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An Evening with Nevada Barr....

***New York Times* bestselling author of the Anna Pigeon series**

VICKSBURG, MS, APRIL 2, 2008: The Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation presents an "Evening with Nevada Barr". The *New York Times* bestselling author will present a lecture on her books, life and art at the SCHF Auditorium on Tuesday, July 15th 7:00 p.m. The event is free and open to the public. A book signing will follow the program.

Nevada Barr first introduced her wildly popular Park Ranger Anna Pigeon fifteen years ago in *Track of the Cat*, a remarkable debut that earned Barr a host of honors, including an Agatha Award. Pigeon was an instant hit with mystery and thriller fans of every stripe and a beloved series was born. The breathtaking national park setting—in essence, another character—was a fresh, fascinating bonus, and fans continue to eagerly await each foray into a national park.

Evocative and haunting, Barr's new book, *WINTER STUDY*, offers a glimpse of a world that few see, "the splendid isolation" of an unspoiled refuge in its magnificence as well as its brutality. Brimming with edge-of-your-seat suspense, Barr's story makes a strong but subtle case for the much maligned wolf population as it spins an utterly original tale about evil, weakness, and human predators. But the ever-precise Barr gets the science right, too, with help from Rolf Peterson, the real-life scientist behind the island's wolf/moose research study and who contributes an intelligent, moving perspective in his foreword. The result is a riveting story by a writer with a gift for entertaining us as she expertly illuminates the twin conflicts of man vs. nature and man vs. man.

Nevada Barr is the award-winning author of thirteen previous Anna Pigeon mysteries, including the New York Times bestselling *Hard Truth* and *High Country*. Her debut novel *Track of the Cat* (1993) received both the Anthony Award for Best First Novel from the Crime Writers Association as well as the Agatha Award for Best First Novel. A few years later, *Firestorm* (1996) was honored with France's Prix du Roman D' Aventure as well as another Agatha Award nomination. Barr was also recognized by Books for a Better Life and Nautilus for her spiritual memoir, *Seeking Enlightenment Hat by Hat*.

The Nevada-born daughter of two professional pilots had started out as a successful stage actress in Manhattan, but, thanks to a former husband involved with the National Park Service, fell in love with the outdoors. With a newfound passion for conservation and wildlife, she launched a new career as a ranger landing stints in places like Texas' Guadalupe Mountains National Park and most recently Natchez Trace Parkway in Mississippi. Now retired from service, she's a full time novelist. She lives in New Orleans.

Because of the influx of inquiries and limited seating for this event, members of the Southern Cultural Heritage Foundation will be able to make reservations. If you are not a member of the Foundation, you will be able to join or make a substantial donation to the event. The event will be on a first come first serve basis without a reservation. For more information about this exciting event, please call the SCHF office at 601-631-2997 or email info@southernculture.org.

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