



# The Writer's Access

*News from the Lane Literary Guild*

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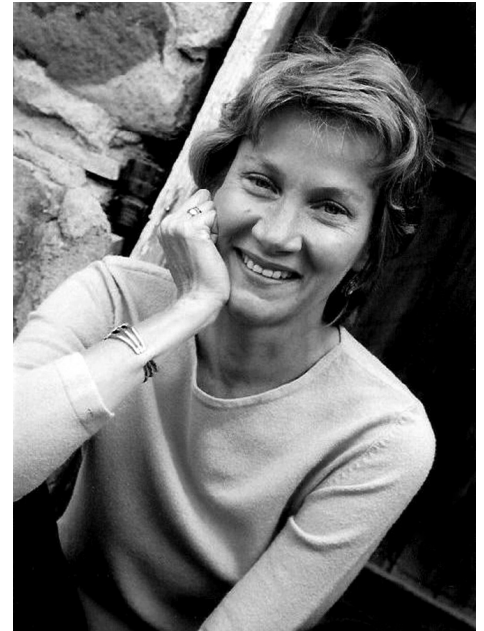
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## Ordinary Loveliness

Nance Van Winckle and Lisa Rosen will read

On Tuesday, May 20, Nance Van Winckle and Lisa Rosen will share their work. Both writers are gifted at finding unexpected beauty in the objects and actions of ordinary life.

The free reading starts at 7 pm in the Bascom-Tykeson Room of the downtown library. Refreshments will be served, and books will be available for purchase and signing. Windfall readings are co-sponsored by EPL, Lane Literary Guild, and the Cultural Services Division of Lane Arts Council. This is the last reading until September, so don't miss this event.



Nance Van Winckle



Lisa Rosen

### Windfall

*Season Finale*

#### May • 20

Nance Van Winckle &  
Lisa Rosen

#### Windfall in the Fall

*Looking Forward*

To be announced. Check the LLG website or the Fall newsletter for upcoming Windfall readings.

Nance Van Winckle's fifth collection of poems, *No Starling*, was recently released by the University of Washington Press. In this book, Van Winckle continues her work of mining both familiar and unfamiliar territory, unearthing sparkling insights that are often told with a twist. Even a brief perusal of the poem titles in *No Starling* gives the reader a sense of the poet's innate curiosity and wisdom, her edgy humor and her humility: "We Called Goodbye, But She Was Already Gone," "The Rattled Hymn of the Republic," "I Talk to the Bread, I Chat with the Dough," "I Am My Own Assistant."

The opening poem "Slate," places us in one of Van Winckle's typically provocative situations:

the speaker is carting off a corpse named "Nance," heading toward a nearby quarry to dump it off. The wry and energetic recounting of details and events gives us Van Winckle at her dazzling, energetic best.

Van Winckle is the recipient of two NEA Poetry Fellowships and awards from the Poetry Society of America, *Poetry*, and *Prairie Schooner*. New poems appear in *The Kenyon Review*, *The Pushcart Prize Anthology*, *The Southern Review*, *Poetry Northwest*, *Crazyhorse*, *Field*, and *Gettysburg Review*. She is also the author of three collections of short fiction (*Limited Lifetime Warranty*, *Quake* and *Curtain Creek Farm*) and has received the 2005 Christopher Isherwood Fiction Fellowship and the Patterson Fiction Award.

Van Winckle teaches in the MFA Programs at Eastern Washington University and Vermont College. In spring 2009 she will be the Stadler Poet in Residence at Bucknell University in Pennsylvania. She lives in Spokane with her husband, visual artist Rik Nelson.

**Windfall Sponsors**

Windfall readings are made possible by support from Guild membership, the Eugene Public Library, Friends of the Library, the Library Foundation, and a Community Arts grant from Lane Arts Council.

**Interesting Tidbits****ROAD TRIPS!**

LLG poets Michael Hanner and Lisa Rosen will read with John Noland of Coos Bay on Saturday, June 21 at 1 p.m. at the North Bend Public Library.

On Thursday, May 8, Sandy Tolan, international journalist, award-winning NPR producer/reporter, and author of *The Lemon Tree: An Arab, A Jew, and The Heart of the Middle East*, will speak at 7 p.m. in Smith Memorial Union, Room 238 (Portland State University). Free and open to the public.

May 29, Phillip Margolin: a rare workshop session with the NY Times bestselling author. His talk is entitled, "How to Write a Novel in Your Spare Time." 7 p.m. in Smith Memorial Union, Room 238. (Portland State U). \$5 donation suggested at the door.

**GREAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

After 8 years as your Treasurer and Membership Coordinator, it's time for a change. I will step down from these closely linked positions in September, 2008. These tasks are not difficult, they take a total of about one hour a week (if you're as slow as I am). The person who occupies these positions attends Windfall whenever possible. He or she would also be a member of the Steering Committee, which meets every two months from September through May.

