



25th Anniversary Author Series
Women Writing for (a) Change is
pleased to announce two very special
events featuring

George Ella Lyon

Friday May 13 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm ~ This event is FREE

Talk/reading on the topic: The Poetry of Witness - Join us in welcoming renowned Poet George Ella Lyon on The Poetry of Witness: speaking back, speaking out, and speaking through all the forces that would silence us. George Ella will also have books available for purchase and signing.

Saturday May 14 from 1:00 – 4:30 pm, \$50 per person
Taking Yourself by Surprise: A Writing Workshop - This writing



workshop will feature exercises for breaking out of predictability. We all have writing habits based on our emotional and psychological patterns and these can put us in a writing rut.

Pulitzer-Prize nominee Maurice Manning once commented on a manuscript, "All I can tell you about these poems is that they are emotionally decided." What does this mean? What did the poet do to break free from that hold and take risks? What can we do to get out of our routine and let new energy, new shapes, new voices come through? This is what we will explore together. Open to all, ages 16 through adult.

George Ella Lyon is a poet, writer, teacher and Kentucky's Poet Laureate of 2015. She is best known for penning the poem, *Where I'm From*, which has inspired thousands of writers around the world. George Ella writes, "Though I write in many forms, I am first of all a poet; which means my job is to see and sing the connections between things. The spider's web is a delicious image for this and for the wonder of something newly made from old patterns, like the sentences writers spin each day. The strength of my web comes from family, friends, words, music, dreams, mountains, and the joy of making." Ms. Lyon has written books for children, teens, such as *With a Hammer for My Heart*, and adult fiction, while traversing the world of poetry, including *Mountain* and *Many-Storyed House*, and three plays. She has created a literacy program for families.

For more information, please visit her website at <http://www.georgeellalyon.com/>

Also on the 25th Anniversary Author Series: Leah Stewart Nov. 4/5

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