



# The Writer's Access

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News from the Lane Literary Guild

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## Poet and Novelist to Read at November Windfall

Christopher Howell and Dana Magliari will read for the Windfall Reading Series at 7:00 p.m. on November 19. The free reading will be held in the Eugene Public Library's reading room.

Born in Portland, Oregon, **Christopher Howell** served in the Navy as a journalist during the Viet Nam War. After the war he earned graduate degrees from Portland State University and the University of Massachusetts. He has written six books of poems, including *Memory and Heaven, On Through Silene: The Ling Wei Texts, Sweet Afton, Just Walking, and Why Shouldn't I*, as well as a book of translations from the Chinese done with Peter Sears.



Poet Christopher Howell

Howell's awards include fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts and the Oregon Arts Commission, the Writer of the Year Award from the Washington State Library Association, the Helen Bullis Prize, the Vachel Lindsay Award, and the Book Project Award from the King County Arts Commission.

His poems have been widely anthologized and have appeared in many journals, including *Harper's, Hudson Review, The Iowa Review, Poetry Northwest, and The Gettysburg Review*. Howell's poetry is luminous, full of surprises and challenging, imaginative leaps.

Since 1975, Howell has been director and principal literary editor for Lynx House Press and coordina-

tor/editor for the Blue Lynx Prize Competition. He is also the editor of *Willow Springs* magazine and director of Eastern Washington University Press. He lives in Spokane with his wife Barbara and his son Evan.

About his poetry, he has said: "You write what you are given to write, follow your inclinations, even when they seem odd, maybe especially when they seem odd."

Fiction writer **Dana Magliari** is a former Eugenean who served on the Steering Committee of the Lane Literary Guild. He has a BA in creative writing from San Francisco State and an MA from in Geography from the UO. One of his cartography projects while he was a graduate student here was to work on a map of the wineries of the southern Willamette Valley.



Novelist Dana Magliari

Magliari now lives in Sacramento, where he's writing and producing a radio documentary on the Inuit self-government movement in Quebec and working on a humorous, heartfelt novel set in San Francisco during the Reagan years. In the midst of the rampant materialism of the era, the protagonist works as a bike messenger who searches for a meaningful existence.

The Windfall Reading Series is sponsored by the Lane Literary Guild and is made possible by support from the Lane Arts Council's Cultural Services Division and the Friends of the Eugene Public Library.

# November – December Readings & Events

*All events are free unless marked otherwise.*

## NOVEMBER

7 Poet Linda Gregorson, sponsored by UO Creative Writing Dept., Maple Room, EMU, 8:00 pm.

Oregon Book Awards, hosted by Sherman Alexie. Scottish Rite Center, 1512 SW Morrison St., Portland. Tickets are \$20. 7:30 pm.

10 Multnomah County's Central Library (801 S.W. 10th Ave., Portland) will host a Writers' Resource Fair on Sunday, November 10, from 1-4:30 pm. For more information, call 503-988-5471.

13 Cora Corbett reads from her new novel, *Half Nation Under God: One Woman's Warning*, Mother Kali's, 7:00 pm.

Stephen Beckham, hosted by UO Humanities Center, lectures from his book, *Lewis and Clark: From the Rockies to the Pacific*, Rm. 175, Knight Law Center, 7:30 pm.

14 Poet Pattiann Rogers, Knight Library Browsing Room, 7:30 pm.

15 Ken Waldman, Alaska's fiddling poet,, Tsunami, \$5 suggested donation, 7:30 pm.

16 Poetry Slam, Foolscape Books, 8:00 pm.

17 Eugene poet Ingrid Wendt and Portland poet Paulann Petersen. Petersen's new book is *The Wild Awake* from Confluence Press. Tsunami 4:00 pm.

19 Poet Christopher Howell and novelist Dana Magliari, sponsored by Lane Literary Guild's Windfall Reading Series, Eugene Public Library, 7:00 pm.

Poet Robyn Schiff, sponsored by Creative Writing Dept., Maple Room, EMU, 8:00 pm.

21 Jan Elliott, Stone Soup. UO Bookstore, 7:00 pm.

## DECEMBER

6 Poets Kim Addonizio, Dorianne Laux, Joseph Millar read writings about tattoos. Tsunami, 7:00 pm.

7 Authors & Artists Fair at Eugene's Downtown Library, 7:00-10:00 pm.

String Town, a literary group from the coast featuring Mat Briggs. Tsunami, 5:00 pm.

