

Encouraging Words (2015)

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I get to be on the Sundial Writers Corner from time to time. What a blast!

“The Writers Corner” is on five days a week, at 9:30 in the morning, and 6:44 in the evening, during “All Things Considered,” a strange and diverse collection of poets and prophets and preachers and people: Judy Hammond’s celebration of the Fourth of July in World War II, and her daddy’s having to carry her out of the park when the fireworks explosions terrified her ... Rebecca Harbor Jones describing her twilight roost where she retreats into memory in thirty-five seconds of air time ... Walter Thames providing testimony to what a creative cook can and must do with the most humble ingredients (and providing a couple of recipes while he was at it) ... and Beth Thames describing a snake as “like a sinewy striped train at a railroad crossing.” And on the first of each week the incomparable Kathryn Tucker Wyndham, who’s like the anchor store of our mall.

... and **me!** I write! And that requires readers! WLRH hasn’t figured out just how much I’d pay to have people respond to what I write, so being on the Writers Corner is like getting a Super Bowl halftime ad for free.

I give twice a year to WLRH, and I hope you do, too.