Byer, Kathryn Stripling

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b. 1944—

Kathryn Byer accepting an award at the NC Literary Hall of Fame. Image from Flickr user -ted/twbuckner.

Kathryn Stripling Byer, an American poet, teacher and essayist, was born in Camilla, Georgia. Her father, C.M. Stripling, was a farmer and her mother, Bernice Campbell Stripling, was a homemaker.

Byer attended Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia, and she also attained her Master of Fine Arts from The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, where she also was poetry instructor. Byer studied with Fred Chappell, Robert Watson and Allen Tate, and she also won the Academy of American Poets while she was attending the University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Byer served as a poet-in-residence at Western Carolina University in Cullowhee, North Carolina; University of North Carolina in Greensboro, and also in Lenoir–Rhyne University (formerly Lenoir–Rhyne College). Her work has appeared in distinguished poetry and scholarly journals, including Poetry, Georgia Review, Southern Review, and Hudson Review.


In addition to Byer’s publications, she has also received several awards, along with fellowships from the National...

Byer currently lives in Cullowhee, North Carolina with her husband, Jim Byer, former professor of nineteenth century literature at Western Carolina University. They have one daughter, Corinna Lynette.

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