The Woods Hole Black History Month Committee presents

JUNETEENTH 2009

A celebration of Juneteenth, the day recognized internationally for commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.

Friday, June 19

A SELECTION OF POEMS FOR JUNETEENTH

Marilyn Nelson
Poet, author. University of Connecticut English professor emerita
Speck Auditorium, Rowe Laboratory, MBL
10 MBL Street, Woods Hole
4 PM

Poet Marilyn Nelson is the author or translator of twelve books and three chapbooks. Her book The Homeplace won the 1992 Anisfield-Wolf Award and was a finalist for the 1991 National Book Award. The Fields Of Praise: New And Selected Poems won the 1998 Poets’ Prize and was a finalist for the 1997 National Book Award, the PEN Winship Award, and the Lenore Marshall Prize. Carver: A Life In Poems won the 2001 Boston Globe/Hornbook Award and the Flora Stieglitz Straus Award, was a finalist for the 2001 National Book Award, a Newbery Honor Book, and a Coretta Scott King Honor Book. Fortune’s Bones was a Coretta Scott King Honor Book and won the Lion and the Unicorn Award for Excellence in North American Poetry. A Wreath For Emmett Till won the 2005 Boston Globe/Horn Book Award and was a 2006 Coretta Scott King Honor Book, a 2006 Michael L. Printz Honor Book, and a 2006 Lee Bennett Hopkins Poetry Award Honor Book. The Cachoeira Tales And Other Poems won the L.E. Philla-bau Award and was a finalist for the Los Angeles Times Book Award. Her honors include two NEA creative writing fellowships, the 1990 Connecticut Arts Award, an A.C.L.S. Contemplative Practices Fellowship, a Fulbright Teaching Fellowship, three honorary doctorates, and a fellowship from the J.S. Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. Nelson is a professor emerita of English at the University of Connecticut; founder and director of Soul Mountain Retreat, a small writers’ colony; and the former (2001—2006) Poet Laureate of the State of Connecticut.

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NOAA’s National Marine Fisheries Service (166 Water Street)
5 PM

Following Dr. Nelson’s presentation all are invited to a BBQ behind the main lab of the National Marine Fisheries Service. Guests are welcome to bring a side dish or dessert, and while contributions will be appreciated, they are not required.