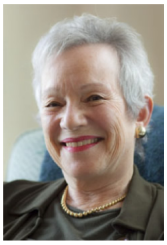

Distinguished author Edith Pearlman will give the Keynote Address at the North Carolina Writers' Network 2012 Fall Conference on Friday, November 2, at 8:00 pm. The Fall Conference, which starts on Friday and runs through Sunday, will be held at the Embassy Suites in Cary, in North Carolina's Triangle Area. The Keynote Address is free and open to the public.

Pearlman's collection of short stories, *Binocular Vision* , was published by North Carolina's Lookout Books in 2011 and won the 2011 National Book Critics Circle Award for fiction and was a Finalist for the National Book Award, among many other honors.

Her Keynote Address will discuss the years of hard work and determination that went into making her an "overnight success."

She has published more than 250 works of short fiction and short nonfiction in national magazines, literary journals, anthologies, and online publications. Her work has appeared in *Best American Short Stories*, *The O. Henry Prize Collection*, *New Stories from the South*, and *The Pushcart Prize Collection — Best of the Small Presses*.

Her first collection of stories, *Vaquita* (University of Pittsburgh Press, 1996), won the Drue Heinz Prize for Literature. Her second, *Love Among The Greats* (Eastern Washington University Press, 2002), won the Spokane Annual Fiction Prize. Her third collection, *How to Fall*, was published by Sarabande Press in 2005 and won the Mary McCarthy Prize in Short Fiction. Her fourth collection, of course, was *Binocular Vision*.

"Pearlman writes about the predicaments—odd, wry, funny. and painful —of being human," the *New York Times* said about her latest collection. "These quiet elegant stories add something significant to the literary landscape."

The NCWN Fall Conference offers more than twenty-five workshops in creative nonfiction, fiction, and poetry, as in other aspects of the craft such as writing for children, publishing, and how to wow at an open mic. Registrants can also choose from three weekend-long Master Classes: Creative Nonfiction (led by Elaine Nell Orr); Fiction (led by Jill McCorkle); and Poetry (led by 2012 North Carolina Literary Hall of Fame inductee Kathryn Stripling Byer). Participants at the conference may also register for one-on-one sessions with a publishing or bookselling professional.

Registration opens soon at www.ncwriters.org .