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**Adult Literacy Advocates Presents An Evening with Great Authors Fundraiser March 20, 2014**  
**Featuring: Mary H. Manhein, "The Bone Lady"**

**BATON ROUGE, LA** – Adult Literacy Advocates of Greater Baton Rouge, along with the LSU Chapter of Phi Kappa Phi, will host the seventh annual “An Evening with Great Authors” fundraiser at 6 p.m. Thursday, March 20, 2014. The featured author is LSU Professor **Mary H. Manhein**.

The event will take place at Louisiana State University (LSU), 1002-Q Energy, Coast & Environment Building, Baton Rouge, Louisiana on the South Campus off Nicholson Drive, in the Dalton Woods Auditorium.

Known in law enforcement circles as “The Bone Lady,” physical anthropologist and bioarchaeologist Mary Manhein will speak about her 27 years of experience in field recovery and analysis of human skeletal remains. She is the author of two nonfiction books, “The Bone Lady: Life as a Forensic Anthropologist” and “Trail of Bones: More Cases from the Files of a Forensic Anthropologist.” Her first fiction book, “Softly, They Die” is currently in review.

Manhein is the Director of the LSU Forensic Anthropology and Computer Enhancement Services (FACES) Lab, Director of the Louisiana Repository for Unidentified and Missing Persons Information Program and is also Professional in Residence for Anthropology in LSU’s Department of Geography and Anthropology. She has also served as Deputy Coroner for East Baton Rouge Parish since 1993 and is certified as an expert witness in forensic anthropology for Texas and Louisiana.

She is a Fellow in the American Academy of Forensic Sciences and has made more than 25 guest appearances on Fox TV’s Program, “Missing”, in which her clay facial reconstructions of unidentified persons were featured. In 2004, Manhein’s work on Precious Doe was featured on A&E’s “Cold Case Files.”

An Evening with Great Authors tickets are \$20 per person, but students with a valid ID can purchase tickets for \$5, and senior citizens (age 65+) can purchase tickets for \$10. Hors d’oeuvres and drinks are provided.

Tickets can be purchased at the door, but because seating is limited, advanced ticket purchase is encouraged. Tickets can be purchased online at [www.adulthoodadvocates.org](http://www.adulthoodadvocates.org), calling the

Adult Literacy Office at 225-383-1090, or emailing [info@adulthoodliteracyadvocates.org](mailto:info@adulthoodliteracyadvocates.org). All proceeds from the event will benefit ALA's students, programs and educational outreach services. Donations will be accepted at the event.

Sponsorship opportunities are still available for companies that wish to make a tax-deductible contribution to support the event. Information about sponsorship levels and the benefits that correspond to each are available at [www.adulthoodliteracyadvocates.org](http://www.adulthoodliteracyadvocates.org).

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#### **About Adult Literacy Advocates**

Adult Literacy Advocates, a not-for-profit 501(C)(3) organization, provides a variety of educational programs to help adults in the Greater Baton Rouge area achieve personal, work and family goals by improving their literacy skills. For more than 40 years, Adult Literacy Advocates has been serving the community by offering one-on-one tutoring and small group instruction to adult learners. Classes currently offered are Adult Basic Education, pre-GED and GED preparation, and English as a Second Language (ESL). Adult Literacy Advocates is a Capital Area United Way member agency.