

## Brown Bag Series 2008

June 2

Ellen Baker, Keeping the House

Midwestern author Ellen Baker's debut novel spans three generations of a family in small-town Wisconsin. The main focus of the story spans the time between the two world wars and looks at love, conflict, loss and life.

June 9

Jim Klobuchar, Pieces of My Heart: everyone has an Everest

We welcome Jim back for a return visit. A former newspaper columnist and author of many books, Jim will discuss his latest book, a collection of essays about the people on his travels that have inspired him.

June 16

Ann Reed, Sesquicentennial Songwriting Tour

"Terrific singer, amazing songwriter and darned good guitar player" Ann Reed will perform her "Song for Minnesota" in honor of Minnesota's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday, highlighting the state's history and culture.

June 23

Catherine Watson, Home on the Road: further dispatches from the ends of the earth

Catherine Watson is a nationally known travel writer, photographer and teacher and was the first travel editor at the Minneapolis Star Tribune. She will discuss her new book and other travel tales.

June 30

William Cope Moyers, Broken: my memoir of addiction and redemption

William Cope Moyers describes his descent into the hell of alcohol and other drug addictions and his recovery. With his personal story, he hopes readers gain a better understanding of addiction and the hope of recovery.

July 7

Jerry Mevissen, Broken Hart: Small Town Short Stories

Jerry, a columnist in the Sebeka Menahga newspaper, writes about the fictional town of Rye, MN in his latest book. The town of Rye reminds us of every Midwest small town.

July 14

Rusty Schmidt, Rain Gardens

Landscape ecologist Rusty Schmidt describes how to create rain gardens to help with storm water management. They can be both functional and beautiful.

July 21

Bookwomen

This magazine is dedicated to “a readers’ community from those who love women’s words”. It is a valuable resource published by the Minnesota Women’s Press. Staff from the magazine will be here to discuss the publication and women’s’ readings.

July 28

John Hendricksson, [The Gunflint Cabin](#)

John has been a writer and observer of the Gunflint region for over 50 years. His memoir tells the stories of the people and the land.