

South Philadelphia Free Library 1700 S. Broad Street (Morris Street)

Sunday May 13, 2018 – 2pm

W.D Ehrhart, Bill Wunder, & Members of Warrior Writers



W.D. Ehrhart - Poet, Writer, Scholar and Teacher - joined the U.S. Marine Corps in June 1966, serving three years, including 13 months in Vietnam. Over the years, he has held a wide variety of jobs, from merchant seaman to newspaper reporter to high school teacher. Through the 1990s, he made his living primarily as a writer and speaker, but early in the new millenium he returned to teaching high school fulltime. Ehrhart began writing when he was 15 years old, and has been writing more or less continuously ever since. His poems were included in *Winning Hearts and Minds: War Poems by Vietnam Veterans*. The influence of Ehrhart's encounter with the Vietnam War can readily be seen in his writing, but though he is known primarily as a "Vietnam War poet," in fact his subject matter ranges widely. He has written essays and articles on such topics as

radio disc jockeys, tugboats on the Delaware River, the Internal Revenue Service, and a variety of modern and contemporary poets. His poems also reflect his respect for nature, his love of friends, his active engagement with the world around him, and his consternation at the human condition.



Bill Wunder is the author of *Pointing at the Moon* and *Hands Turning the Earth*. In 2004, he was named Poet Laureate of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. His poems have been widely published, and he has twice been nominated for the Pushcart Prize in poetry. Bill has been a finalist for the T. S. Eliot Prize and the Allen Ginsberg Poetry Award. In 2010, he was nominated for a Pew Fellowship in the Arts. He has read and lectured in local schools, colleges, festivals, book stores, libraries, and on public television. Bill, a Vietnam veteran, serves as Poetry Editor of *The Schuylkill Valley Journal*, and lives with his two black labs in the wilds of Bucks County.

Warrior Writers is a national non-profit. Our mission is to create a culture that articulates veterans' experiences, build a collaborative community for artistic expression, and bear witness to war and the full range of military experiences. We value Respect for ourselves, each other, our experiences, and our creative community; Honesty; Transformation; and Pride in our work and our experiences. Our goals include providing opportunities for veterans to engage in artistic expression, creating visibility for veteran artists and their work, supporting veterans in the discovery of the arts as a transformative tool, and tell the truths about veterans' experiences.

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