



## Mendocino Coast Writers Conference News & Updates

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### **MORE FACULTY FOR 2009 CONFERENCE**

Literary agent **Andy Ross** ([www.andyrossagency.com](http://www.andyrossagency.com)) joins our faculty line-up. Andy began his literary agency in February, 2008. Previously he was the owner, manager and head buyer for 30 years of Cody's Books in Berkeley.

Mystery writer **Bonnie Hearn Hill**, a longtime MCWC favorite, will return to lead a fiction workshop. Bonnie's most recent book title is *Killer Body*.

For other updates and links to the presenters' websites, please check <http://www.mcwc.org>.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Maureen Eppstein**, of the MCWC program committee, will read from her poetry chapbook *Quickening* in the Pt. Arena Third Thursday Reading Series at CITYART Gallery, 284 Main Street, Pt. Arena, on Thursday, Jan. 15, at 7:30 pm.

Maureen will also be the presenter for MCWC's next Soundings reading and workshop March 27/28. Her topic will be writing about nature in fiction, nonfiction and poetry.

### **MCWC COMMUNITY LITERARY NEWS**

Continuing her winning streak, **Ginny Rorby** has learned that Chinese (Taiwan) rights to her Y/A novel *Hurt Go Happy* have been sold. Ginny also got a great mention in the Style Section of the *New York Times* recently, in a piece called "I Wish I Could Read Like a Girl." The writer, Michelle Slatalla, envies her eleven-year-old. She says: "Clementine, who is 11, is the luckiest. She's still young, so she was able to leave the rest of us behind for whole days this year when she went off somewhere else, inhabiting the world of a sign-language-knowing chimp in *Hurt Go Happy*."

Editor **Kathy Dawson**, who will be at our 2009 conference, is moving from Harcourt Children's to join Penguin Children's Dial Books in the new position of associate publisher.

Former presenter **Susan Gaines** (2001 and 2003) has a new book out, what she calls a "narrative science book" co-written with Geoffrey Eglinton and Jürgen Rullkötter: *Echoes*

*of Life: What Fossil Molecules Reveal about Earth History* (Oxford University Press, 2008). Susan, who was trained as a chemist and oceanographer, writes that she's "now, happily, back to writing fiction (and, not-so-happily translating academic books for money)."

Letters by **Gary Snyder**, who is on MCWC's Advisory Board, have recently been published by Counterpoint. *The Selected Letters of Allen Ginsberg and Gary Snyder* chronicles one of the century's great literary friendships from 1956 to 1991.

**Katie Lewis** (MCWC 2006 high school scholarship attendee) is now taking creative writing and art courses at Warren Wilson College in North Carolina and working on a picture book manuscript.