

## Creative and Literary Workshops with VT/RU Alumni,

## Teacher & Appalachian Poet T. Byron Kelly

**Creative and Literary Workshop with VT/RU Alumni, Teacher and Poet T. Byron Kelly**

* Creative workshop
* Critical interpretive lenses
* Essay analysis
* Essay-thesis overview
* Poems
* Sociolinguistics/ dialectology/ language variationist analysis
* Recommended reading

**Locations:**

Solitude

Pilot Mountain School

MFR Library

**Times:**

Weekly meetings TBA

**Office**:

201 Church St. Blacksburg, Va. 24060

**Web**:

<http://wvartsworkshop.weebly.com/>

<http://amazon.com/author/tbyronkelly>

**WVArts Workshop @ Solitude- T. Byron Kelly**

**Primary Texts by*:***

James Wright  
Southern Appalachian Poetry  
Charles Wright  
James Gay Jones  
**Additional Reading by*:***

Hermann Hesse  
Sherwood Anderson  
Nathaniel Hawthorne  
Edgar Allen Poe  
Charles Baudelaire  
Lev Tolstoy  
Arthur Rimbaud  
Jim Morrison  
Rainer Maria Rilke  
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe  
Kenneth Patchen  
Lao-tzu  
Ray Bradbury  
Aldous Huxley  
Charles Dickens  
Marcel Proust  
Henry Wadsworth Longfellow  
William Blake  
Hermann Hesse  
Confucius  
Stephane Mallarme'  
Johann Wolfgang von Goethe  
Edgar Allen Poe  
Ralph Waldo Emerson  
Albert Einstein  
Samuel Beckett  
Flannery O'Connor  
Ray Bradbury  
Boris Pasternak  
Robinson Jeffers  
Aldous Huxley  
Lewis Carroll  
  
Mahabharata  
A.C. Graham  
C.S. Lewis Lawrence Ferlinghetti  
Rabindranath Tagore   
Bertolt Brecht  
Jack Kerouac  
Sara Teasdale  
Washington Irving  
Samuel Beckett  
Jelaluddin Rumi  
Wisława Szymborska  
Soren Kierkegaard   
Lawrence Ferlinghetti  
Samuel Beckett  
Dante Alighieri  
Matsuo Basho  
ee cummings  
Alexander Pushkin   
Thomas Traherne  
Lev Tolstoy  
Meister Eckhart   
Robert Frost  
Arseny Tarkovsky   
  
  
Virginia Tech Library @  
<http://www.lib.vt.edu/>  
Virginia Tech Bookstore @  
<http://www.bookstore.vt.edu/>   
--Schedule will be updated

Our workshop sessions meet @ 3p.m.

on Fridays at Solitude

as well as Pilot Mountain School.

We work on literature analysis and free writing

reactions as well during each meeting

and you can check our schedule @

http://ghosthouseworkshop.weebly.com/schedule.html

and are welcome to stop by.

You may also wish to talk to Jennifer Lawrence at the

Virginia Tech Writing Center

http://www.composition.english.vt.edu/wc/

jlwrnc@vt.edu

2nd Floor, Newman Library

231-5436

Monday - Friday 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

and The English Language Institute

http://www.lci.vt.edu/elp/

Virginia Tech Language and Culture Institute

English Language Program

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Blacksburg VA 24061 USA

Tel: 540.231.9814

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E-mail: lci-info@vt.edu

ESL (English as a second Language) classes

@ Wilson Avenue School

404 Wilson Ave.

Blacksburg, VA. 24060

(beside Harding Ave. elementary)

Mon, Wed and Friday 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday and Thursday 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Tel: 540-381-6166

WVArts Workshop

@ Solitude

T. Byron Kelly

Friday 3-4 p.m.

Office 201 Church St. (Suite E)

Blacksburg, Va.

[tbyron@vt.edu](mailto:tbyron@vt.edu)

Phone: 540-204-0961

Suggested Books:

**Southern Appalachian Poetry: An Anthology of Works by 37 Poets (Contributions to Southern Appalachian Studies)**

**ISBN-10:** 0786434295

<http://www.amazon.com/Southern-Appalachian-Poetry-Anthology-Contributions/dp/0786434295>

**James Wright: Collected Poems (Wesleyan Poetry Series)**

**ISBN-10:** 0819540315

<http://www.amazon.com/Collected-Poems-Wesleyan-Poetry-Series/dp/0819568619/ref=tmm_pap_title_0>

**Charles Wright: Appalachia**

**ISBN-10:** 0374526249

<http://www.amazon.com/Appalachia-Charles-Wright/dp/0374526249/ref=tmm_pap_title_0>

**James Gay Jones: Appalachian Ghost Stories and Other Tales**

**ISBN-10:** 0870122037

<http://www.amazon.com/Appalachian-Ghost-Stories-Other-Tales/dp/0870122037/ref=sr_1_1?s=books&ie=UTF8&qid=1348868546&sr=1-1&keywords=Appalachian+ghost+stories+james+gay+jones>

Books available @ VT Library

<http://www.lib.vt.edu/>

and @ VT Bookstore

<http://www.bookstore.vt.edu/>

@ Amazon.com

<http://www.amazon.com>

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Links List:

