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## *Special Edition*

Professor Joanne Braxton  
To Give Lecture At CNU

Dr. Roberta Rosenberg has arranged a lecture by the accomplished poet and dynamic public speaker Joanne M. Braxton on Monday, Feb. 27, 1995 at 4 p.m. in the Administration Building Room 105.

In her lecture, "Ancestral Presences: The Outraged Mother Figure in Contemporary Afro-American Literature," Dr. Braxton suggests that the outraged mother figures prominently as an archetypal symbol in the literature of African-American authors.

"The outraged mother embodies the values of sacrifice, nurturance, and personal courage -- values necessary to an endangered group. . . Implied in all her actions and fueling her heroic ones is outrage at the abuse of her people and her person. She feels very keenly every wrong done her children, even to the furthest generations. She exists in art because she exists in life."

Described by author Alice Walker as "an insightful, honest, thoughtful, rather amazing scholar . . . (whose) work is solid, full of soul and wise." Dr. Braxton's works express the essence of the black experience through her sense of humor, knowledge, and her convictions about the importance of African-American culture in America.

The lecture is free and open to the public.



## Donna Ware to Give Illustrated Spring Lecture "Stalking an Endangered Species"

Each year in February, the College of Science and Technology presents an illustrated lecture by a member of the faculty of the College of William and Mary in honor of its tercentennial and of CNU's birth as a part of the William and Mary family. This year Dr. Donna Ware, curator of the Herbarium at the College, has been selected to give the Illustrated Spring Lecture on Friday, Feb. 24, 1995 at 4 p.m. in Gosnold Room 101.

In her talk, "Stalking an Endangered Species," she will illustrate the challenges of endangered species monitoring and recovery by using the case study of the orchid *Isotria medeolodes*. Faculty, students and the public are invited.

Although it is more common in New England, *Isotria medeolodes* grows only in a few sites in Virginia, one of which is in James City County. The orchid is a low plant with yellowish green flowers that does not bloom every year and has a very short blossoming period. It is, therefore, very difficult to find. Dr. Ware will talk about her efforts to locate this whorled pogonia in Virginia.

There will be a reception in the Falk Gallery Lobby immediately following her talk. All guests are welcome.

