

[Lecture: Who Will Polish the Silver? A Baby Boomer's Remembrance](#)

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Marie Land Avery will speak on her book, "Who Will Polish the Silver? A Baby Boomer's Remembrance," in which she recalls growing up in the 1940s South and reflects on the experiences of her childhood that shaped her life. The lecture is Thursday, April 13, 2017 at 7 pm at the Visitors Center of the Joel Lane Museum House at 160 South Saint Mary's Street, Raleigh, NC 27603. Admission is \$16 for the general public and \$11 for members of the Joel Lane Historical Society. Refreshments will be served. Seating is limited, and advanced payment is required. Please call 919-833-3431 with your MasterCard or Visa, mail a check to P O Box 10884, Raleigh NC 27605, or go to the Eventbrite web site. Be sure to include the names of all in your party; nametags will serve as tickets. Tickets are non-refundable unless we must cancel the event.

"Who Will Polish the Silver?" is uniquely told through the parallel voices of young Missy - as Marie was known to friends and family - growing up in North Carolina and older Missy, who examines how the values instilled in childhood stayed with her throughout her life. Young Missy's perspectives are those of a child aged between 4 and 10, and she relates them in first person, present tense. Older Missy's experiences reflect those of her childhood and are recounted in first person, past tense.

Missy grew up surrounded by several generations of an eccentric Southern family during a time when Victorian manners and Civil War pride still permeated the culture. This memoir reveals how her character and personality have been influenced by her relationships with her accomplished family, particularly great aunt Mamee and her maternal grandparents; and by her adoration of her father, an attorney and soldier who raised his three daughters and son to value education and achievement in any field they might choose.

Reminiscent of "The Help" and "Steel Magnolias," "Who Will Polish the Silver?" offers a unique Southern memoir that paints a true picture of the times with appreciation and humor.

Marie Land Avery Mickey grew up in Statesville, North Carolina. She earned a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she was a Phi Beta Kappa English major, and a master's degree from Emory University where she was a member of the classical honorary society. She has been a teacher and a pharmaceutical executive. She has three children and two granddaughters and lives with her husband and two dogs in Raleigh, North Carolina.

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