

Nibbles, Novelist and New Beginnings

Thursday, May 17, 2018

5:30 p.m.

Featuring a stellar line up of celebrity authors, with Emcee, Terri Boer



Katie Hart Smith, Author

A published author for over 20 years, has a wide array of work ranging from medical and academic, to historical fiction, non-fiction, and children's stories. Inspirational people, places, and political and social issues are what drive the inspiration for Smith's work. She published her first memoir, *Couch Time with Carolyn* in 2014 and was a nominee for the *Georgia Author of the Year* award. In July, 2016, Smith released, *Aspirations of the Heart*, through Deeds Publishing. *Aspirations of the Heart*, has been placed in the Governor's Mansion Library by Georgia's First Lady, Sandra Deal. The second novel, *Hope Never Rests*, will also become a part of Georgia's literary collection. Currently, she is a staff correspondent and writes a monthly column called "From the Heart" for the *Gwinnett Citizen* newspaper.

Wade Rouse, Author

Viola Shipman is a pen name for Wade Rouse, a popular, award-winning memoirist. Rouse chose his grandmother's name to honor the woman whose heirlooms and family stories inspire his fiction. To date, *The Charm Bracelet* and *The Hope Chest* have been translated into over a dozen languages and become international bestsellers. *The Charm Bracelet* was named a 2017 Michigan Notable Book. Rouse lives in Michigan and writes regularly for *People*, *Good Housekeeping*, and *Coastal Living*, among other places, and is a contributor to *All Things Considered*.



Terri DeBoer, Emcee

A familiar face, as a meteorologist at WOOD-TV since 1995. Terri is also a co-Host of eightWest, a show that spotlights great organizations and companies throughout West Michigan. Terri understands the need to support women and families, as she has been a working mom for almost her entire career. In just a few months, she will enter an exciting new stage in her life as she becomes a grandmother!

Shenandoah Chefalo, Author

A graduate of Michigan State University, holding a Bachelor of Arts with a Major in Interdisciplinary Studies in Social Science, a Core Essentials Graduate from Coach U, and a member of the Foster Leaders Movement. She is a sought after speaker on topics surrounding youth in foster care, and has been featured as a guest locally, nationally and internationally. A survivor and alumni of the foster care system, Shenandoah Chefalo is also the co-founder of the Good Harbor Institute, which translates evidence-based research on trauma into skills that can be used immediately and everyday. At Good Harbor Institute they believe that knowing is not enough. Skills + Action = Healing. In addition to her book, *Garbage Bag Suitcase*, she also wrote an e-book entitled *Setting Your Vision and Defining Your Goals*, and is also working on her next manuscript, *Hiking for Stillness*.



Mardi Link, Author

A *New York Times*-bestselling author of five books of non-fiction. She is a two-time winner of the Michigan Notable Book Award and her memoir, *Bootstrapper*, received the Bookseller's Choice Award, as well as the inaugural Housatonic Award for Creative Non-Fiction. Academy Award-winning actress Rachel Weisz has optioned it for film. Mardi studied journalism at Michigan State, received her MFA from Queens University of Charlotte, and is a columnist for the *Record-Eagle*. Her latest book, *The Drummond Girls*, was published in 2014 by Grand Central



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Nibbles, Novelists and New Beginnings will surely be an event guests won't soon forget. The night will feature a stellar line up of celebrity authors including Wade Rouse, Katie Hart Smith, Shenandoah Chefalo and Mardi Link. Enjoy cocktails and dinner while networking with colleagues, friends and best-selling authors. The event will be held at the Ever After Banquet Hall and Conference Center, 1230 North Michigan Avenue, Hastings, MI.

Come and enjoy this entertaining event and support of Green Gables Haven.

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Contact Janie Bergeron at 269.804.6021 or janie@greengableshaven.org to purchase your ticket or to secure your sponsored table.