

# The Boulder Public Library

presents the 16th annual

## Western Book Discussion Day

### Delights and Shadows

2005 winner of the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry

By **Ted Kooser**

Poet Laureate of the United States, 2004-2006

## Saturday, March 5, 2011

Ted Kooser was born in Ames, Iowa in 1939. He studied at Iowa State University and has an MA in English from the University of Nebraska. His writing is known for its clarity, precision and accessibility. He worked for many years in the life insurance business, retiring in 1999 as a vice president. He is the author of ten collections of poetry including *Winter Morning Walks: One Hundred Postcards to Jim Harrison*, *Weather Central*, and *Flying at Night*. His fiction and non-fiction books include *The Poetry Home Repair Manual* (2005); *Braided Creek: A Conversation in Poetry*; and *Local Wonders: Seasons in the Bohemian Alps* which won the Nebraska Book Award.

His honors include two NEA fellowships in poetry, a Pushcart Prize, the Stanley Kunitz Prize from Columbia University, and the Pulitzer Prize for poetry. In 2004 Kooser was appointed thirteenth Poet Laureate of the U.S. He served the Library of Congress's in that position for two years. He is currently the Presidential Professor of English at The University of Nebraska, Lincoln. He and his wife Kathleen Rutledge, retired editor of the Lincoln Journal Star, live near the village of Garland, Nebraska.

- 12:30 p.m. Registration for discussion groups in Canyon Gallery (Please reserve in advance, 303-441-3196.)
- 1-2:30 p.m. Small group discussions of book at sites around the library
- 2:30-3 p.m. Tea and cookies in the Gallery
- 3-4 p.m. Reading and audience discussion with Ted Kooser, Canyon Theater
- 4:15-5 p.m. Book signing (The Boulder Bookstore will have Kooser's books for sale from 12:30-5 p.m.)

Books are also available at  
Innisfree Poetry Bookstore & Cafe ([innisfreepoetry@gmail.com](mailto:innisfreepoetry@gmail.com))

### Free! in the Canyon Theater Boulder Public Library

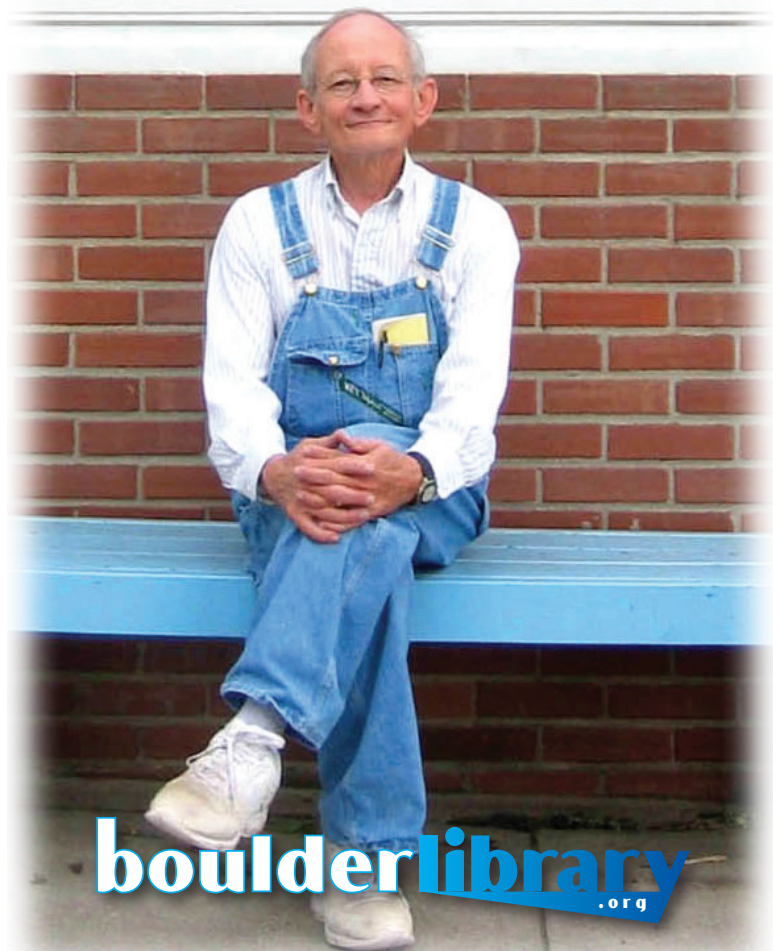
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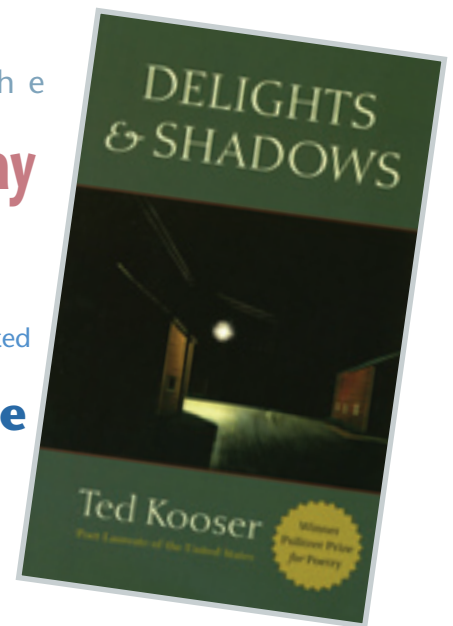
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You are invited to  
**Supper with Ted Kooser**

**Friday, March 4, 7 p.m.**  
at a private Boulder home

\$35 for one person • \$60 for two

Space is limited and reservations are required by February 28.  
Please call 303-441-3196.

## Flying at Night

Above us, stars. Beneath us, constellations.

Five billion miles away, a galaxy dies

like a snowflake falling on water. Below us,

some farmer, feeling the chill of that distant death,

snaps on his yard light, drawing his sheds and barn

back into the little system of his care.

All night, the cities, like shimmering novas,

tug with bright streets at lonely lights like his.

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