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Ruthless Grip Poetry Series presents Three North Carolina Poets

Reading: Friday April 8, 8-10 pm

Alexandria, VA (March 17, 2011) Washington, D.C.'s Ruthless Grip Poetry Series visits Del Ray Artisans for National Poetry Month! Three North Carolina poets will read from their acclaimed works:

Lee Ann Brown is the author of *Polyverse* (Sun & Moon Press, 1999) and *The Sleep That Changed Everything* (Wesleyan University Press). She serves on the editorial board of the Contemporary Poetry Series from University of New Orleans, publishes Tender Buttons press, and founded the French Broad Institute (of Time & the River) in Marshall, NC. She teaches poetry at St. John's University and lives in NYC and NC.

Chris Vitiello writes about art, performance, and hockey in Durham, NC. He's authored three poetry books: *Obedience* (Ahsahta, forthcoming 2011), *Irresponsibility* (Ahsahta, 2008) and *Nouns Swarm a Verb* (Xurban, 1999).

Dianne Timblin lives in Durham, North Carolina. Her poetry has appeared in *Talisman*, *Phoebe*, *minor/american*, *Fanzine*, and *Foursquare*, among others. She contributed to Kate Schapira's collaborative book project *TOWN*, published in 2010 by Factory School. Dianne is currently researching and writing about historical wildland fires in the American West. She works as an editor at Duke University Press.

The reading is free and open to the public and will be held at the Del Ray Artisans gallery at the Nicholas A. Colasanto Center, 2704 Mount Vernon Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22301. Gallery hours are: Thursdays, 12 noon to 4 pm (First Thursdays, 12 noon to 9 pm); Fridays, 12 noon to 9 pm; Saturdays, 10 am to 9 pm; and Sundays, 12 noon to 6 pm. The gallery is free, open to the public and handicap accessible.

For more information, please visit www.TheDelRayArtisans.org or contact DRA Programs Director, Betsy Mead at DRA.Programs@gmail.com or Bryan Koen, (703) 795-2042, bwkoen@gmail.com.

Del Ray Artisans, founded in 1992, is a nonprofit organization whose mission is to promote art for the benefit of artists and the community.

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