If you can balance a checkbook and maintain a simple spreadsheet you have the necessary skills. Please get in touch with me at [tonipoet@gmail.com](mailto:tonipoet@gmail.com). Thanks, Toni Van Deusen.

**EAST / WEST GATHERING**

The 3rd annual East/West Gathering is scheduled for October 3 - 5. Tsunami Books hosts the readings and discussion on Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday morning. The Benton County Historical Museum in Philomath is making available its 19th century

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Lisa Rosen was born in Baltimore, Maryland and as a teenager moved with her family to Tucson, Arizona. Rosen earned an MA in English from Colorado State University. She has taught in the Academic Learning Skills and English as a Second Language departments at Lane Community College. Her chapbook, *Bright Omens*, was published in February, 2008 by Traprock Books. The poems in *Bright Omens* focus on family and loss and on the hope—the "bright omens"—that arise out of darkness. Through the process of writing Rosen finds a way out of this darkness, discovering everywhere and in everything possibilities of transformation. With stunning clarity and poignancy, Rosen writes about the illness and death of two sisters, about her own illness, about love and pain, struggle and hope, and the sense of mystery that pervades the human condition.

Rosen sees signs everywhere, most often in the world of nature. Her language is rich in imagery that weaves thematically through the poems: spiders spreading "their white webs like quilted air," birds sending up a sound "like dozens of scissors opening and closing," flowers floating "like pale stars in the grass." With courage and faith the poet explores "the dark material of stones / and whatever it is we'll follow / when we float / bodiless from this place."

Lisa Rosen's poems have appeared in *Poetry East*, *Kaleidoscope*, *Gertrude*, and *Hubbub*, among others. Several of her poems were recently anthologized in the *Best of the Bellevue Literary Review*. She also won the 2007 Jane's Stories Press Poetry Prize.

She lives in Eugene with her husband, Don, and their beloved dog, the senior member of the household.

auditorium for Saturday, 10-4. The Gathering features readings, book tables, chances to socialize. To be put on the Gathering e-mail list, contact Erik Muller at [mulpop@efn.org](mailto:mulpop@efn.org).

**WHERE TO FIND JOHN KEEBLE**

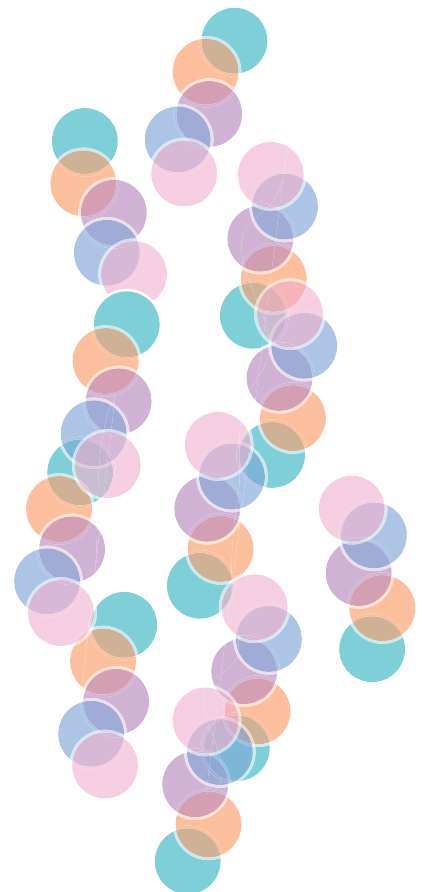
In case LLG members and others who enjoyed hearing John Keeble at the March Windfall don't see his books at local bookstores, both his story collection *Nocturnal America*, and his nonfiction *Out of the Channel: the Exxon Valdez Oil Spill in Prince William Sound*, may be found online.

**REGINALD SHEPHERD SPONSORED BY ALAN CONTRERAS**

Alan Contreras is sponsoring poet Reginald Shepherd, who will read at the Knight Library on May 15 at 8 p.m. Shepherd's poetry collections have been issued by U of Pittsburgh Press, and his collection of essays on poetry, *Orpheus in the Bronx*, is just out. He will also deliver a lecture in the Linder Room, EMU, at 11 a.m. on Friday, May 16.

**A SPECIAL THANKS**

Heartfelt thanks to Bean Comrada, who hosted John Keeble when he came to town from Eastern Oregon for the March Windfall reading.



## LLG

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### Events

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### Windfall Readings

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### Ongoing Workshops

#### Fiction 1

Steven Higgins - 689-8306

#### Poetry 1

Cecelia Hagen - 345-7386

#### Poetry 2

Michael Hanner - 681-9681

#### Poetry 4

Laura LeHew - 683-8682

## LLG Membership

Thanks to all new and renewing members, whose dues support all the Guild's programs, and whose spirit supports so much more.

