



Mendocino Coast Writers Conference News & Updates

April 2010

Connecting Writers to Community for Over 20 Years

2010 CONFERENCE PLANS

Lynne Barrett's revision master class at the 2010 Mendocino Coast Writers Conference (July 29-31) is filling up fast. If you have a fiction or nonfiction book ready for that final revision before you send it out to a publisher, this workshop is for you. Application instructions and details on other great conference workshops at www.mcwc.org.

Sell your book at the conference. Gallery Bookshop of Mendocino is planning a display of books by MCWC 2010 participants in the conference bookshop. If you'd like to take advantage of this opportunity to showcase your book, contact Christie Olsen Day (christie@gallerybookshop.com) to make consignment arrangements. You have to be registered for the 2010 conference to have your book accepted for this special table.

Opportunity for young writers. MCWC offers up to six full conference scholarships to students currently completing 9th - 12th grade in Mendocino County. Home-schooled and independent study students are eligible. Students' writing can be in any genre: poetry, journalism, fiction, memoir, graphic/comic, essay, or blog. If you know of someone who might be eligible, would you please spread the word. Last year, a MCWC board member hand-invited a student from the tennis team she coaches. It's this kind of personal invitation that usually draws in the students who may be reluctant to apply.

Here's a comment from a former scholarship winner: "One of the best parts of the conference was the opportunity to share my writing. It was fun to talk to all the other writers at the conference; everyone treated me as an equal."

Scholarship guidelines are at http://www.mcwc.org/mcwc_hs_schol.html. The application deadline is May 1, 2010. If you have questions, please contact the scholarship program coordinator, Karen Lewis, at [klewis@mcn.org](mailto:kewis@mcn.org)

Scholarship and financial aid fundraisers. At two upcoming events, generous community partners will help MCWC raise funds for high school scholarships and financial aid for writers of limited means whose stories need to be heard:

Wednesday, April 14: MacCallum House, at 45020 Albion Street, Mendocino, will donate the entire café and restaurant proceeds for the evening. Reserve online at http://www.maccallumhouse.com/dining_reservations.html. Mention that you're there to support MCWC.

Friday, April 23, 7:30 pm: The Mixed Pickles Writing Group (Katherine Brown, Maureen Eppstein, Jill Myers, Ginny Rorby and Norma Watkins) will present a reading at Mendocino Hotel, 45080 Main St, Mendocino, as part of the Mendocino Stories & Music series. Doors open at 6:30 pm, when a bistro menu

and full bar will be available. Admission is on a sliding scale, and the readers are donating their share of the proceeds to MCWC's financial aid and scholarship funds. For more information on this series, go to <http://www.mendocinostories.com>.

OTHER COMING EVENTS

Mendocino County

Thursday, April 29, 7:00 pm at the Art Center Ukiah's Annex, 203 S. State Street, Ukiah: poet **Maureen Eppstein**, whose recent collection is *Rogue Wave at Glass Beach*, will be the featured reader in the Writers Read series. An open mic session will follow.

Sunday, May 16, 3:00 pm in the Abalone Room at Little River Inn, Little River: Gallery Bookshop hosts a book party and reading for **Ginny Rorby's** new YA novel, *The Outside of a Horse*.

Marin County

Wednesday, April 21, 7:00 p.m.: Sunset Poetry by the Bay at Studio 333, 333 Caledonia Street, Sausalito, presents a reading by Susan Terris, Jim Natal and C.B. Follett. More information at <http://isledesk.com/islepress/SunsetPoetry.html>.

MCWC COMMUNITY NEWS

John Lescroart (frequent MCWC presenter and Advisory Board member) is pleased that his 21st novel, *Treasure Hunt*, which came out in January, debuted at #8 on the *New York Times* Bestseller List.

MCWC 2010 presenter **Stefanie Freele's** short story collection, *Feeding Strays*, is a current Book of the Year Award finalist.

Gayle Brandeis (presenter, 2008) recently published her first novel for young readers, *My Life with the Lincolns*. *School Library Journal* writes "Brandeis seamlessly intersperses serious topics with laugh-out-loud humor."

MCWC 2010 presenter **Lynne Barrett's** short short story has just been published by *Night Train Magazine*. You can read it on-line at: http://www.nighttrainmagazine.com/contents/barrett_fb.php