



Mendocino Coast Writers Conference News & Updates

July 2009

Connecting Writers to Community for 20 Years

2009 CONFERENCE PLANS

Frantic last-minute preparations as excitement builds for our terrific 20th Anniversary conference, July 30 to August 2. With only a few slots left, we could have a full house. If you want to come but haven't yet registered, get moving!

Benjamin Percy, who will lead the short fiction workshop, has a great article on dialogue in this month's *Poets & Writers*.

OTHER UPCOMING EVENTS

Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, Fort Bragg, Saturday, July 18, 9:30 am to 3:00 pm: One-day workshop, "Writing Wild in a Cultivated Landscape" with **Norma Watkins**, **Molly Dwyer**, **Pauline Rusert** and **Maureen Eppstein**. For more info see their website, <http://www.gardenbythesea.org> and click on "Calendar of Events," or call 964-4352 x 16.

Nicholas Karavatos (who won 2nd Place in the MCWC 2008 Poetry Competition) will be reading for the Mendocino Coast Poets Group at the Mendocino Hotel Media/Conference Room, 45080 Main St., Mendocino, on Saturday, July 25, 2009 at 7:00 pm. An open reading will follow.

A book launch event for **Maureen Eppstein's** new poetry collection, *Rogue Wave at Glass Beach*, is scheduled for Saturday, August 15, 3:30 pm at Odd Fellows Hall, Mendocino, as part of the art show "Naturally Inspired." Co-sponsors are Open Door Arts @ Odd Fellows and Gallery Bookshop. The "Naturally Inspired" show runs July 22 through August 16, and benefits community organizations dedicated to sustaining our natural world.

MCWC COMMUNITY LITERARY NEWS

Patricia Rogers Bisgrove has published two books. *Paint my Words* is on poetry and *A Walk with Sarah* is about a young girl in middle school who finds out she is dyslexic.