### Renewals

Jackie Melvin, Catherine Sibert, Virginia Starr, Vince & Patty Wixon, Susan Glassow & Terry Brix, Evelyn Hess, Jason Lee Smith, Steven Higgins, Claudia Lapp, Eleanor Berry

### New

Tricia Hedin, Victoria Harkovitch, Marilyn Hanes, Rhonda Zimlich

### Angel

Nancy Moody



## Guild Members *in the news*

LLG poets *Jenny Root*, *Charles Thielman*, *Patty Wixon*, *Michael Hanner*, and *Toni Van Deusen* were all in the Winners' Circle in the OSPA Spring '08 poetry contest. Their poems will be published in an upcoming edition of *Verseweavers*.

*Laura LeHew's* poem "Silence" was accepted by *Tiger's Eye* and "raincrow/" will be published in the June issue of *Rattlesnake Review*.

"Interstate 5," a poem by *Janice Rubin*, will be published in *Glass: a Poetry Journal*.

*Veronica Yates'* poem, "Fly Fishing," is in the current issue of *Lucidity Journal*.

*Ralph Salisbury* is proud to have achieved his 82nd Birthday this past January. In addition, he has been reading from his new book, *Blind Pumper at the Well*, at colleges and universities all over Oregon. Five of his poems appear in *Yellow Medicine Review's* Winter 07/08 issue.

Poems by *Terry Brix* can be read on-line at [www.newversenews.com](http://www.newversenews.com), a politically progressive poetry 'zine.

*Hank Alley* has had two stories accepted for publication: "In Recovery" will appear in *Ars Medica's* special issue on healing. "Item 'I'" will appear in *Colere's* special issue on cultural experience and race.

*Quinton Hallet* has a poem in the next issue of *HeartLodge*. Her imprint, Fern Rock Falls Press, thanks to funding by the W. B. Chase family, has released a third title, *Where the Meadowlarks*, poems and stories by former LLG member Katherine M. Chase (1993-2006). The book is available at Tsunami Books.

*Cecelia Hagen* read at Willamette University in March and at Multnomah County Library in Portland in April.

On April 5th, "Tsunami Hosts Traprock" featured over ten readers whose books are published by Traprock Books, including Guild poets *Carter McKenzie*, *Deborah Narin-Wells*, and *Lisa Rosen*. Next up from Traprock are *Gary Adams*, *Anita Sullivan*, and *Nancy Moody* – stayed tuned for the release of these books.

*The annual Lane Literary Guild picnic/potluck/meeting is set for Saturday, September 27, 2008 from 4 - 6 p.m. at Lamb Cottage in Skinner Butte Park. Mark your calendars and bring friends, food, non-alcoholic bevies, and 5 minutes of your writing to share at the open mic. We'll have our ever-popular white elephant book exchange as well. It would be great if everyone could bring at least one writer (or reader) who is not a member of LLG!*

**LLG ANNUAL PICNIC**  
**SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH**  
**SKINNER BUTTE PARK**  
**4 - 6 PM**

Questions? Suggestions? Send an e-mail to: [www.laneliteraryguild.org/contact/](http://www.laneliteraryguild.org/contact/)

**MAY 2008**

**10 Saturday @ 5:00 pm**

**Tsunami Books**

*Geri Larkin reads from her new book, Plant Seed Pole Weed, about Buddhism and gardening. Tsunami Books, 5:00 pm.*

**20 Tuesday @ 7:00 pm**

**EPL Bascom-Tykeson Room**

*Windfall presents Eugene poet Lisa Rosen and Eastern Washington poet and fiction writer Nance Van Winckel.*

**JUNE 2008**

**5 Thursday @ 7:00 pm**

**Tsunami Books**

*Molly Gloss reads from her new book, Hearts of Horses.*

**14 Saturday @ 5:00 pm**

**Tsunami Books**

*Chris Carlsson reads from his new book, Nowtopia.*

**20 Friday @ 5:00 pm**

**Tsunami Books**

*Poets Erik Muller and Leonard Cirino with music by David Rogers.*

**26 Friday @ 7:30 pm**

**Tsunami Books**

*William Sullivan presents a slide show about his new book, Oregon's Natural Disasters.*

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*Time to Renew?*

**About The Writer's Access**

*The Writer's Access* is published bimonthly by the Lane Literary Guild, a not-for-profit group dedicated to fostering appreciation of the written and spoken word, and providing workshops and support for writers in Lane County.

Membership is open to anyone and annual fees range from \$25 for individuals, \$35 for families, \$15 for low-income or students, and \$50 or more for angels. To find out if you need to renew, look at the mailing label above. Checks can be mailed to the address above as well.

The LLG website is updated regularly. Visit to find links to Windfall readers and information about the guild. Send member news, calendar events, or announcements to: [www.laneliteraryguild.org](http://www.laneliteraryguild.org)

