

## Tillie Olsen Tribute Event Outline.

We will watch excerpts from *Tillie Olsen: A Heart in Action* by Anne Hershey. Slides of Tillie at demonstrations, with family and literary events will run while the presenters share their experiences and memories of Tillie Olsen. We will read excerpts aloud from "Strike" and "I Stand Here Ironing" and listen to a 1964 recording of Tillie Olsen reading from *Tell Me a Riddle*. Then discussion, questions and the audience's experiences with Olsen or her work.

The Tillie Olsen Tribute is a chance for presenters to keep the legacy alive and for young writers to learn of Olsen's contributions to experimental writing ("Strike" first example of reportage on 1934 longshoreman's strike and "I Stand Here Ironing,"), feminist writing *Silences* (Feminist Press, 2003) and efforts to revive lost women writers (*Life in the Iron Mills*, Rebecca Harding Davis, 1861). The presenters include Katherine Arnoldi author of the graphic novel, *The Amazing True Story of a Teenage Single Mom* (Hyperion, 1998), Anthony Dawahare, author of *Tillie Olsen and the Dialectical Philosophy of Proletarian Literature* (Lexington Books 2018), Ariel Gore, author of *Hip Mama Survival Guide* (Hyperion, 1998), Olsen's writer granddaughter, Ericka Lutz, author of *The Edge of Maybe* (Last Light Studio, 2011) and Elaine Orr, author of *Tillie Olsen and a Feminist Spiritual Vision* (University of Mississippi Press, 1987).