Our announcement for the event:

The UNBEARABLES will read at A Gathering of Tribes on Saturday, Sept. 24th, as part of the One Hundred Thousand Poets For Change (100 TPC). One Hundred Thousand Poets For Change is the creation of Terri Carrion and Michael Rothenberg. This event will be happening all around the world in the course of one day. There are groups of poets in Afghanistan, Albania, Bangladesh, Botswana, Bulgaria, Chile, China, Czech Republic, Finland, Guatemala, Hungary, Macedonia, Malawi, Qatar, Turkey and all across the United States (just to name of few of the places) who will participate. There is also an ecological dimension to this event: a push for a greener world in general.

The UNBEARABLES reading will be in memory of our founder, Rollo Whitehead, and it will be hosted by Jim Feast. Readers include: Steve Dalachinsky, Chavisa Woods, Mike Topp, Dorothy Friedman, Valery Oisteanu, John Farris, Danny Schott, Susan Scutti, Rami Shamir, Tsaurah Litzky, Brian Boyles, Yuko Otomo, Ron Kolm, Carol Wierzbicki, Carl Watson, Nancy Mercado, Shalom Neuman, Jill Rapaport, Sparrow, Larisa Shmailo, Michael Carter, Lynn Alexander, Tom Savage, Daniela Gioseffi and Bruce Weber.

The reading will run from six to eight pm. Directly after the reading there will be a Birthday Party from eight til whenever for Steve Dalachinsky: 65 STILL ALIVE! Please bring food and drink and expensive presents!

A Gathering of Tribes is at 285 East 3rd St, 2nd Floor (between Ave C & D)
New York, NY, 10009

Jim Feast’s introduction to the Unbearables Event in support of the Hundred Thousand Poets for Change – a reading/performance at A Gathering of the Tribes on September 24th, from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

During the more liberal and understaffed period of penology that occurred during WWII, when coed prisons were the norm, alleged saboteur Yoko Snapple and car thief Rollo Whitehead were detained in the same cell in Mule Creek state prison in California. It was there that they composed the famed and long-lost 1944 Economic & Botanical Manuscripts, which along with handy tips on rice cultivation, set out a simple, 878-step plan to achieve world peace and universal sister- and brotherhood.

This MS had been considered destroyed until last year researchers discovered a copy in deceased poet Allen Ginsberg’s treasure box. The finding of this extraordinary MS has forced scholars to rethink the whole history of the 20th century, in fact, to question whether there actually ever was a 20th century.

In celebration of this enormous event, and in connection to the 100 thousand poets for change event, on September 24, 2011, the Unbearables will be reading from and about this MS as they usher in a new day.