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"EVENING WITH THE AUTHORS"  
WILL DISH UP AWARD-WINNING PROSE AND POETRY

The four southwest Wisconsin authors invited to participate in the annual Grassroots Citizens of Wisconsin "Evening with the Authors" will dish up a delectable menu of award-winning prose and poetry.

This Grassroots' annual event, scheduled for Saturday, November 21 at 7 p.m. at Plymouth Congregational Church, 115 West Merrimac in Dodgeville, is free and open to the public.

International best selling author Christopher Ransom of Mineral Point, Lone Rock author Kathy Steffen, Spring Green author Katie Green and Madison poet Richard Swanson will read from their works and talk about the writers' craft. After the readings, everyone will gather for homemade pies and lively conversation.

Grassroots, a southwest Wisconsin-based nonpartisan group whose mission is to encourage political involvement and dialogue, hosts this annual evening to celebrate the fact that authors and poets have always been an important voice in our political dialogue.

Ransom's debut thriller, The Birthing House, said to be an echo of The Shining and Rosemary's Baby, reached No. 6 on the London Times Paperback Best Seller List, even before its recent release in the U.S. The author's 140-year old Mineral Point

home, a former birthing house, is the setting for his "infectiously terrifying" tale which is said to make "shudders tap dance on your spine."

Kathy Steffen of Lone Rock won accolades for her debut historical fiction novel, First, There is a River, a finalist for the HOLT Medallion Award for Best First Book, and for her recently published book Jasper Mountain, which won honorable mention at the 2008 London Book Festival. Steffen teaches writing at UW's Writing Institute.

Katie Green of Spring Green recaptures the scenes of her childhood in her book Deborah Whitney of Shady Flat: A Dauntless Girl of the Golden West. "It's the story of a starry-eyed daughter of gold rush pioneers, looking at the American West's high society during the end of the nineteenth century through the eyes of a rebellious tomboy." The book is set in California's Sierra County where Katie grew up.

Poet Richard Swanson's Men in the Nude in Socks won the 2007 Posner for the best full-length book of poetry. Known for his humor and humanity, Swanson's title poem concludes: "Men in the nude in socks do not make war."

Reservations are appreciated but not required. Contact Doug Huebner, at emma@mhtc.net or 608-967-2375.

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