<http://wvartsworkshop.weebly.com/>

<http://vawva.blogspot.com/>

<http://www.ghosthousestudio.com/>

<http://eastvapoets.weebly.com>

<http://www.virginiawritersclub.org/>

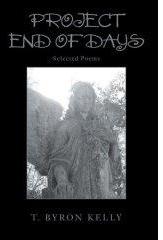
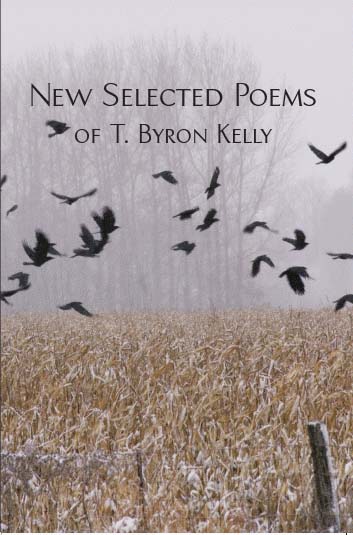
<http://www.wvwriters.org/>

<http://appalachianwritersassociation.weebly.com/>

<http://www.appalachianauthors.com/>

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/SolitudeVT>

Project End of Days / New Selected Poems

T. Byron Kelly @ Amazon.com

amazon.com/author/tbyronkelly

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Fridays @ 3 p.m. Contact & Information @ <http://wvarts.weebly.com>

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From **Va. West Va. Poems**>  
  
Message  
  
secrets of the spirit  
sing in the wind,  
listen very closely ...  
  
your heart will mend.  
  
Amy Kelly  
May 2007  
Blue Ridge Mountains, Virginia  
  
Red Is The Violet  
  
Red is the violet  
Blue is the rose  
To you a birthday happy  
(I'm up-mixed, you suppose?)  
If from me a tip you'll take  
Since "Fair is all in love and war".  
And "Tis fair play to turn about".  
You're 45, not 54.  
Wish best,  
Rose Maude  
  
-Maude Rose Kelly  
Salem, Virginia 1966  
Born 1912-Pike Kentucky  
  
Maude Rose Kelly was a Roanoke Valley resident since 1953. Prior to  
settling in the Roanoke Valley (Virginia), Maude Rose lived in  
Florida, West Virginia and Kentucky, where she was born to Margie  
Cassidy and the Reverend Walter Chiles Harris in 1912. For more than  
20 years, Maude Rose and her loving husband, Vernon Byron Kelly, were  
small business owners in West Salem, Virginia. Maude Rose passed away  
November 2, 2008.  
  
Sentiment And Retrospect  
1  
The last ray of twilight has faded, the moon's silver light shines instead:  
And yet, though all worn out and jaded, sleep forsakes my lone pillow and bed.  
2  
As I wander alone in the moonlight, looking into far azure blue.  
Hark! The clock strikes the hour of midnight: I was thinking my heart's love,  
of you.  
3  
Does life's retrospect leap time and distance, back from Heaven to Earth's  
transient home?  
Yes, the saints ne'er forget the existence of the dear ones they've left here to  
roam.  
4  
Is it wrong to think of the love dreams that brightened our pathway in youth?  
Is it wrong to cherish their memory, since forgetting will not alter truth.  
5  
Backward o'er times fleeting cycles to the days when hope's star shone most  
bright,  
Fond memory bids me to linger, and ask you to join me tonight.  
6  
Come then, let us sit by the river, when vesper brings Venus to view;  
For Cupid has darts in his quiver. I'll reveal the glad secret- to you.  
7  
When at last we shall meet by the river. Life's river that flows by the throne,  
I'll thank Cupid's dart and his quiver, and claim you again for my own.  
  
-Walter C. Harris  
Pax West Virginia/Limestone, Tenn.  
January 4th, 1922  
  
Walter Chiles Harris was born in Eastern Kentucky December 24th 1876  
and was an Itinerant Pastor for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.  
Pastor Harris served the Appalachian communities of Southern West  
Virginia and Eastern Tennessee during a period of wilderness  
expansion; he was also an accomplished Poet and speaker. Pastor Harris  
passed away on April 23rd 1936 in Montgomery Country, Virginia and was  
survived by five children.  
  
Ghost Sightings  
  
Ghost sightings  
amid sun-whited copses  
remembrance of mourning sunlight poured out  
retraction, other side/an infusion—  
in a flash of songs or voices,  
in a vision or none retained,  
inside a question [of aloneness]-as sea softened  
hands reach to touch thorough time lost again.  
Between shadows crossed,  
O this valley of translation, of  
transforming sorrows/Of Eternity crossed.  
Once there, then vanished  
Once there, I understand you:  
What stillness remains to remind them?  
1/17/2005  
-T. Byron Kelly  
from Light & Shadow  
  
"To me, Appalachia has a haunting beauty. Its mountains and forests  
are alive with ghosts of the past and future. When I visit there it’s  
almost like I can feel their presence. From the Trail of Tears to the  
Battle of Blair Mountain to recent fights over mountaintop removal,  
the land and its ghosts call for justice. For over a hundred and fifty  
years, King Coal has waged war on her land and people. Before that the  
colonizers waged their own war against Appalachia. “The True Cost of  
Coal” captures this spirit."  
-Scott Parkin  
  
"I was climbing up some gradual slopes, into an area of outstanding  
beauty. It reminded me of an idealized version of Scotland-warmer,  
drier, quieter. A place where even the deer seemed  
tame. A gorgous blend of untamed forests and lush meadows. Virginia  
was looking after me very well."  
-David Piper  
  
“Let me ask you this: What do you hold so close to your own circle of  
life that you would not put a price on it? What would it be for you?  
For me, it is the mountains and the people of Appalachia.”  
-Larry Gibson  
  
Please visit I Love Mountains.org  
<http://ilovemountains.org/>