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### Book signing: *Self-Rising Flowers* illustrates the spirit of Appalachian Women

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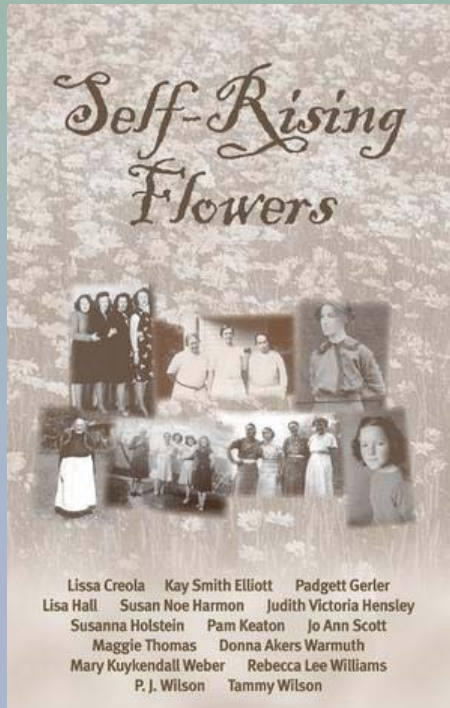
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BRISTOL, Va. -- Fifteen Appalachian women writers are involved in *Self-Rising Flowers*, a second short story collection published by Mountain Girl Press (MGP) of Bristol, Va.

Like *The Zinnia Tales* (2006), the stories are all works of fiction, according to MFP Publisher Tammy Robinson Smith. Writers were asked to submit stories which portrayed how Appalachian women overcome adversity with wit, humor and strength. Fifteen stories were chosen from numerous submissions. Several of the writers' works were included in *The Zinnia Tales*.



However, eight of the writers are new to this collection and MGP. All of the writers have Appalachian roots, or still live in Appalachia, while a few live in locations such as New York, Wisconsin, or Florida; but still hold true to their Appalachian beginnings.

A **book signing** will be held in the Community Meeting Room of the Bristol Public Library on **Sunday, Oct. 21** from 2-4 p.m. Refreshments will be served and the public is invited to attend. Several of the 15 writers are scheduled to attend the book signing. Those authors and Smith will all be available for the signing, and discussion of Appalachian fiction writing.

#### WHAT OTHERS ARE SAYING ABOUT *Self-Rising Flowers*

-- **Tamara Baxter**, author of the prize-winning collection, *Rock Big and Sing Loud*: "These are the stories of strong women who survive their sorrows and start over, women who "stand up straight" and "get strong in the broken places," women who change their own destinies. *Self-Rising Flowers* -- the stories all women should read."

-- **Adda Leah Davis**, author of *Lucinda's Mountain* adds to the praise: "The indomitable spirit and tenacity of mountain women flows through this entire book. Readers of this book will be encouraged to straighten their shoulders, hold their heads high, and master the hurdles they face. In these tales, women are shown as flowers in their roles of civilizing, sustaining, and nourishing humanity along the pathways in life."

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