

George Ella Lyon Visits WWf(a)C!

George Ella Lyon was warmly welcomed by our community at the second of three events in the 25th Anniversary Author Series. On Friday May 13th, Women Writing for (a) Change hosted the Kentucky Poet Laureate at a free reading and speaking event. Well known for her iconic poem "*Where I'm From*", which has been used as a writing prompt around the world, George Ella told the audience how that poem has surprised even her with the people it has impacted. Throughout the evening she shared stories of the inspiration and evolution of her poems and her books, which include themes of feminism, the environment, children and education, among others. She concluded the evening with a question and answer session about her creative process, her work as Kentucky Poet Laureate, and other current projects.

On Saturday May 14th, 30 writers participated in a workshop titled **Taking Yourself by Surprise**. George Ella led us through a variety of writing exercises that she finds particularly inspiring, including writing with one's non-dominant hand. Many noted their gratitude for the fresh writing these prompts inspired.

The 25th Anniversary Author Series continues November 4th and 5th with local novelist Leah Stewart. We hope you can join us!