

Meet and Mingle with Award-Winning Authors at The Nature of Words

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Chat Up Writers and Literati at Readings, Workshops and Dinner

Where do great writers get their great ideas? And what inspires them to stay focused? Come to The Nature of Words, Central Oregon's premier literary event, November 2-5, 2006, and ask award-winning authors what you've always wanted to know about their craft. From the post-reading book signings to the author-led workshops to the dinner and panel discussion, you will have a chance for an informal chat with the guest authors.

Tickets for all events can be purchased at The Ticket Mill in the Shops at The Old Mill District, in person, or by phone at 541.318.5457.

Tickets to the two author readings only are also available at the Tower Theatre box office (phone 541.317.0700) or via www.towertheatre.org.

This year's roster of award-winning authors in fiction, literary nonfiction and poetry includes:

Fiction

David Guterson, PEN Faulkner Award winner for *Snow Falling on Cedars*, and author of *Our Lady of the Forest*, *East of the Mountains* and *The Country Ahead of Us, The Country Behind*.

James Galvin, author of the novel *Fencing the Sky*, the prose work *The Meadow*, several collections of poetry, and winner of the Lila Wallace-Reader's Digest Foundation award.

Literary Non-fiction

Alexandra Fuller, winner of the Booksense award for Non-Fiction Book of the Year for her memoir *Don't Let's Go to the Dogs Tonight: An African Childhood*, and author of *Scribbling the Cat: Travels with an African Soldier*, winner of the Lettre Ulysses Award for the Art of Reportage 2005.

Craig Lesley, author of the memoir *Burning Fence*, and four novels, *Storm Riders*, *The Sky Fisherman*, *River Song*, and *Winterkill*, and winner of three Pacific Northwest Booksellers Association Awards, the Western

Writers of America Golden Spur Award for Best Novel, and an Oregon Book Award.

Robert Michael Pyle, author of *Chasing Monarchs: Migrating with the Butterflies of Passage*, *The Thunder Tree*, *Where Bigfoot Walks: Crossing the Dark Divide* and *Wintergreen*, winner of the 1987 John Burroughs Medal for Distinguished Nature Writing.

Poetry

Linda Hussa, author of three books of poetry, including the compilation *Sharing Fencelines*, *Three Friends Write from Nevada*™s *Sagebrush Corner*, and *Blood Sister, I Am To These Fields* and winner of the 1999 Nevada Writer's Hall of Fame's Silver Pen Award.

Lawson Inada, Oregon™s Poet Laureate and author of *Before The War* and *Legends From Camp*, for which he received the American Book Award.

Robert Wrigley, author of many poetry collections including *Lives of the Animals*; *Reign of Snakes*, winner of the Kingsley Tufts Award; and *In the Bank of Beautiful Sins*, winner of the San Francisco Poetry Center Book Award.

Meet and greet the guest authors and fellow literati at these events:

Author Readings and Book Signings – November 2 and 3, 7:30 p.m., Tower Theatre.

Guest Author Workshops – November 3 and 4, morning and afternoon, OSU/Cascades Campus.

Dinner and Guest Author Panel Discussion – November 4, 6:30 p.m., High Desert Museum.

Rising Star Creative Writing Competition Winners and Open Mike – November 5, 11:00 a.m., Deschutes Public Library.

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More information is available at www.thenatureofwords.org, via info@thenatureofwords.org or by calling 541.385.7025.

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