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Shelby Stephenson, Paul Green Foundation Trustee, Pembroke University Professor Emeritus of English and Editor of *Pembroke Magazine*, NC Literary Hall of Fame inductee and NC Award for Literature recipient, will be

installed as **Poet Laureate of North Carolina** during a public ceremony and reception at: **5:30, February 3, State Capitol** in Raleigh. RSVP <u>Ardath.Weaver@ncdcr.gov</u>.

Stephenson, who grew up near Benson, has degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill, University of Pittsburgh and the University of Wisconsin-Madison. His books include poetic documentary, *Plankhouse* and ten books of poetry: *Middle Creek Poems, Carolina Shout !, Finch's Mash, The Persimmon Tree Carol, Poor People, Greatest Hits, Fiddledeedee, Possum, Play My Music Anyhow, Family Matters: Homage to July, the Slave Girl.* He and Linda have four musical CDs.

Shelby in front of the Plankhouse in Benson that he and his three sibs were raised in and that he and wife Nin restored.

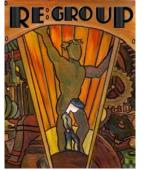


Paul Green Award to Abolish the Death Penalty in North Carolina

Marilyn Ozer and **Bill Massengale**, who have been law partners for over twenty years, will receive the **2015 Paul Green Award** on February 28th. (*Details in the February NEWS.*)

The Paul Green Foundation works in partnership with the ACLU of North Carolina to give this annual award.

ReGroup Theatre



Paul Green's "Hymn to the Rising Sun" will be performed **March 9th, 2015 in New York City.**

Details will follow. Green's 1936 one-act will be a staged reading as part of ReGroup Reads: The Great American Playwrights

Dr. Peter White, a UNC biology professor, is retiring as part-time director of the NC Botanical Garden after 28 years. The scope of the 1000acre garden has



grown dramatically since the 2009 opening of the Allen Education Center that sponsors numerous programs. Dr. White, who is returning to UNC teaching, recommended that a full-time director be hired to manage the complex organization the Garden has become. The **Paul Green Cabin** is an integral part of the NC Botanical Garden.

IOT Annual Conference

Michael Hardy, Institute of Outdoor Theatre director, combined their <u>Annual Conference with</u> <u>Auditions</u> this year in Greenville. The ECU campus provided a great location for actors, dancers and singers to come from all over the country to audition for Outdoor Theatre senior administrators who came from NC, KY, OH, FL and TX to find talent for their productions and to attend the conference.

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