



Mendocino Coast Writers Conference News & Updates

October 2008

In this issue:

- MCWC Receives California Arts Council Support
- Ellen Sussman Presents October Soundings
- Memorial for Paula Gunn Allen in San Francisco
- More MCWC Community Literary News

20th ANNIVERSARY 2009 MENDOCINO COAST WRITERS CONFERENCE

Will be held from July 30 – August 2, 2009 on the College of the Redwoods Fort Bragg Campus. The Conference is very honored to be a recipient of a 2008 California Arts Council Grant for Creating Public Value. Check website for latest updates on faculty, editors, and agents. www.mcwc.org. If you'd like to participate in the new MCWC Blog, check out www.mendocinowritersblog.com

FALL SOUNDINGS, OCTOBER 30 – 31

Novelist, essayist, and editor Ellen Sussman will present at the MCWC Soundings program. Ellen's most recent publications include the provocatively titled anthologies *Dirty Words: A Literary Encyclopedia of Sex and Bad Girls* and *26 Writers Misbehave*.

On Friday, October 31, Ellen Sussman will offer a writers workshop in room 300 on the College of the Redwoods campus from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. Her topic will be *Point of View: Who Tells the Story*. The cost is \$20.00. Some stipends may be available. For more information or to sign up, contact Charlotte Gullick, 962-2600 ext 2167 or charlotte@mcn.org. More details about the writing workshop are on the web at <http://www.mcwc.org/soundings.html>

PAULA GUNN ALLEN MEMORIAL

You're invited to this farewell event. Paula Gunn Allen was a beloved member of the Mendocino Coast Writers Conference Advisory Board, among many other literary and humanitarian achievements. Hosted by Lauralee Brown, Daughter. Sponsored by the Interdisciplinary Studies and Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Transgender Studies Departments, CCSF.

Please RSVP to Trinity A. Ordana, tordana@ccsf.edu

American Indian Two-Spirit Scholar, Poet, Mother and Grandmother
Saturday, October 25, 2008 at City College of San Francisco, 50 Phelan Avenue, SF.
5 PM: Potluck Dinner, Film Showing (Visual Arts Bldg, Rm. 115)
6 PM: Book Sales, Reception
7-9 PM: Memorial Tribute (Diego Rivera Theater at CCSF)

MCWC COMMUNITY LITERARY NEWS

- MCWC Program Committee member Ginny Rorby is in Sweden this month on book tour for the Swedish version of her middle grade novel *Hurt Go Happy*. *Sukari*, Min Van, in translation means *Sukari, My Friend*.
- Molly Dwyer, author of *Requiem for the Author of Frankenstein* pitched to Elise Proulx, an associate at the SF/LA Frederick Hill/Bonnie Nadell Agency this summer at the Mendocino Coast Writers Conference. They've reached an agreement and Elise will be representing Molly's novel and future work. Proof that networking at conferences does work!
- Gayle Greene, who also attended this summer's MCWC sends news that her book *Insomniac* will be published in the U.K. this month by Little, Brown.

YOUNG WRITERS AT MCWC

Allegra Fisher, now a senior at Mendocino Community HS has organized a cadre of young novelists on the coast to participate in the upcoming November National Novel Writing Month, also known as NaNoWriMo. Allegra will be working on her second novel during the month, and wants to connect with other participating high school novelists. If you want to join in, please contact: allegrapof [at] gmail.com. No previous experience required! Special events planned.