

Join Today

WILLAMETTE WRITERS

An organization for published and aspiring writers.



ABOUT WILLAMETTE WRITERS

Established in 1965, Willamette Writers has over 1,600 active members, 15 Board members, one contracted office manager and dozens of volunteers. It is the largest writers' organization in Oregon and one of the largest in the United States. The main office is in Portland with chapters in Southern Oregon est. 1997 in Medford, Mid Valley est. 1998 in Eugene, Coast est. 2005 in Newport and Salem est. 2007.

The Willamette Writers Office is located at 9045 SW Barbur Blvd. Suite 5A in Portland. It is staffed by a paid office manager from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. weekdays. Volunteers also serve to keep the office open for member questions and resource availability.

THE BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP

- Monthly meetings with great speakers!
- The *Willamette Writer* monthly newsletter.
- Up to date writing news on our bi weekly e announcements. Members may share their news in these notes.
- Discounted rates for the Annual Willamette Writers Conference.
- Opportunities to network with fellow writers.
- Volunteer opportunities, including the writers conference and helping young readers and writers.
- Posting of your Web site and books on the Willamette Writers Web site.
- Referral services for critique groups, freelance professionals and other learning and networking opportunities.

OUR GOAL

Willamette Writers' goal is to provide and encourage a creative environment and support system for current and aspiring writers. Since its beginning in 1965, Willamette Writers has provided meeting places for the exchange of ideas and information and has initiated programs designed to help writers increase skills related to the craft of writing. Both published and aspiring writers are invited to join.

A professional writer is an amateur who didn't quit. - Richard Bach

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OUR PROGRAMS

ANNUAL WRITERS CONFERENCE

One of the most beneficial programs of the organization is the annual conference held the first weekend in August each year. Members are eligible for a discount and volunteer opportunities. The conference began as a small group of workshops in 1969, and has grown to over three days of learning, pitching, networking and enjoying the company of other writers. Its focus is almost evenly split between literary endeavors and film work. Many writers have broken into the industry and sold their first works based on connections made at the conference.

AWARDS

We also encourage writing excellence through our various awards programs.

The Kay Snow Writing Contest, established in 1973, was named for our founder. The contest now has entries from across the nation, and includes both adult and young writers. The 500 Liam Callen Award for Literary Excellence was established in 2001 for the most outstanding entry overall.

The Kate Herzog Scholarship writing awards are open to students in grades 12-14. Four small college scholarships are presented each year, and Herzog scholars are invited to attend the conference and awards banquet for free. Kate Herzog was also a founding member of the organization.

The Distinguished Northwest Writer Award est. 1988 recognizes noteworthy NW authors with exceptional literary writing.

The Lifetime Achievement est. 1989 goes to honor a writer or person in the publishing industry who has demonstrated exceptional achievement in his or her work during a lifetime.

The Humanitarian Award est. 1996 honors a person or organization in the writing field or publishing industry who has demonstrated exceptional philanthropy in his or her field of work.

YOUNG WILLAMETTE WRITERS

YWW is open to students in grades 5-10. Meetings are on the same date, time and location as the regular monthly Willamette Writers Portland meeting during the school year and are free to YWWs and their escorts. For more information, call Joni Heyman at yww@willamettewriters.com.

BOOKS FOR KIDS

Willamette Writers also supports young people in our communities through its "Books for Kids" program. Founded in 1992, this program distributes 20,000 books annually to children who might not otherwise have one. As writers, we know it is important to support readers. For more information, please contact Jerry Isom at booksforkids@willamettewriters.com.

MEETINGS & CHAPTERS

PORTLAND MEETINGS

Portland meetings of Willamette Writers are held at The Old Church, SW 11th and Clay in downtown Portland on the first Tuesday of the month. Doors open for networking at 6:15 p.m., with a speaker or panel from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. For more information about meetings, call 503 452 1592, or go to www.willamettewriters.com.

MID-VALLEY CHAPTER (EUGENE)

The Mid Valley Willamette Writers Speakers Series is on the first Thursday of the month from September to May. Free to members of Willamette Writers, suggested \$10 donation for non members. For more information contact: JoJo Jensen at jojo.jensen@yahoo.com.

OREGON COAST CHAPTER (NEWPORT)

The Oregon Coast chapter of Willamette Writers offers Writers-on-Writing workshops the second Tuesday of each month. For information, contact Sue Lick at suelick@casco.net.

SALEM CHAPTER

Monthly meetings are held the second Thursday of each month from 7 to 8 p.m. For more information please contact Marilyn Ebbs at SalemChapter@aol.com.

SOUTHERN OREGON CHAPTER (MEDFORD)

The Southern Oregon Speakers Series is held on the first Saturday of the month September through June. For information about Willamette Writers of Southern Oregon, please contact Valerie Foster at valeriefoster6006@msn.com or 541 664 5887.

For more meeting information for all locations, please go to www.willamettewriters.com/1/meetings.php

Yes, I would like to join Willamette Writers! Enclosed is my check for membership dues. *Please Print*
 \$36 for an individual \$54 for a family up to four at the same address \$18 for full time students under 22
 FREE Young Willamette Writers Grades 5-10

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ E mail _____ Fax _____

You can also call the WW Office, 503.452.1592, to charge by phone M - F, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., or go to our Web site, www.willamettewriters.com, to join by credit or debit card anytime.