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## Join us for a Book Launch and Exhibit Opening

for illustrations from *Peace Comes to Ajani*.  
Author and Illustrator Keith Kelly will do  
a “Picture Walk” describing how the book  
came to be written.

**Reception & Refreshments**

**Book sales & signing**

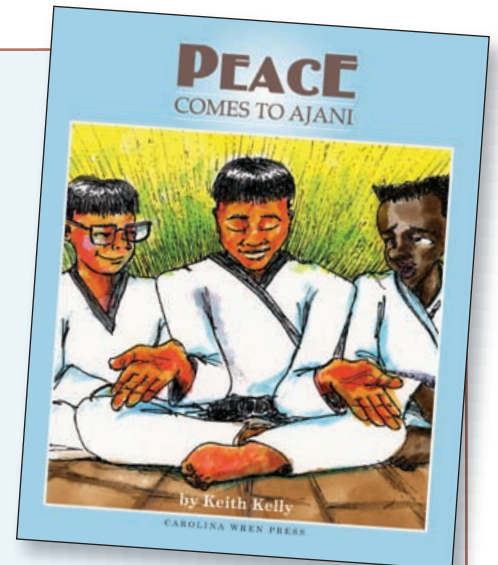
**Kids welcome!**

**Friday, Feb. 20, 5-7 pm**  
**Durham Arts Council,**  
**120 Main Street**  
**Durham, NC 27701**



**Keith Kelly** was born on an airforce base in upstate New York and raised in Plainfield, New Jersey. He graduated from the School of Visual Arts in New York City and spent twelve years working in advertising and graphic design. He found his calling in edu-

cation and has spent the last twelve years working with children of all ages as an English and Special Education Teacher in Jersey City, New Jersey. He has been married for twenty-six years to his wife Noemi and has a grown son and daughter. Master Kelly is a sixth-degree black belt in Taekwondo and a first-degree black belt in Doce Pares style Eskrima.



Ajani is suffering in the wake of his soldier-father's death, and he's on his way to becoming a bully. But, with the help of his caring mother and wise, understanding neighbors, he instead becomes a strong, centered and useful member of his community.

Through the practice of martial arts, Ajani learns to take responsibility for his feelings and actions, and he helps to defuse tensions between his African-American and Asian-American neighbors.

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