



SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

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NC State's Poet-in-Residence John Balaban To Speak at Friends' Fall Luncheon

NC State's John Balaban, poet-in-residence and professor of English in the Creative Writing Program, is the guest speaker at the Friends of the Libraries' annual Fall Luncheon. **The event will be held in the NCSU McKimmon Center on November 12, 2003, at 12:00 P.M. His talk, entitled "Poetry Passports," will focus on his poetry as well as his award-winning translations of Vietnamese poetry.**

In April 2003 Balaban received a prestigious Guggenheim Fellowship. During the Fellowship, Balaban will write poetry and begin a new English translation of Nyugen Du's classic, *The Tale of Kieu*, the early-nineteenth-century novel-in-verse that is the hallmark of Vietnamese poetry.

Balaban was also selected as the 2001–2004 Phi Kappa Phi National Artist. This award recognizes the achievements of those who, in addition to their outstanding scholarship, have displayed



John Balaban. Photo by Corolla Clift, 2002.



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talents in the broad realm of the arts. It also honors those individuals who demonstrate the ideals of Phi Kappa Phi through their activities, achievements, and scholarship.

Balaban is the award-winning author of twelve books of poetry and prose. He has received the Academy of American Poets Lamont Prize, a National Poetry Series Selection, and two nominations for the National Book Award. His book *Locusts at the Edge of Summer: New and Selected Poems* won the 1998 William Carlos Williams Award from the Poetry Society of America. Balaban is a translator of Vietnamese poetry and past president of the American Literary Translators Association. He received his B.A. from Penn State University and his M.A. from Harvard University. For additional information on John Balaban visit www.johnbalaban.com.

The fifteenth annual North Carolina State University Libraries Faculty Award will also be presented during the Fall Luncheon. This award is given to an NC State faculty member who has contributed consistently or notably to the operation and development of the Libraries. This year's Faculty Award winner is Karl F. Bowman, associate professor of equine surgery in the Department of Clinical Sciences, College of Veterinary Medicine.

For ticket information, please call the Friends of the Library at (919) 515-2841, Monday through Friday, 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. For more information on the Fall Luncheon, visit the Friends' Web site at <http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/friends/>.

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