8 Poets Ken Zimmerman and Bennett Huffman followed by open mike, Tsunami, 4:00 pm.

Eugene Public Library's old downtown location closes for the final time. Memory book signing and refreshments, 1:15 to 4:45. Ceremonial final padlocking of entrance, 5:00 pm.

21 Poetry Slam, Foolscape Books, 8:00 pm.

26 "Soft opening" of new Eugene Public Library. Grand Opening celebration is all day January 11.



## News about Guild Members

**Gary Adams** has poetry appearing in issue two of *Carriage House Review* and will be in the premier issue of *Full Circle, A Journal of Poetry and Prose*. *Full Circle* is an international publication that includes an interview with Robert Pinsky and fiction by Richard Kostelanetz. Learn more about these publications at [www.carriagehoureview.com](http://www.carriagehoureview.com) and [www.fullcirclejrn.com](http://www.fullcirclejrn.com). Gary also poetry coming out in *Curbside Review*.

**Toni Van Deusen** won a first prize in Oregon State Poetry Association's fall contest, and has poetry forthcoming from *Manzanita Quarterly* and *Verseweavers*.

**John Reed** will present his annual Writers-by-the-Sea Fiction Writer's Workshop in Yachats, January 18-19. Reed, author of *Thirteen Mountain* and *The Kingfisher's Call*, is a former writing instructor at Lane Community College with 20 years of experience in conducting workshops and writing seminars for groups such as Willamette Writers and Oregon Writer's Colony. He also offers editing and critique services for writers at [www.writerswelcome.com](http://www.writerswelcome.com). The workshop costs \$150 or \$200, including critique. Registration closes January 10, 2003. For information call John Reed at 541-461-0789.

The members of **Poetry 2** are putting together a limited-edition chapbook of their own work. Look for more news about this project in future newsletters.

The photo of Hannah Wilson in the Sept.-Oct. *Access* appeared without attribution; thanks to Deborah Merskin for the photo!

If you have news you'd like to have included here, let us know by mailing a notice to the post office box on our masthead or by sending an e-mail to [newsletter@laneliteraryguild.org](mailto:newsletter@laneliteraryguild.org).



## Annual Authors & Artists Fair Set for December 7

The Eugene Public Library will once again host the annual fundraiser for the Friends of the Library, so mark your calendars for the Authors & Artists Fair from 7 to 10 pm on Saturday, December 7. If any Guild members want to volunteer for the Friends at the event, contact Eleanor Mulder at [etmulder@sprintmail.com](mailto:etmulder@sprintmail.com).

A number of Guild members will be selling their books at this gala evening, including Bean Comrada, Hannah Wilson, John Reed, Melissa Hart, JoJo Jensen, William Sullivan, Valerie Brooks, and Nan Phifer. Visual artists will also be selling their work, and musicians will perform throughout the evening on two stages and sell their CDs. The Fair is a wonderful opportunity to visit with local artists and support them by buying their work. See you there!

## Winter Nonfiction Workshop with John Daniel

**John Daniel** has agreed to teach a craft workshop for the Guild this winter. The workshop will focus on literary nonfiction and be held in late January or early February. Daniel's work includes a memoir, *Looking After*; a book of nature essays, *The Trail Home*; and two volumes of poetry.. He has been a Wallace Stegner Fellow in Poetry at Stanford, a research and writing fellow at Oregon State University's Center for the Humanities, and was awarded a fellowship from the National Endowment for the Arts. He has also won two Oregon Book Awards for Literary Nonfiction.

There's an interesting interview with John Daniel on the web at <http://inf.uoregon.edu/notable/daniel.html>.

Look for details on this event in the Jan-Feb newsletter.

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#### Ongoing Workshops:


Literary Nonfiction	Deborah Merskin	485-7246
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## Ursula K. Le Guin to Read for Guild on January 21

**W**e wanted a special writer to launch the Windfall Series in the new Eugene library, and we wanted an Oregonian. Who better fits both bills than Ursula K. Le Guin? A Portland resident since 1958, Le Guin writes poetry and prose. Her modes are varied, including realistic fiction, science fiction, fantasy, young children's books, books for young adults, screenplays, essays, verbal texts for musicians, and voicetexts for performance or recording. She has published five books of poetry, seventeen novels, eight volumes of collected short stories, two collections of essays, eleven books for children, and two volumes of translation. Watch for more news about this event in the January/February edition of the *Writer's Access*.