



Mendocino Coast Writers Conference News & Updates

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Connecting Writers to Community for 20 Years

2009 CONFERENCE PLANS

Fee Deadline Looms

June 15 is the last day to register for the conference at the regular fee of \$450, less any discount you qualify for. See our registration page at http://www.mcwd.org/mcwd_regn.html for details. A late fee after June 15 brings the conference cost to \$495.

New Poetry Fellowship

The winner of the poetry contest this year receives the Marlis Manley Broadhead Fellowship, in celebration of the founding of the Mendocino Coast Writers Conference. Fellowship winners get their conference fees refunded. Marlis co-directed the first conference in 1990 with Ro Peterson and Barbara LeLievre of the Fort Bragg Center for the Arts and continued to direct the conference for many years under the sponsorship of College of the Redwoods. Friends of Marlis have provided this fellowship to honor her.

Workshops Filling Up

Space is still available in all the morning workshops, but it's filling up fast. If you're still undecided, you might want to consider Carole Weatherford's workshop, where you'll sample a variety of genres. Risk-taking poets are welcome to join Ellen Bass's group. She says: "In this workshop we'll learn ways to bring more authenticity, intensity, and beauty into our poems through taking risks."

For more workshop details and links to the presenters' websites, please check < <http://www.mcwd.org> >. Dates for the 20th annual conference are Thursday, July 30 through Sunday, August 2, 2009.

SUMMER WRITING WORKSHOPS ON THE COAST

June and July provide many opportunities to hone your writing skills.

College of the Redwoods, Mendocino Coast Campus: In the eight-week Summer Session (June 3 - July 22) Norma Watkins will teach a fiction workshop and Maureen Eppstein will teach a poetry workshop. For more information, call the College at 707-962-2663.

Gallery Bookshop, Mendocino, eight weeks (June 9 - July 28): Workshop with Molly Dwyer. Writers of Fiction, creative nonfiction, memoir and poetry are welcome. Co-sponsored by the Mendocino Art Center. For more information, email Molly at molly@mollydwyer.com.

Mendocino Coast Botanical Gardens, July 18: One-day workshop, "Writing Wild in a Cultivated Landscape" with Norma Watkins, Molly Dwyer, Pauline Rusert and Maureen Eppstein. For more information email info@gardenbythesea.org or phone 707-964-4352.

MCWC COMMUNITY LITERARY NEWS

George Drake (2007 participant) won the first place nonfiction prize at the San Francisco Writers Contest.

Sue Owens Wright, (participant 1999 and 2004) reports that the next book in her Beanie and Cruiser Mystery Series for dog lovers, *Embarking on Murder*, is due for release on May 15, and her first two books in the series are being released in mass market paperback edition throughout Canada and the US by Harlequin Enterprises within the next year.

Molly Dwyer is looking to start a branch of the California Writers Club on the Mendocino coast. The California Writers Club is the nation's oldest professional club for writers, founded in 1909 by Jack London, the poet George Sterling and short story writer Herman Whitaker, among others. Today it's a nonprofit education corporation with seventeen branches in California, that among other things, offers its 1100+ members a group policy for health insurance. Branches hold regular meetings with educational speakers and opportunities to network. If you'd like more information or are interested in getting involved, please contact Molly at molly@mollydwyer.com.