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Internationally known author returns to Warsaw roots for talk at RCC

Noted author Tom Robbins, who grew up in the Northern Neck and Middle Peninsula in the 1940s, will return to his childhood home of Warsaw at 7 p.m. on Friday, October 16, to read from his latest book, a memoir. After the reading—to be held in the lecture hall at Rappahannock Community College—Robbins will answer audience questions and autograph copies of the book, "Tibetan Peach Pie," which the Friends of the RCC/Richmond County Public Library will make available for purchase at the event. In addition, all of Robbins' books have been arranged in a special display near the front entrance of the library, and may be checked out by library patrons.

Robbins has been named one of the best writers of the 20th century by Writer's Digest. His previous novels— "Another Roadside Attraction," "Even Cowgirls get the Blues," "Still Life with Woodpecker," "Jitterbug Perfume," "Skinny Legs and All," "Half Asleep in Frog Pajamas," "Fierce Invalids Home from Hot Climates," "Villa Incognito," "Wild Ducks Flying Backward," and "B Is for Beer"—have sold millions of copies. In 1993 "Even Cowgirls Get the Blues" was made into a feature film, narrated by Robbins himself. In 2012, Robbins received the Library of Virginia's Lifetime Achievement Award, joining a stellar array which includes Edgar Allan Poe and Booker T. Washington. "Others on that distinguished list might be considered a bit offbeat, inventive, iconoclastic, irreverent and possibly dangerous-but not all of these things and then some!" said Virginia's state librarian, Sandra

Treadway about Robbins, at the time.

Admission to the reading is free, but as seating in RCC's lecture hall is limited, reservations are required. Through September 16, up to two seats per request for Warsaw area residents can be reserved; after that date, the remaining seats will be assigned to anyone who wishes to attend, in the order the requests were received.

Overflow seating with a wide-screen view of the talk will be available in the nearby student lounge, where Robbins will later autograph his book. The college is also planning a live webcast of the reading and the question-and-answer session, via RCC's home page (www. rappahannock.edu/) for the benefit of those who cannot attend in person. A recording of the webcast will be posted on YouTube.

For those who would like to become more familiar with Robbins's life and work before meeting him, RCC public relations manager and longtime Robbins fan Tom Martin will give an "Introduction to Tom Robbins" on Thursday, September 17, 6:30-7:30 p.m., in the Warsaw Campus lecture hall. His presentation will include a short biography of Robbins, an overview of his works, and a discussion period. At this time, audience members will be welcome to air their views about their favorite Tom Robbins books.

To reserve seats, to be added to the reservation waiting list, or to obtain further information, please call library coordinator Dan Ream at 804-758-6716. or e-mail him at dream@rappahannock.

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