



Mildred Haun Conference

A Celebration of Appalachian Literature, Culture and Scholarship



Call for Papers & Demonstrations

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Abstracts Due:	Saturday, November 15, 2025
Location:	Walters State Community College Morristown, Tennessee
Conference Dates:	Friday, February 6th, and Saturday February 7th, 2026
Theme:	Cookin' Up the Good Stuff: Poetry, Music, Stories & More
Conference Fee:	Free

The *Mildred Haun Conference: A Celebration of Appalachian Literature, Culture and Scholarship* explores and promotes classic and current topics for Appalachians and non-Appalachians. We are seeking individual and panel presentations from any of the following affiliations: faculty members, independent scholars, and community members, as well as graduate and undergraduate students who have an interest in Appalachian literature, culture, and scholarship.

We invite papers that consider, but are not limited to, the following broad areas of interest:

1. Conference theme: **Cookin' Up the Good Stuff: Poetry, Music, Stories & More**
2. Mildred Haun's *The Hawk's Done Gone* and other stories
3. Scholarship/critical essays, lectures, related to any of the following:
 - a. classic and contemporary Appalachian literature, including poetry, the novel, short fiction, nonfiction and film
 - b. multiculturalism in Appalachia
 - c. personal and cultural stories associated with Appalachia: explorations of folk medicine, agriculture, storytelling, history or crafts
 - d. treatment of stereotypes in Appalachian literature and popular culture
 - e. creative writing and publication; art or music projects/presentation
 - f. effective educational practices utilized in Appalachia
 - g. Practices, experiences, or research into food preparation, canning, storing, or foraging for foods in Appalachia or related to food in Appalachia.

Abstracts (not exceeding 350 words) along with a brief third-person bio (not exceeding 150 words) should be sent to Abbey.Anderson@ws.edu by **Saturday, November 15th**. Abstracts should be submitted with the following information:

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| A. presenter(s) | F. title of abstract |
| B. affiliation | G. body of abstract |
| C. email address | H. bio |
| D. telephone number(s) | I. desired allotment for presentation
(20 min.; 30 min.; 1 hour) |
| E. area of interest | |