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A MESSAGE FROM THE SANDHILLS BRANCH PRESIDENT

I hope that you will find that the information in this booklet whets your appetite for what should prove to be another exciting year for the Sandhills Branch of ESU. Hopefully, many of you have already taken the opportunity to visit our website www.esuus.org/sandhills and have gotten an early look at our new season. Within this brochure you will find a complete description of each of our programs for the year as well as important information about our Shakespeare and Middle School Debate programs.

In response to results from the survey conducted last year, we have modified our program schedule somewhat. This year there is no December meeting and our January meeting is a 4:00 P.M. meeting rather than an 8:00 P.M. meeting. In addition, we will open the year with a Garden Party.

Our first evening program will be in October with author Rick Bragg. If you are not familiar with his books I highly recommend them to you. This should be a great first program of the season.

Our Shakespeare Competition and Middle School Debate programs have both received lots of recognition this past year. These programs benefit a large number of Moore County students and we hope that you will participate in the programs.

I want to encourage you to visit our website regularly www.esuus.org/sandhills. Our directory is now on the website and allows for continual updates. We will work hard to keep the website updated for you.

I look forward to seeing all of you throughout the year.

John Spangler, President
ESU Sandhills Branch

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September 25, 2018



The Garden Party

Cocktail Mixer on the CCNC Terrace

5 to 7 p.m.



The Garden Party will kick-off the 2018 – 2019 season. We hope you will join us to spend a relaxed fall evening with your friends on the Terrace at the Country Club of North Carolina. You will enjoy a cocktail or two with an English themed fare of heavy hors d'oeuvres. You will also have the opportunity to meet our new members and welcome them to the ESU. During the evening information will be made available about our upcoming programs and our educational outreach activities including the Shakespeare Competition, Middle School Debates, and our Student of the Month. You will have an opportunity to express your ideas about ESU to the Board members and learn more about our “specialty” discussion groups on Churchill and Roosevelt.



The Garden Party is a wonderful way to begin another year for the English Speaking Union of the Sandhills. For over 39 years we have provided educational opportunities for the youth in the community as well as educational challenges for our membership. In the past, historians, authors, statesmen, and scientists have all educated and entertained our membership. This year will be no exception.

See you on September 25th!

September 25, 2018



OCTOBER 17, 2018

Rick Bragg

Pulitzer Prize author

Southern Living Magazine Columnist

“*Southern Culture*”

Rick Bragg is the author of two critically acclaimed and best-selling books, *All Over but the Shoutin’* and *Ava’s Man*. He also garnered a Pulitzer Prize for journalism as a national correspondent at *The New York Times*. Bragg’s recent book, *The Most They Ever Had*, is an eloquent tale of an Alabama milling community and led *The New York Times* Book Review to state, “It is hard to think of a writer who reminds us more forcefully and wonderfully of what people and families are all about.”



Bragg says he learned to tell stories by listening to the masters, the people of the foothills of the Appalachians. They talked of the sadness, poverty, cruelty, kindness, hope, hopelessness, faith, anger and joy of their everyday lives, and painted pictures on the very haze of the early evening when work faded into story-telling. These stories are the backbone of his third book, *Ava’s Man*.

All Over but the Shoutin’ was Bragg’s first book, the story of a mother who absorbed the cruelties of an alcoholic husband haunted by his service in the Korean War, and showed how she devoted her life to the endless cotton fields to make a living for her three sons. The book, a *New York Times* Notable Book of the Year, won several awards and was selected as one of the best books of the year. More important than the fact that it made *The New York Times* bestseller list, says Bragg, is the fact that the book became an anthem for the working people and poor people of the modern-day South economic challenges.

A native of Alabama, Bragg joined *The New York Times* in 1994. He covered the Oklahoma City bombing, the Jonesboro killings, and the Susan Smith trial. He later became Miami Bureau Chief for the *Times* just in time for Elian Gonzalez’s arrival and the international battle for the little boy. Bragg has twice won the prestigious American Society of Newspaper Editors Distinguished Writing Award, and more than 50 other writing awards in his 20-year career, and has given back to his profession by teaching writing in colleges and newsrooms.

NOVEMBER 14, 2018

**James and
Dolley Madison**
Colonial Williamsburg
Foundation



*“Life in the
White House”*

Our Historic Life is a repertory company devoted to bringing the past to life in authentic and spontaneous ways. Its lecturers present captivating stories of the past in immersive presentations drawn from real-life accounts. Tonight’s presentation, *Life in the White House* is just one of the many presentations Our Historic Life has produced.

