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# **Quick Facts**

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The cost is free for Friends members and \$15 for non-members.



ROCK HILL, S.C. — The Friends of Dacus Library at Winthrop University will welcome seasoned poet Dr. Richard Tillinghast for a special reading on Thursday, March 6.

Born in Memphis, Tenn., Tillinghast attended Sewanee: The University of the South and worked with famous Southern poets such as John Crowe Ransom and Allen Tate. After winning the Woodrow Wilson Scholarship to the Harvard Graduate School, he studied with illustrious poet Robert Lowell.

Dr. Richard Tillinghast

He later went on to teach at Harvard University, the University of California-Berkeley and the University of Michigan.

Throughout his career, Tillinghast has published 11 poetry collections as well as four non-fiction books. His first poetry collection, "Sleep Watch," published in 1961, earned him praise from James Dickey, who called him the best poet of the younger generation.

There will be a reception beginning at 5:30 p.m. in the Tuttle Dining Room in McBryde Hall, in which attendees can meet Tillinghast. He will begin his poetry reading at 6:30 p.m. followed by a questionand-answer session.

The cost is free for Friends members and \$15 for non-members.

Those who would like to attend should RSVP by Feb. 28 to Ronnie W. Faulkner by calling 803/323-2262 or emailing faulknerr@winthrop.edu.

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