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BARBARA PRESNELL'S 'PIECE WORK' WILL BE PRESENTED TWICE AT GTCC

JAMESTOWN – A stage adaptation of Barbara Presnell's "Piece Work" will be presented twice at Guilford Technical Community College in Jamestown on Monday, Oct. 19, by the Touring Theatre of North Carolina.

A noon performance will be in the auditorium of Koury Hospitality Careers Center and a 7 p.m. show will be in the Sears Applied Technologies Center auditorium.

The performances will be open to the public free of charge.

Among other performances scheduled in the area are:

- Randolph Community College, 7 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 27.
- Alamance Community College, time to be determined, Tuesday, Nov. 3.
- Greensboro Public Library, 7 p.m., Nov. 16.

"Piece Work" premiered in May at the Greensboro Historical Museum, and since has been scheduled for performances at 10 North Carolina community colleges. The shows are being made possible by the American Express Foundation and the N.C. Humanities Council.

Barbara Presnell of Lexington put together a collection of narrative poems about North Carolina textile workers, and the show is being presented in areas that were dramatically affected by mill layoffs and closures. Instructors in humanities, liberal arts, fine arts, social sciences and business at the respective schools where the program is presented will provide readings of selected poems from Presnell's collection.

The poems reflect the plight of workers who had to cope with losing their jobs.

Presnell's collection of poems has been adapted for the stage by Brenda Schleunes, producing artistic director of the Touring Theater of North Carolina.

Those attending the performances will be able to meet Presnell after the show and engage her in a question and answer session.

Presnell is a native of Asheboro, who earned undergraduate and graduate degrees at UNCG. She also earned a masters degree in American literature at the University of Kentucky. She has won several writing awards, and "Piece Work" is her fifth book.

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