President James Madison is being portrayed by Bryan Austin. With over eighteen years of experience on the stage, Austin is a classically trained Shakespearean actor with a devoted love for storytelling. His scholarship of James Madison stretches back six years and has carried him across the country presenting to students, teachers, politicians and foreign diplomats. He has been featured in *TIME* as well as on PBS presenting James Madison, and is a National Association for Interpretation Certified Interpretive Guide. Most recently, he presented Vice-Admiral Horatio Nelson in *A Naval Affair* to flag officers of both the Royal Navy and United States Navy at the British Officer’s Club in Washington, D.C.

Dolley Madison is being portrayed by Anna Deitel. A graduate of Clarion University, Anna Deitel is an award-winning public speaker whose experience stretches from both the stage to the classroom. Her previous theatrical credits include *Footloose*, *The Taming of the Shrew*, *Oklahoma* and *Guys and Dolls*. She is a co-founder of Our Historic Life; a storytelling company whose core belief is the best stories to be told are true. This past summer, she debuted Eliza Hamilton in *Dawn at Weehawken* as well as Emma Hamilton in *A Naval Affair*. She lives in Johnson City, Tennessee with her family where she is blessed to take on her greatest role as wife and mother.

JANUARY 29, 2019

4:00 pm

PANEL DISCUSSION

*“The African Experience –
Maasai Culture – Art – Wildlife”*

The Panel Includes:

Joseph Koyie, Naturalist

Jessie Mackay, Artist

Garth Swift, Artist

Patricia Thomas, Artist & Women’s Empowerment Program Leader



This panel discussion is part of a multi-venue program facilitated by ESU, the Arts Council of Moore County, and The Ruth Pauley Lecture Series. The overall program was created to explore the unique diversity of African culture and wildlife through a series of discussions, exhibits, and lectures. The panel discussion aims to paint a picture of today’s Africa – using both words and pictures.

Mr. Koyie will share his expertise on the Maasai people. He will also examine the diversity of the Maasai Mara National Reserve - an area of preserved savannah wilderness in southwestern Kenya - and its animals, including: lions, cheetahs, elephants, zebras, and hippos.

Ms. Mackay will discuss her women’s empowerment initiatives in Tanzania as well as how she has used her art to improve conditions in rural African communities.

Mr. Swift will review his unique perspective on African wildlife and share his belief that artists have a major role in focusing public awareness on wilderness and its preservation.

Ms. Thomas will use her experience of working throughout the African continent to share her perspective on changing lives and improving living conditions.

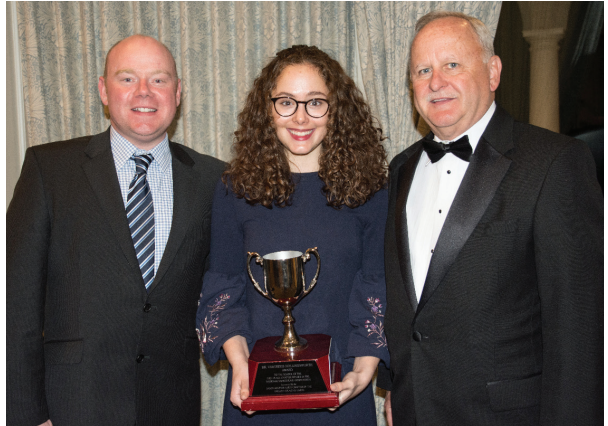
FEBRUARY 16, 2019

Shakespeare Competition Village Chapel

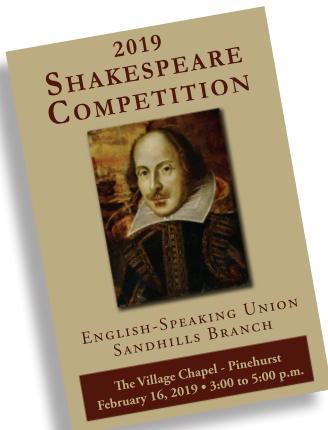
Please join us for our annual Shakespeare Competition. This is the culmination of extensive study and work by our Moore County High School students and their teachers. Over 140 students compete for the opportunity to be one of the fifteen

aspiring Shakespearean actors to participate in our local finals. The winner of the ESU Sandhills event will travel to New York City to compete in the 37th annual ESU US Shakespeare Competition in April with 54 other students from across the United States. Over 12,000 high school students nationally are involved in learning to perform Shakespeare's Monologues and Sonnets. By performing Shakespeare, students learn to take creative risks and gain a sense of confidence. This experience enhances their love of Shakespeare and provides them with the skills to perform in future auditions that may also lead to college scholarships. We are proud of our Moore County high school students and teachers and we are honored to sponsor this annual celebration of the works of Shakespeare.

