

## SHARON LOGAN

*from Greensboro, North Carolina*

**WHEN: Thursday, September 17, 2009 at 7:00 pm**

**WHERE: Osterneck Auditorium**

**COST: FREE**

Ms. Logan was born with a rare degenerative nerve disease, Friedreich Ataxia, which affects all systems of the body. Twenty years is the life expectancy for a person with this disease, and Ms. Logan, at sixty-one, has beaten the odds by some forty years.



In *View from an Apple Tree—A Memoir of Courage*, she writes of her life's-lessons learned; a testimony to her perseverance, courage and personal triumph in the face of years of hardship and abuse, yet Ms. Logan writes with a positive outlook. Her story is poignant and, in keeping with her attitude toward life, is peppered with humor.

Ms. Logan is confined to an electric wheelchair, and with the exception of having morning assistance for two hours a day, she lives alone. She is unable to walk, and is losing control of her arms. She suffers from Torticollis (spasms of the neck), and has severely affected hearing, vision and speech. Still, she continues to hold signings and inspire all who attend.

Although some may view her as severely handicapped, Ms. Logan sees herself as merely inconvenienced. The writing of her memoirs and the annual creation of a flower and vegetable garden are testimonials to her fierce independent spirit. (Dixie Land will be her “voice” at this

important event.)