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Please join us for *An Evening with the Mountain Keepers*. Through music and talk, readings and art, the Evening celebrates the way that public writing and grassroots community action work together to ensure a healthy, participatory democracy. Poets, speakers, musicians, artists, and journalists focus on Appalachia's endangered culture and its uneasy relationship with coal as they share their creative approaches to working for environmental justice.

Larry Gibson—the WV activist-orator featured by CNN, Nightline, and People Magazine—shares personal narratives about the clash of coal and culture; Silas House and Jason Howard read from *Something's Rising: Appalachians Fighting MTR*; performance poet Frank X Walker shares a new coal/culture poem; Judy Sizemore reflects on coal and culture and reads *The Badlands of Kentucky*; Erik Reece reads from *Lost Mountain*; George Ella Lyon and Anne Shelby read original poetry; Dave Cooper shares a little Mountaintop *Removal Roadshow*; and *Public Outcry!* plays original acoustic music.

Join us for a beautiful evening! The Grand Ballroom will be festooned with a cornucopia of MTR-genre displays—the poignant sculpture *Agony of Gaia*, the monumental banner *The True Cost of Coal*, unique coal-culture exhibits, quilts, paintings, photographs, artifacts, visuals, music... and refreshments, too!

What: *An Evening with the Mountain Keepers*
When: April 9, 2009 from 6-10pm
Where: UK Student Center Grand Ballroom
Cost: Free and Open to the Public
Contact: <http://www.uky.edu/~afma222/MountainKeepers.htm>

The Evening is hosted by The UK Writing Program Community Engagement Series and made possible by our generous Community Partners:

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