

BENJAMIN CHEEVER is the author of four novels and two nonfiction books. He has worked as a newspaper reporter and as an editor at *The Reader's Digest* and has taught at Bennington College and The New School for Social Research. Ben has lent support and advice to the Writers' Center since its early years and was a keynote speaker at the ribbon cutting for its Philipse Manor Railroad Station headquarters in 1996.

BRENDA CONNOR-BEY is an award-winning poet, writer, and arts-in-education consultant. She is a co-founder of New Renaissance Writers Guild, founder of MenWem Writers Workshop, a member of the Harlem Writers' Workshop and the Poetry Caravan. In 2006, she was named the first Poet Laureate of the town of Greenburgh, New York. Brenda was instrumental in establishing the creative writing program for youth at the Writers' Center and has taught a creative writing workshop for teens since 2003. She is a former Writers' Center board member and currently serves on its Slapering Hol Press Advisory Committee. Brenda is author of *Thoughts of an Everyday Woman/An Unfinished Urban Folktale*.

DONALD STEVER is a founding member of the Writers' Center Board of Directors and its current chairperson. He is an environmental lawyer with more than 30 years of civil and criminal environmental litigation and counseling experience. In addition to lending his legal expertise to the Writers' Center, Don has been instrumental in securing and restoring the Philipse Manor Railroad Station for use as the Writers' Center office, workshop, and performance space.

** front of invitation: poets and writers whose work has been presented by The Hudson Valley Writers' Center over the past 20 years **

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20th Anniversary Autumn Celebration

honoring

Benjamin Cheever
Brenda Connor-Bey
and *Donald Stever*

and featuring

Billy Collins
United States Poet Laureate, 2001-03

Friday, September 19, 2008

7:00 p.m.

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Scarborough, New York