

## **Show to focus on textile workers**

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A proud part of the heritage of the Sandhills region is based around the textile mills. They were the economic engine that powered the creation of many North Carolina cities, towns, and communities. Although most of these textile mills have closed and the buildings have either been torn down or are in ill-repair, one thing lives on—the stories of the textile workers.

It is the lives of these production line workers, managers and their families that inspired “Piecework,” a collection of poems by North Carolina native Barbara Presnell. Her book was adapted into a stage performance of the same name by Brenda Schleunes.

The production, as staged by The Touring Theatre of North Carolina from Greensboro, will be presented Tuesday, September 28th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Cole Auditorium as part of the 2010 Cole Community Series. The series and this show are open to the general public. Tickets for the show are \$5.00 for adults. Children 18 and under will be admitted free as will RCC students, faculty and staff with a RCC ID.

The performance will last approximately 1 hour.

Even though Presnell's characters are connected to textiles, their voices resonate with the ring of the tobacco farmer, the factory worker, the nurse's aide, the hotel maid and other Southerners.

In conjunction with the performance, the audience will also be able to view textile artifacts and pieces of art that relate to the industry assembled from local citizens. Following the performance, audience members will be able to purchase copies of “Piecework” and have them signed by Presnell, who will be in attendance.

Tickets can be purchased by calling the Cole Auditorium Box Office at (910) 410-1691 or by visiting the Cole Auditorium on the RCC campus at 1042 W. Hamlet Ave, Hamlet N.C. Cash, check, VISA and MasterCard are accepted. Tickets will be available on the day of the show.

This is the fourth season of the Cole Community Series at Cole Auditorium. The series has featured a wide variety of performances including children's shows, classical performers, and country musicians.

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