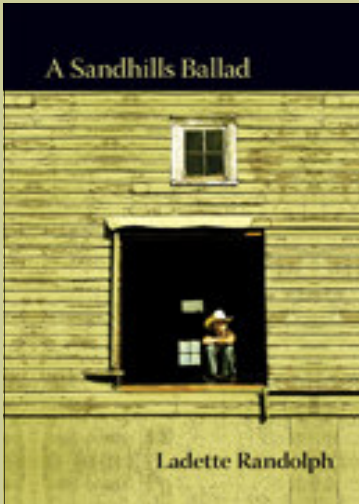


A Sandhills Ballad

Ladette Randolph will be reading at the North Platte, Nebraska library in their brown bagger series at noon on Thursday, August 13th. Contact Sylvia to attend.



After her life as she knows it is ended by heartbreak, Mary Rasmussen, a strong-willed and independent young ranch woman living in the Sandhills of western Nebraska, suddenly feels that all she has believed in—God, her instincts, the land itself—has failed her

About the Author

Ladette Randolph is the author of the novel *A Sandhills Ballad* and the short story collection *This is Not the Tropics* as well as the editor of two anthologies: *A Different Plain* and *The Big Empty*. She has published stories and essays in numerous literary journals. Currently the editor-in-chief of the journal [Ploughshares](#) and on the faculty at [Emerson College](#), she was, for many years, an acquiring editor at University of Nebraska Press and prior to that the managing editor of *Prairie Schooner*. She is the recipient of three Nebraska Book Awards, a Rona Jaffe grant, a Pushcart Prize, a Virginia Faulkner award, and has been reprinted in *Best New American Voices*.

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I touch the future, I teach. Christa McAuliffe

In honor of teachers, Stone Hearth has dedicated August as Teacher Appreciation month. We would like to recognize the following retired teachers: Betty Volkman, Lona Ristine, Sena Aden, Lena Aden, Jean Scheer, and Esther Oosting.

The history and knowledge

Anyone who stops learning is old, whether at twenty or eighty. Anyone who keeps learning stays young. The greatest thing in life is to keep your mind young. Henry Ford

represented over the past 50 years of teaching by these women is amazing. The following are excerpts from "questions and answers" in which these teachers have graciously shared their memories.

What do you think has changed most for teachers today from when you taught?

"Teachers today have to teach things which include values and self discipline before they can teach the 3 R's." "Curriculum and discipline", was another comment.

"I had to pump the water, I had sweep out the school room every day, wash the windows, and set up the curriculum for 31 children from kindergarten through

eighth grade."

What was your greatest challenge?

"Meeting the needs of the gifted as well as the slower students so that they could all work at their full capacity."

"Meeting the challenges of teaching three levels in one day." One comment, "It was difficult to teach children that didn't want to learn, I had a rebellious child that didn't want to be in school so he

opened the window, jumped out, and ran home; though he did come back to school the next day."

When teaching was difficult what advice did you give yourself?

"To give lots of love. When teaching got more difficult I gave more love." One resi-

dent remembers a poster that hung in her book cupboard saying, "God doesn't make junk". "On a bad morning I would say the Lord's prayer on the way to my room."

"I prayed for guidance and very often had a dream that worked in solving the problem. I would advise new teachers to seek advice from a master teacher."

Amazing today is the notion that most of our Stone Hearth teachers began teaching at the very young age of 16 and 17.

Naturally, it is not only teachers that teach. So we would like to send "thanks" to Lois Atkinson, our retired school bus driver of 16 years, our teachers had students to teach because of you. Also to Florence Swan who cooked for many years! Thank you Lois and Florence!



Esther Oosting, Jean Scheer, Lona Ristine, Betty Volkman, Sena Aden, Lena Aden

August Birthdays!



Marge Freas 08-12
 Dode Paulsen 08-20
 Lucille Polak 08-30
 Gladys Larson 08-31

Alzheimer's Memory Walk Quilt Raffle

Queen Size Quilt
 Pieced together by Gail
 McNair

Quilted by
 RSVP Flying Needles
 Shades of Brown
 \$1.00 per ticket.
 All proceeds go to
**The Alzheimer's
 Association**

Contact Sylvia for details.

Teacher Appreciation Month



Don't miss our calendar of events. Information is also on our website:

www.stonehearthestates.com

"Batter Up!"

"Play ball!" echoed through Stone Hearth's "Memorial Back Patio" as the first face-off of men VS women, the "Bad Blue Boys" against the "Pink Powder Puffs" squared off. Leila "Hot Lips" Beck, Lela "Doll Face" Davis, and Leonard "Lights Out" Widholm were just a few of the hometown favorites.

The guest appearance of a rather gaunt looking President George Bush surprised everyone. All the way from Texas to throw, rather "T" the first ball. Peanuts, popcorn, and Crackerjacks kept the rowdy crowd at bay. Nevertheless, there was still a great deal of hulla-baloo over the highly controversial call at

home plate by UMP, Don Abbott. Most impressive was the appearance of "ESPN" and Stone Hearth Shakers & Fakers Cheerleading squad.

Then, just when we could hardly handle any more fun the famous Steve Potter, Gothenburg's Professional Hot-dog Thrower, lent Stone Hearth his craft, throwing dozens of hotdogs to hungry fans.

"Take me out to the ball game" was never quite so memorable!

See Stone Hearth's All-Star Line Up and more great pictures online: www.stonehearthestates.com



Sandi—Rock & Fire



Esther gets ready for a grand slam!



"What do you mean, I'm out!!"



In the Dugout with the "Pink Powder Puffs"

Believe it or not, August 10, 2009 our own Hazel will turn 70. Hazel Nut Coffee, Miss Kitty, the Bingo Babe, and the list goes on and on of the things Hazel is to Stone Hearth. It is always difficult to single one person out from the 30+ employees that care for Stone Hearth. Yet, I promise whenever anyone on staff turns 70 we will celebrate! So, with that I am asking families, and residents to help us party with a Card Shower for Hazel. Let's overwhelm her with 70 birthday cards full of memories, love and good wishes!

In all sincerity Hazel, congratulations on being 70 and still drop dead beautiful!

We Love You.

70 Years Beautiful