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Dear Friends,

10 years ago today I posted my very first blog post at irenelatham.blogspot.com! WOW! Who knew I'd enjoy blogging so much that I'd still be sending my thoughts about love and life and poetry and writing out into the blogosphere 1301 posts later?! I've loved my blogging adventure, and I appreciate so much all of you who've been a part of it. **Thank you!**

By way of celebration, I've invited blogging friends to contribute to a WILD Roundup. Wild, because that's my [2015 One Little Word](#). And a Roundup, because what's a party without party guests? Please stop by to see links to posts that include [whales](#), [Antarctica](#), [Australia](#), [ELOISE](#), [horses](#), [Dakota](#), [hip-hop](#), [wildflowers](#), [hair](#), and more -- all on the theme of WILD. Won't you please join us?

While you're at the blog, be sure to check out these favorite 2015 posts:

[My father's letter to me about GO SET A WATCHMAN](#)

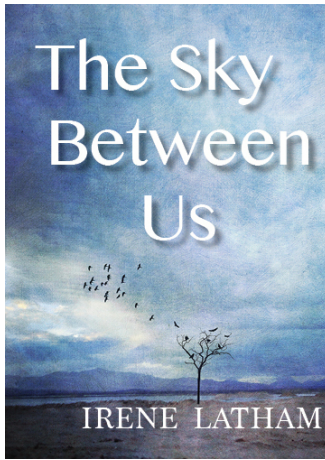
[Gee's Bend Quilters Mary Lee Bendolph, Lucy Mingo and Loretta Pettway named NEA National Heritage Fellows](#)

[ARTSPEAK! - my 2015 National Poetry Month project during which I wrote a poem a day inspired by art](#)

[When in Germany](#)

[How to Live Your Poem](#) - a growing list of wise words for living and loving this world as found in poems. [_I welcome your suggestions!_](#)

Also, please see [My Art Story](#) at the NEA website. You, too, can submit *your* Art Story as a way to celebrate 50 years of NEA!



FREE POETRY!

For the next 10 days (thru November 19) get my latest book of poems (for adult readers) [THE SKY BETWEEN US](#) for free! All you pay is \$4.00 shipping and handling. Just go to the [Poetry for Adults](#) page on my website, type in your "text for personalization", click "Add to Cart," and follow the instructions on the next screen to pay by Paypal! I invite you to order a copy for yourself, or for someone else!

2 New Books Coming Spring 2016!

*Icebergs brighten
as the sun peels*

*itself of darkness
and stretches awake...*

Experience summer at the bottom of the world. The sun rises, ice melts, grass grows, seals squabble, whales sing, and young penguins slide, glide and belly flop. Evocative poems are accompanied by additional facts that provide further details about the animals and their environment. **Illustrations by Anna Wadham.**



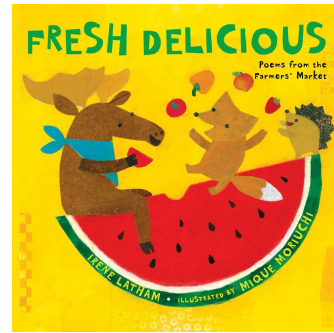
WHEN THE SUN SHINES ON ANTARCTICA available February 1, 2016 from [Millbrook Press](#). *Review copy now available on NetGalley! Contact irene@irenelatham.com to request the link.*

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The cucumbers at the farmers' market are FRESH.
They are also *a fleet of submarines in a wicker sea.*

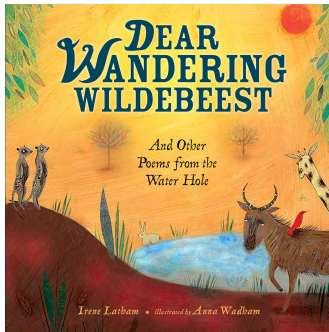
Blueberries are DELICIOUS. They also *burst like
flavor-filled fireworks.*

Playful and imaginative, these poems will inspire you
to see fruits and vegetables -- and the world around
you -- in fresh and delicious ways. **Illustrations by**
Mique Moriuchi.



FRESH DELICIOUS available March 8, 2016 from **WordSong**.

Preorder NOW at your favorite [Indie bookseller](#) or [Amazon](#).



If you haven't yet had a chance to explore life at a Kenyan water hole, I invite you to submerge yourself in DEAR WANDERING WILDEBEE: And Other Poems from the Water Hole. The book recently earned a [Silver Moonbeam Children's Book Award for Poetry!](#)

Other awards include 2015 Bank Street College Best Book, [2014 Nerdy Book Award for Poetry](#), [2014](#)

[CYBILS Finalist](#), [2014 AAAS Best Children's Book](#).

Go WILDEBEE!

Save the Date!

Saturday, February 6, 2016
Family Discovery Day: ANTARCTICA

Put on your mittens and hats and join me and Jim McClintock, scientist & Antarctica expert (he's been to the continent more than 20 times!), UAB professor, and author of [LOST ANTARCTICA: Adventures in a Disappearing Land](#) for poems, pictures and stories from Antarctica. *For all ages.*

[Anniston Museum of Natural History](#)
800 Museum Dr, Anniston, AL 36206
(256) 237-6766
1 pm

More event information coming in early 2016!

I love sharing my writing and poetry adventures with groups of all kinds!
Please contact me to schedule: irene@irenelatham.com



...and that's it for now! Wishing each of you joy and poetry as we enter the holiday season.

Love,

Irene

"It is not because things are difficult that we do not dare; it is because we do not dare that they are difficult." - Seneca

P.S. Alabama friends: Hope to see you later this week at [Alabama Folklife Association's FALL INTO FOLKLIFE Symposium and Expo](#) in Birmingham, November 12-14!



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