Every year members of ESU, who attend this competition for the first time, are surprised and entertained by the spectacular performances of these high school students. We hope you will join us and bring a guest.



2018 Winner Jenna Burns (center) and her teacher Michael J. Norman (left) from the O'Neal School with Bob Roman, ESU



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2019 Shakespeare Competition
Village Chapel, Pinchurst, NC
February 16, 2019
3 to 5 p.m.

FEBRUARY 20, 2019

Elizabeth Hudson

Editor-In-Chief

Our State Magazine

“Celebrating the Beauty of North Carolina Through the Pages of Our State!”

Elizabeth Hudson is a native of North Carolina who grew up in the small community of Farmer, near Asheboro. She holds a B.A. degree in English from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro and began her publishing career in 1997 at *Our State* magazine, where she started in the circulation department answering telephones before moving to the editorial department. She held various editorial titles for 10 years before becoming Editor in Chief of the 84-year-old publication in 2009.

Through her work with the magazine for 20 years, she has learned where to find the best barbecue — eastern and Lexington-style — and she also knows where to find our state’s most photographed waterfalls. On the Outer Banks, she has walked in the same sand where pirates once tread, and she knows how much milk makes a perfect bowl of Southern snow cream.

Under Elizabeth’s editorial leadership, the magazine’s paid circulation grew more than 30 percent, from 130,000 in 2009 to more than 170,000 this year. Each month, she works with the top writers and photographers in the country to produce a magazine that has garnered national attention, and in 2011 and 2012, *Our State* won consecutive Gold Eddies for “Best Issue” of a regional magazine in the country, the top honor from *FOLIO: Magazine*, the magazine industry’s leading publication recognizing editorial excellence.

For her work with the magazine, Elizabeth was also the 2014 recipient of the Ethel N. Fortner Writer and Community Award, an award that celebrates contributions to the literary arts of North Carolina. In 2016, Elizabeth was the recipient of the North Carolina Travel Industry Association’s Charles Kuralt Award, which recognizes outstanding contributions by individuals who have brought positive public attention to North Carolina.

She will talk about the beauty of North Carolina, its people, and its land from the mountains to the coast as celebrated through the fantastic writing and stunning photography that are included in each month’s issue.



MARCH 5, 2019

Middle School Debate

Sandhills Community College

One of the highlights of the school year is the Moore County Middle School debate co-sponsored by the Sandhills Branch of ESU and the Rotary Club of Pinehurst. Approximately 150 debaters,

timekeepers and 42 judges are involved. The day long event, held at the Sandhills Community College, includes students from six middle schools. The subjects of the debates are challenging and over the past two years have included discussions of the Electoral College and Genetically Modified Foods. Each student team must be prepared to debate both the pro and con of the resolution. They must also follow the rules for Public Forum Debates. This requires research, discipline, teamwork, critical thinking, public speaking skills and great self-confidence. As one coach said, "This is their Super Bowl, an event they practice for the entire school term."

Mark your calendars for March 5th and come out to support these debaters. You will not be disappointed. You are welcome to attend the whole day or for about an hour for one debate. Either way, you will be amazed by the skills of these young people.

We always need additional judges. Should you be interested in volunteering, contact Sally Bold Frick, Chairperson, for additional information. As one of last year's first time judges said, "I would have been involved sooner if I had known how exciting and worthwhile the day would be."



2018 First Place Winners Grace Barker and Bailey Voight,
West Pine Middle



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

2019 Middle School Debates
Sandhills Community College
March 5, 2019
8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

MARCH 28, 2019

Solomon Eichner

Concert Pianist

An Evening of Music as Solomon Eichner Performs The Classics



Equally at home with solo, chamber and concerto performances, American pianist Solomon Eichner has established himself as an exciting versatile young artist known for his commanding interpretations of the romantic keyboard repertoire.

Declared by the American Liszt Society as “A sensitive pianist, Solomon’s playing is poetic, beautiful and moving with deep feeling.”

Sponsored by the March of the Living Foundation, Solomon performed for the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz in April 2018 alongside Cellist Amit Peled and Violinist Yevgeny Kutik at the Krakow Philharmonic Hall in addition to a solo recital at the Krakow Jewish Cultural Center.

Solomon will perform in the Chamber Music Raleigh Series with North Carolina Symphony Concertmaster Brian Reagin and Principal Cellist Bonnie Thron hosted at the NC Museum of Art, as well as a solo recital on the Paderewski Raleigh Festival in October 2018.

