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“Celebrating Your Southern Self @ the Library”

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Everyone is invited to join the Friends of the Library of The University of North Carolina at Pembroke as they host “**Celebrating Your Southern Self @ the Library.**” This event will be held on April 17, 2009, from 5:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the Mary Livermore Library and will be the eighth annual benefit sponsored by the Friends. Featured speaker will be the well known author **Celia Rivenbark**. Outstanding live and silent auctions will again offer an array of items that can’t be ignored. There will be a variety of food stations offering a truly delicious and tempting assortment of elegant Southern food from which guests can select.

The evening will begin with a silent auction and dinner. UNCP music students will again provide entertainment. **Raz Autry**, a veteran auctioneer and educator from Raeford, has agreed to return this year as auctioneer for the live auction. His persuasive and entertaining auctioneering skills should prove to be among the highlights of the evening. The silent and live auctions will provide an opportunity for ticket holders to take home some unique and interesting items. Among the items offered are: an Alaskan cruise, two Southwest Airline tickets, pieces of art including some by UNCP faculty, North Carolina pottery, gift baskets, food packages, golf packages, hand-crafted items such as needlework treasures, and many other exciting items. A current list of auction items is available from the Library’s website at www.uncp.edu/library. The list is updated as new donations for the benefit are received.



Celia Rivenbark

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The Friends are delighted to present Celia Rivenbark this year. Her humor, often described as “an edgy Erma,” is the result of her growing up in the poor but colorful countryside of eastern North Carolina. Ms. Rivenbark is known for her syndicated humor column that appears in papers throughout the country. This column was the inspiration for her first book, *Bless Your Heart, Tramp*. It was a bestselling title in the Southeast. *We’re Just Like You, Only Prettier* was her next book and was the winner of the Southern Booksellers Alliance Award for Non-Fiction Book of the Year in 2004. In 2006 her next release, *Stop Dressing Your Six-Year-Old Like a Skank*, was named best title of the year by the magazine *Entertainment Weekly*. Her new book, *Belle Weather: Mostly Sunny with a Chance of Scattered Hissy Fits*, was released in August 2008. There is no doubt that her presentation at the benefit will be entertaining.

“Celebrating Your Southern Self @ the Library” will remind you of the pleasures of being Southern and living in the South. Money raised at this benefit will support the Friends of the Library initiatives such as continued support for four scholarships established to assist students at UNCP, funding the McNaughton leasing program for popular reading materials and movies on DVD, underwriting projects in the Library’s archives and special collections areas, and sponsorship of author appearance as well as reading programs. Last year’s benefit, “A North Carolina Evening @ the Library,” raised over

\$16,000. We hope to have more attendees and raise even more money this year. Come out, enjoy, and participate in a lively, entertaining, and worthwhile benefit to help UNCP students and the Mary Livermore Library. To learn more about the Friends of the Library, how to apply for their scholarships, or to join our Friends of the Library, please call the Mary Livermore Library at 910.521.6212 or go to the Library’s webpage at www.uncp.edu/library/friends/. Library staff members **Karen Orr Fritts** (910.775.4242) or **Sherry Locklear** (910.775.4170) may be contacted for tickets and more information. Tickets are \$50 each. We look forward to seeing you there!