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**“LANGUAGE AND LIGHT:  
NARRATIVES OF PLACE IN WORD & PIXELS”  
SEPTEMBER 13<sup>th</sup>, 2011**

**“Language and Light: Narratives of Place in Words and Pixels”** by Floyd County “folk” author-photographer, Fred First, explores story-telling, natural history and memoir through the twin, complimentary lenses of writing and digital photography. With emphasis on the aesthetic more than the technical, First describes and offers samples of his use of these two creative forms to arrive at a “personal ecology” of relationship to nature, to landscape and to community. He’ll also recount the honing of his “eye for light and ear for prose” and the means by which he has shared his work through self-publishing, radio essays and blogging.



Fred First is author of two books, *Slow Road Home: a blue ridge book of days* (2006), and *What We Hold In Our Hands: a Slow Road Reader* (2009). More than 30 of his essays have broadcast from the local National Public Radio Station, WVTF. He pens a free-ranging, regular column for the *Floyd Press* (since 2004) and *Roanoke’s Star Sentinel* (since 2008.)

Professionally, Fred has taught biology at Wytheville Community College and Radford University and recently retired from his second career--as a physical therapist. He serves on the Board of Directors for SustainFloyd and is a member of the Society of Environmental Journalists. He lives in the hinterlands of north-eastern Floyd County.

Check out Fred’s web site before the seminar at: <http://fragmentsfromfloyd.com>

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September 13<sup>th</sup>

To register, please complete this form and return it with the registration fee to the Center by September 9th.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Spouse/Guest \_\_\_\_\_

(Please include the Rev., Dr., Mr., Mrs., Ms., Miss)

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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## **INFORMATION AT A GLANCE...**

You are welcome to arrive at 9:30 a.m. for social time and coffee. The program will begin promptly in McCauley Hall at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will follow immediately after the program. Special parking for handicapped and those with difficulty climbing steps can be found behind the McCauley Hall. To make a reservation, please return the form at the bottom of the page or call the office at 540-483-1518. Please make your reservations at least one week in advance. The fee for non-members is \$16.00 and \$8.00 for members. The fee includes the program and a gourmet lunch. Fee is not refundable after the reservation deadline. . Although we will try, we are not able to accommodate all needs relating to diet. Vegetarian entrees are available by request with advance notice. Pets are not permitted. Dress is casual. For more information, contact the Center. All buildings, rooms and porch areas are smoke-free.



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