Solomon will be presented twice this season in his hometown of Baltimore with solo recitals by the Yale Gordon Trust and the Music in the Great Hall Series. Solomon debuted at Carnegie Hall in April 2016 after winning the “GoldenKey Debut” International Competition in New York City. Solomon participated in the 2017 Hastings International Piano Competition in England, as well as, the Virginia Waring International Piano Competition in Palm Springs, California. The summer of 2015, Solomon traveled to Italy to perform in the Perugia Music Festival. In addition to solo performances in the famous Salla Notari Hall, Solomon performed the Grieg Piano Concerto with the Philharmonic Orchestrea of the Universidad de Alicante under the baton of Israeli Conductor, Uriel Segal.

Solomon received his Doctor of Musical Arts degree from the University of South Carolina in May 2017. www.solomoneichnerpianist.com

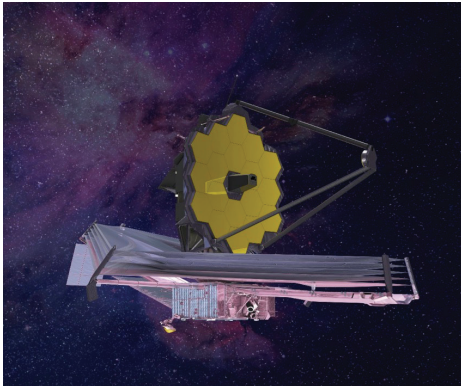
APRIL 24, 2019

Dr. Matthew Greenhouse
NASA Goddard Spaceflight Center
Project Scientist

“The James Webb Space Telescope”



Dr. Matthew Greenhouse is a Project Scientist working at NASA Goddard Spaceflight Center. Matt is in charge of the science instrument payload that will fly aboard the James Webb Space Telescope when it launches in 2020 and he will be discussing the mission of the telescope. The James Webb Space Telescope, the successor to the Hubble Space Telescope, will be the premier space observatory of the next decade. It is the largest space telescope ever constructed. It will study every phase in the history of our Universe, ranging from the first luminous glows after the



The James Webb Space Telescope

Big Bang, to the formation of solar systems capable of supporting life on planets like Earth, to the evolution of our own Solar System.

Matt has been working on the program since 1997. He specializes in infrared imaging spectroscopy, flight project science, and technical management. After receiving his Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Wyoming in 1989, he joined the Smithsonian Institution in

Washington and then joined NASA in 1996. He has served on several NASA and European Space Agency (ESA) flight mission teams. Dr. Greenhouse is the recipient of more than 20 individual performance awards and honors including the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal and the Robert H. Goddard award for Exceptional Achievement in Science. Matt is an avid sailor in Annapolis Maryland where he lives with his wife of more than 30 years. They have two children. Dr. Greenhouse is the author of more than 100 publications.

ESU-Sandhills Branch - Education, Scholarship, Understanding

Dedicated to providing scholarship and educational opportunities to Moore County

Student of the Month – each month, the Moore County High Schools select a senior to be recognized for achievement. ESU hosts the student, teacher and parents at our dinner program.

• Contact Julie Martin at 910-295-6014 for sponsorship information.

Shakespeare Competition – held locally on February 16, 2019. The Moore County High School winner will then compete against other ESU Branch winners.

• Contact Bob Roman at 910-725-0333 for information.

Middle School Debate Program – for 6th-8th graders; introduces over 140 students to public speaking and the ability to think on their feet. March 5, 2019 at Sandhills Community College.

• Contact Sally Bold Frick at 910-235-3909 for information.

For ESU-Sandhills Branch Program Reservations

1. For ESU-Sandhills Branch Programs held at Pinehurst Country Club (PCC): reservations may be made by contacting Joy Fifer at PCC by email at joy.fifer@pinehurst.com or by phone at 910-235-8115. Please be ready to advise her of the number of persons in your party by name, method of payment, any special requests. Please request a confirmation of your reservation. NOTE: reservations for any ESU-Sandhills Branch event held at PCC must be made no later than 3 business days prior to the event (in other words, reservations close 3 business days in advance of the event).
2. Have one person call or email with all the names for your table.
3. For ESU-Sandhills Branch Programs NOT held at PCC, please refer to the reservation instructions included in the email notification about the event.
4. Black Tie Optional at Dinner Events.
5. Dietary restrictions will be accommodated with 72-hour notice.
6. Pinehurst Country Club members may be billed through their membership account. All others must pay with a major credit card.
7. **CANCELLATION** Per #1 above: Call 910-235-8115 or email at least 3 business days before a scheduled event. Cancellations made less than 3 business days before the event will be charged.

6:00 P.M. - Cocktails 7:00 P.M. - Dinner

Program follows dinner - Cash bar - Valet service available

For updates on all ESU Sandhills events, refer to our website: www.esuus.org/sandhills or email: sandhills@esuus.org