

## September's Second Saturday Social At RAL Art Center Focuses on Local Stories

RAL Art Center and the Writers Guild of Virginia are continuing their Second Saturday Social Series on September 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-7 PM with an evening focused on local stories presenting Lancaster County author Gwen Keane. Keane is an ardent supporter and board member of Northern Neck Partners for Pets, an organization focused on providing a no-kill shelter for local homeless animals. Keane's book, *Cowboy Finds a Home*, tells the story of her own shelter rescue dog, with the proceeds from sales of the book going to NNPP. Keane's work also includes *Local Color*, a humorous and thoughtful memoir about growing up in the Northern Neck in the 1950s; *Fix It*, a moving and personal story about the struggles of being a caregiver to an ailing spouse; and *Swan Wait*, the true tale of an unusual relationship that developed between the author's family and a host of mute swans.

The Second Saturday Social is a free event held at the RAL Art Center, 19 N. Main Street, Kilmarnock VA. Open to readers, writers, artists, and anyone with an interest in the local creative arts community, each event includes light refreshments and drinks, live music, books to browse, and a short program focused on Virginia authors. For more information, go to the Writers Guild Facebook page or [writersguildva.com](http://writersguildva.com).