



June 2010

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#### 2010 CONFERENCE NEWS

**Financial Aid Reminder:** June 16 is the deadline for financial aid requests. Guidelines at [http://www.mcwc.org/mcwc\\_aid.html](http://www.mcwc.org/mcwc_aid.html)

**Bring a Friend and earn \$50:** Our Bring a Friend rebate offer stays open until the conference starts. Details at [http://www.mcwc.org/mcwc\\_friend.html](http://www.mcwc.org/mcwc_friend.html)

**Writing to make a difference:** As images of oil-soaked birds in the Gulf of Mexico fill our minds, the 2010 conference offers a valuable opportunity to learn from Nancy Lord about how to use our writing to make a difference. Nancy will lead the nonfiction workshop at MCWC 2010. Nancy's carefully researched books offer "a rich vision of people, creatures, and the greater world they inhabit together." Her latest book, *Early Warming: Crisis and Response in the Climate-Changed North* is now in production at Counterpoint Press. Publication date is January 2011. In it she goes beyond documenting the climate change already so dramatic in Alaska and the Canadian Northwest to look at how northerners, especially indigenous peoples, are responding. Through her writing on beluga whales, Nancy helped achieve a federal Endangered Species listing for the Cook Inlet beluga whale population, a designation the State of Alaska is challenging. She comments: "Our politicians don't like any pesky animals getting in the way of oil and gas drilling and other forms of economic development." Meanwhile, as a member of the beluga recovery team, she is helping to craft a recovery plan.

**Sell your book at the conference:** Gallery Bookshop of Mendocino is planning a special 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 Olson Day ([christie@gallerybookshop.com](mailto:christie@gallerybookshop.com)) to make consignment arrangements.

#### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Saturdays June 19 & June 26**, 10 am - Noon at Stanford Inn, Mendocino:

**Arts for Our Future: Writing to Heal:** Free workshops open to people of all ages connected with the Cancer Resource Center, at any stage of the journey. Attend either or both of the workshops by arrangement with facilitator Karen Lewis. Please RSVP by June 15: klewis@mcn.org or 937-2241.

Karen Lewis also leads programs with California Poets in the Schools. Her family includes three long-time breast cancer survivors; she lost her father to lung cancer.

This Arts for Our Future workshop is a collaboration between the Community Foundation of Mendocino County, Mendocino Coast Writers Conference, and Cancer Resource Centers of Mendocino County. This project also receives support from the James Irvine Foundation and the Stanford Inn, and will feed a community anthology of poetry to be published in Autumn 2010.

**Monday, June 21** at 5:30 pm, in the clubhouse of the Shoreline Arena, 30601 Turner Rd., Fort Bragg: **Ginny Rorby** reads from her new novel, *The Outside of a Horse*, which is set in Fort Bragg. After the reading, the remarkable women who spent a year and half sharing their love and knowledge of horses with Ginny will put on a Parelli training demonstration with the equine cast members from the novel. Parelli is a gentle form of training that mimics the way horses play with each other.

Directions to Shoreline Arena: Go up Simpson Lane (at the USA Station) 2.5 miles. Turn Right on Mitchell Creek Drive. Go 1/2 mile, turn right on Turner Road. The arena is where Turner doglegs left.

### MCWC COMMUNITY NEWS

**Valerie Miner**, who will present the MCWC 2010 short story workshop, has two stories forthcoming in Spanish in *The Journal of Science, Philosophy and Culture ARBOR*, Madrid. They are: "The Palace of Physical Culture" and "Three Women By the River." Another short story, "Moving In," is forthcoming in *Southwest Review*, Summer, 2010.

The Iowa Center for the Book has selected **Larry Baker's** first novel, *The Flamingo Rising* (Knopf, 1997), to be the representative Iowa book for the National Book Festival, to be held September 25 in Washington. Larry presented at MCWC in 2003.