



# XXXI Annual Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Conference

Mount Dora, Florida

April 20 - 21, 2018

## Friday, April 20

8—9 am Registration

9—9:10 Welcome, Ashley Lear, President of the MKR Society, and Leslie Poole, Executive Director of the MKR Society.

9:10—9:40 Tina Egnoski, author. "The Poetics of Landscape."

9:40—10:10 Ashley Lear, Embry Riddle. "Cosmic Consciousness and *The Sojourner*."

10:10-10:40 Break

10:40 – 11:10 Kimberly Voss, University of Central Florida. "Ageless Spinsters, Angry Canaries, and Literary Liberties: How *Cross Creek* Changed Florida's Privacy Laws."

11:15 -11:45 Anne Bellissimo, writer. "Anything but Black and White: A Closer Look at Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings and Zora Neale Hurston."

11:45 – Noon Margaret Harris. A look at the original advertisement of Dessie Smith's Withlacoochee River Lodge. How times have changed since 1942...

Noon **Silent Auction Announcements**

12:30 pm **Pick up box lunches at Lakeside Inn.**

1:30-3:30 pm **BOAT TOUR of Lake Dora. Meet at the Prestige Dock to the right of the swimming pool in front of the Lakeside Inn Hotel.**

5—6 pm **Cocktail Reception. Lakeside Inn.**

6:30 pm **Banquet – Lakeside Inn.**

Speaker: Dana Ste. Claire, author of three books including award-winning *Cracker: The Cracker Culture in Florida History*. "Cross Creek Culture: Marjorie's Peculiar Neighbors"

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Saturday, April 21

- 8:30—9 am **MKR Society Business Meeting (Parker Scholarship winner)**
- 9—10 **MKR College Writing Contest (Kevin McCarthy & Ashley Lear)**  
**Undergraduate Award:** Alaina Sweetney, Florida Southern College.  
"Breaking Prejudice: A New Historicist Critique of Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings"  
**Edna Saffy Graduate Award:** Randy Noles, Rollins College, "Pride and Privacy: *Cason V. Baskin* and Cross Creek's Loss of Innocence."  
**School Writing Contest (Ellen Giallonardo)**
- 10—10:30 *Break*
- 10:30---11 Lisa Kerr Dunn. "Malaria, Mothering, and Missed Connections: The Banner Elk Letters."
- 11—11:30 Kevin Schindler, historian Lowell Observatory. "South Moon Under: Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings's Use of Astronomy Imagery."
- 11:30 – noon Peggy MacDonald, Matheson Museum, Gainesville.  
"Cross Creek Citrus Before and After Rawlings."
- noon-1 pm Silent Auction Payment and Pickup of Items
- 12:30 pm Luncheon – Picnic Buffet at Lakeside Inn.  
Speaker: Barbara Wingo. "Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings at Home in Florida."

