Asheville, NC--On Sunday, October 16, the North Carolina Writers' Network will try a new kind of event for writers and readers.

"*Southern Fictions*/Southern Identities" will be a reading by former North Carolina poet laureate Kathryn Stripling Byer, followed by a panel discussion on issues of Southern history and identity with Pamela Duncan and Joseph Bathanti, moderated by Ed Southern.

"Southern *Fictions*/Southern Identities" also will be an effort to raise both donations and visibility for the Network and the 2011 Fall Conference, to be held in Asheville November 18-20.

Perhaps most importantly, though, "Southern *Fictions*/Southern Identities" will be a chance for writers and readers to come together and discuss important questions–topics that rarely make the daily news, but play a role in shaping our lives and work.

The program will begin at 5:00 pm, October 16, at Malaprop's Bookstore/Café, 55 Haywood Street in downtown Asheville. Admission is free, but donations will be appreciated.
Donations to the Network

will support scholarships and instructors for the Fall Conference, and are tax-deductible.

Please help us spread the word about this exciting new Network program. We hope to offer similar readings/discussions/fundraisers on an ongoing and regular basis. Come join us at Malaprop's on October 16, and be there at the beginning of a new Network tradition.

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5:00–7:00 pm
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