

The Woods Hole Black History Month Committee presents

JUNETEENTH 2009

A celebration of Juneteenth, the day recognized internationally for commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.

Friday, June 19



A SELECTION OF POEMS FOR JUNETEENTH

Marilyn Nelson

Poet, author, University of Connecticut English professor emerita
Speck Auditorium, Rowe Laboratory, MBL
10 MBL Street, Woods Hole
4 PM

Poet Marilyn Nelson is the author or translator of twelve books and three chapbooks. Her book *The Homeplace* won the 1992 Annisfield-Wolf Award and was a finalist for the 1991 National Book Award. *The Fields Of Praise: New And Selected Poems* won the 1998 Poets' Prize and was a finalist for the 1997 National Book Award, the PEN Winship Award, and the Lenore Marshall Prize. *Carver: A Life In Poems* won the 2001 *Boston Globe*/Hornbook Award and the Flora Stieglitz Straus Award, was a finalist for the 2001 National Book Award, a Newbery Honor Book, and a Coretta Scott King Honor Book. *Fortune's Bones* was a Coretta Scott King Honor Book and won the Lion and the Unicorn Award for Excellence in North American Poetry. *A Wreath For Emmett Till* won the 2005 *Boston Globe*/Horn Book Award and was a 2006 Coretta Scott King Honor Book, a 2006 Michael L. Printz Honor Book, and a 2006 Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award Honor Book. *The Cachoeira Tales And Other Poems* won the L.E. Phyllis Award and was a finalist for the *Los Angeles Times* Book Award. Her honors include two NEA creative writing fellowships, the 1990 Connecticut Arts Award, an A.C.L.S. Contemplative Practices Fellowship, a Fulbright Teaching Fellowship, three honorary doctorates, and a fellowship from the J.S. Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. Nelson is a professor emerita of English at the University of Connecticut; founder and director of Soul Mountain Retreat, a small writers' colony; and the former (2001—2006) Poet Laureate of the State of Connecticut.

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NOAA's National Marine Fisheries Service (166 Water Street)
5 PM

Following Dr. Nelson's presentation all are invited to a BBQ behind the main lab of the National Marine Fisheries Service. Guests are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert, and while contributions will be appreciated, they are not required.

The Woods Hole Black History Month Committee comprises members from six scientific institutions in Woods Hole (Marine Biological Laboratory, NOAA National Marine Fisheries Service, Sea Education Association, Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, Woods Hole Research Center, and USGS Science Center for Coastal and Marine Geology). Visit the committee on the web at: woodshole.er.usgs.gov/outreach/WHBHMC/june.htm.