



## Mendocino Coast Writers Conference News & Updates

### March 2008

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### MCWC Web Site Updated

Check out our new web site at [www.mcwc.org](http://www.mcwc.org). As well as better navigation and lots more information, it has all the details on the July 31- August 3, 2008 conference, including information on recently confirmed conference presenters, agents and editors.

### Author and Stanford Professor VALERIE MINER Reading & Workshop April 18-19

MCWC invites you to attend our *Spring Soundings*, featuring **Valerie Miner**. She will give a reading from her most recent novel *AFTER EDEN* (University of Oklahoma Press, 2007) which is set in Mendocino County. This event will be at 7pm on Friday April 18 and is free and open to the public at a venue to be announced.

On Saturday, April 19, Valerie Miner will lead a workshop called **Finding the Shapes of our Stories**. Location is College of the Redwoods, Fort Bragg, from 10 am - 12 noon in Room 300 at a cost of \$20. Miner's workshop will encourage prose writers to spend some time playing with form; this promises to be provocative and useful to fiction, nonfiction and poetry writers.

**Valerie Miner** is an award winning, internationally published author of thirteen books including novels, short fiction, memoir, and an essay collection. She is a distinguished teacher and is now a professor and Artist in Residence at Stanford University. For more info, check out her website at [www.valerieminer.com](http://www.valerieminer.com).

To register for the **April 19 Valerie Miner Writing Workshop**, please email [charlotte@mcn.org](mailto:charlotte@mcn.org) or phone 962-2600 ext. 216. The April 18 evening reading is free and open to the public.

### Mendo Bistro Dinner Event April 25

You're invited to a special fundraising dinner upstairs at Mendo Bistro in beautiful downtown Fort Bragg. A portion of the night's profits will benefit MCWC scholarship and financial aid programs. Please join us for a fun evening of fine food, excellent

camaraderie and possible writing activities! For more information, please visit [www.mcwc.org](http://www.mcwc.org) or call 962-2600 ext. 216.

### **MCWC Community Literary News**

**John Lescroart**, who taught most recently at the Mendocino Coast Writers Conference in 2007, has a new thriller out. *BETRAYAL* is # 8 on New York Times Bestsellers, and # 1 on the San Francisco Chronicle list. San Francisco Magazine quips, “Who needs John Grisham when we have homegrown **John Lescroart**?” In *BETRAYAL* (Dutton, 2008) San Francisco District Attorney Dismas Hardy discovers a conspiracy that revolves around the Iraq war. MCWC is proud to have John as a member of our Advisory Board.

**Bookbuilders Northcoast** hosts a “Crash Course in Book Production Basics” on Friday April 18 from 8am-4pm at the Little River Inn. This is an introduction to the entire book publishing production process: editing; design; composition; art and photo prep; binding; and more. Taught by leading Bay Area publishing professionals. Includes breakfast, lunch, and a field trip to local printer Mendo Litho. Registration deadline March 31. For more info please contact: [northcoast@bookbuilders.org](mailto:northcoast@bookbuilders.org).

**Young Writer applications for 2008 MCWC now being accepted.** If you know a Mendocino Coast or Anderson Valley high school student who loves to write, please refer them to our website. Application Deadline: May 15.

Three students who've recently attended the MCWC as guests of the High School Scholarship program--**Marie Champagne** (2005), **Jasper Henderson** (2007) and **John Paul Bove** (2007)--performed exciting new work at the 7th Annual Mendocino County Poetry Slam, held March 4 at the historic Arena Theatre.

Another recent MCWC attendee, Mendocino High School scholar **Natalie Cox** (2007) was chosen to represent Mendocino County at the California Governor's All-Star Academic Team reception in Sacramento.