



Mendocino Coast Writers Conference News & Updates

June 2009

Connecting Writers to Community for 20 Years

2009 CONFERENCE PLANS

Last Call to Avoid Late Fee

After June 15, a late fee of \$45 bumps up the cost of conference registration. Don't miss out on the bargain price for our fabulous 20th Anniversary lineup. Some workshops (**Ellen Bass** and **Bonnie Hearn Hill**) are already full. Others are filling fast.

As we choose workshop faculty, MCWC looks for rising stars, exciting writers and teachers who haven't yet become household names. Two "finds" this year are **Benjamin Percy** (short fiction) and **Carole Weatherford** (open genre). Check them out.

In our Paths to Publishing panel (Sat. Aug. 1 at 1:30 pm), recently published writers share information about their publishing experience. Panelists this year are:

Robin Ekiss, whose first book of poems, *The Mansion of Happiness*, is forthcoming from the University of Georgia Press's VQR Poetry Series.

Stefanie Freele, whose short story collection, *Feeding Strays*, will be released by Lost Horse Press in 2009.

Terena Scott, a publisher and the owner of Medusa's Muse, an independent press located in Ukiah, Ca. Her own new book is *What You Need to Know to Be a Pro; The Business Start-Up Guide for Publishers*.

For more detailed information on presenters and a downloadable registration form, see < <http://www.mcwc.org> >.

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.

MCWC COMMUNITY LITERARY NEWS

More exciting news from **Molly Dwyer**. Her historical novel *Requiem for the Author of Frankenstein* won Gold (first place) at the Book Expo America in New York in *Foreword Magazine's* Independent Publishing Awards.

If you have literary news to share with the Mendocino Coast Writers Conference community, please send details to the newsletter editor <<mailto:news@mcwc.org>> and we'll include it in the next issue.