



Mendocino Coast Writers Conference News & Updates

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2008 Conference July 31 - August 3

Register by June 15 for Early Bird Discount. Also, there's some financial aid still available for Mendocino County residents; awarded on the basis of merit and need. Must apply by June 15. Please see website for details. http://www.mcwc.org/mcwc_aid.html

Graphic Novels aren't just about Superman anymore! Special Afternoon Lecture / Discussion on Graphic Novels, led by San Francisco performance poet and graphic novelist **Daphne Gottlieb**. Discover the possibilities of this dynamic and popular literary form. Gottlieb is the co-author (with Hothead Paisan creator Diane DiMassa) of **JOKES AND THE UNCONSCIOUS** (Cleis, 2005).

Professional Manuscript Consultations: 30 minute personal consultation with a presenter of your choice. You'll be asked to submit up to 10 pages before the conference. Add \$50 to your registration fee. Slots are filling fast.

Mendocino Theatre Company Night Out, Thursday June 19

Join the Mendocino Coast Writers Conference for a evening of **Gross Indecency**. This play concerns themes of art and morality that surface during three court trials of author Oscar Wilde. The script is by Moisés Kaufman, directed here by Ann Woodhead. Tickets are \$40, partially tax-deductible, with proceeds to fund MCWC conference financial aid. Theatre ticket price includes wine tasting and appetizers before the show, dessert, coffee, and wine at intermission and a talk back session with the cast and crew afterwards. The show is at Helen Schoeni Theatre on the grounds of Mendocino Art Center in Mendocino Village. For more information or to reserve tickets to this show, contact Charlotte Gullick at 962-2600, ext 2167. Or email: charlotte@mcn.org.

More MCWC Community Literary News

MCWC mourns the passing of **Paula Gunn Allen (1939 - 2008)**, a cherished member of the MCWC Advisory Board. American Indian scholar and poet, Allen joined the ancestors after a long battle with cancer. During her career, she published six volumes of poetry along with many critically-acclaimed anthologies and works of nonfiction. Her numerous honors include a 2007 Lannan Foundation Fellowship. Paula Gunn Allen's groundbreaking work continues to influence and shape the study of Native American literature, especially the crosscurrents of spirituality and gender.

Long-time MCWC Conference Committee member and former co-director **Ginny Rorby's** novel HURT GO HAPPY will receive the 2008-2009 Schneider Family Book Award at the June American Library Association conference in Anaheim, and has been nominated for the 2009 Sunshine State (Florida) Reading Award. These honors have resulted in a reprinting of both the hardcover and the paperback editions. Congratulations, Ginny.

Bookbuilders Northcoast hosts special guest **Malcolm Margolin**, founding owner of Heyday Books on Thursday, June 26. Event includes a 3-course dinner at the elegant Ledford House, just south of Albion on the Mendocino Coast. Margolin, former faculty at MCWC, will speak on *Traditional Book Publishing in an Electronic Age*. Cost is \$25 at the door (cash or checks made payable to Ledford House Restaurant.) Open to the public; reservation required. RSVP to lindesign@mcn.org.

Molly Dwyer, author of REQUIEM FOR THE AUTHOR OF FRANKENSTEIN (Lost Coast Press, 2008), has won the Historical Fiction Award from the Independent Book Publishing Professionals Group in its Next Generation Indie Book Awards competition. A tribute to the brilliance and daring of Mary Shelley, author of Frankenstein, REQUIEM takes us into Shelley's life and her fascinating encounters with the poets Samuel Taylor Coleridge, William Blake, Lord Byron, and Percy Bysshe Shelley. Dwyer will appear this year on the Paths to Publishing panel at MCWC.