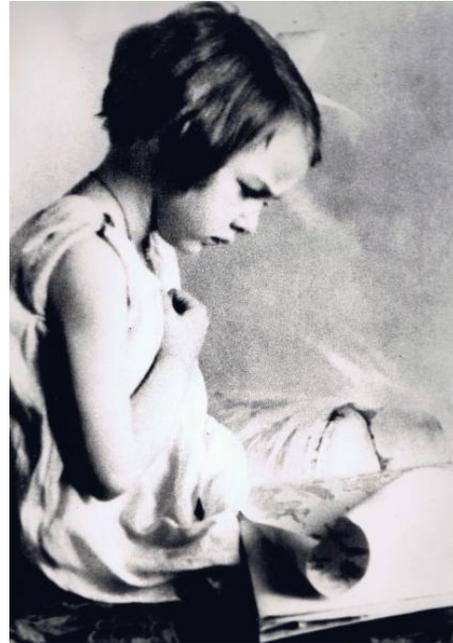
The [Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home](#) is pleased to announce the line-up for the 2015 Fall Lecture Series. All events are free and open to the public.

The lectures take place at 4 p.m. in the parlor of the Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home, located at 207 E. Charlton Street on Lafayette Square in downtown Savannah.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Courtney McNeil - "Monet and American Impressionism"

Courtney McNeil, curator of fine arts and exhibitions at Telfair Museums, will give a lecture about Claude Monet and American Impressionism. The lecture ties is designed to tie in with a new exhibit at the Jepson Center in Savannah.



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18

Alexis Orgera - "Flannery O'Connor's Obituary"

Nationally renowned poet Alexis Orgera will speak about Flannery O'Connor legendary obituary, which was written by poet Elizabeth Bishop in 1964. Orgera is the author of two books of poetry, *How Like Foreign Objects* and *Dust Jacket*, and is the recipient of two Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Poetry Prizes.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Ray Goto and Andrea Goto - "The Art of Drawing as a Form of Storytelling"

Ray Goto, a Savannah College of Art and Design sequential art professor, and Andrea Goto, a SCAD writing professor, will discuss drawing as a form of storytelling, particularly in relation to Flannery O'Connor's talent as a cartoonist.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 13

Dr. Robert Strozier - Reading of Truman Capote's "A Christmas Memory"

Retired Armstrong State University English professor Dr. Robert Strozier will deliver the 26th annual holiday reading of Truman Capote's short story, "A Christmas Memory." Come early, as seating is limited!

[Learn more!](#)

Did You Know?

The Ursrey Memorial Lecture featuring Roxane Gay, was our all-time best-attended lecture.

The event took place on September 3 at Trinity United Methodist Church. Roxane read from *Bad Feminist* and signed books after her lecture.

"I embrace the label of bad feminist because

I am human. I am messy. I'm not trying to be an example. I am not trying to be perfect. I am not trying to say I have all the answers. I am not trying to say I'm right. I am just trying-trying to support what I believe in, trying to do some good in this world, trying to make some noise with my writing while also being myself." -- Roxane Gay, *Bad Feminist*

[Check out this great interview with Roxane Gay in Connect Savannah!](#)



Meet Our New Board Members

JOSEPH SCHWARTZBAUM

A recent recipient of the Wilkes-Etruscan Prize for fiction, Joseph J. Schwartzbaum has been published in *Paste Magazine*, *Savannah Morning News* and *Savannah Magazine*. Also known to be somewhat of an extrovert, he performs regularly with Seersucker Live. In addition to enjoying all things literary and cultural that Savannah has to offer, he works at the Savannah College of Art and Design and dallies with his wife and son as much as possible.



JESSICA LEBOS

A proud native of nowhere, Jessica Leigh Lebos strives to be a local wherever she goes. She has lived in her husband's hometown of Savannah since 2006 with their two quickly growing children, who do not have Southern accents in spite of her best efforts. Jessica Leigh has been a working writer for 20+ years, has penned the blog *Yo, Yenta!* for over a decade and currently serves as the Community Editor for *Connect Savannah*.



TERENCE MOONEY

Terence Mooney joins the Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home Board as a fourth-year English and history teacher at the Savannah Country Day School. In addition to teaching in the Upper School, he is the campus diversity coordinator, middle school assistant football coach and co-advisor of the literary magazine *Amanuensis*. Originally from New York City, Terence attended Kenyon College in Ohio. He has

long academic and personal fascinations with Southern history, culture and literature.



ANN MOFFETT

Ann Moffett has been in Savannah for close to 20 years. She is an active member of the community, serving as president of the Ardsley Park/Chatham Crescent Neighborhood Association, on the vestry at St. Peter's Episcopal Church and on the board for the Episcopal Youth and Children's Services. For over 20 years, Ann has worked for CARE International, the international relief and development agency, currently serving as Senior Recruiter. She is an avid reader and walker and enjoys traveling with her family.



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