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**The Community of Writers at Squaw Valley Announces its
Annual Summer Workshops**

**Poetry Workshop: June 24—July 1, 2017
Writers Workshops: July 9—15, 2017**

The Community of Writers at Squaw Valley, founded in 1969, is a literary organization that holds several weeklong gatherings of poets, writers, and screenwriters every summer in the Northern California ski area of Squaw Valley.

Alumni of the Community of Writers include Pulitzer Prize-winners Michael Chabon and Richard Ford, bestselling novelists such as Anne Rice, Janet Fitch, Jamie Ford, Alice Sebold, and Amy Tan; successful alumni poets include Kazim Ali, Thomas Sayers Ellis, Bruce Bond, Molly Fisk, and Evie Shockley.

The Poetry Workshop will be held June 24—July 1, 2017. The sixty poets who are admitted to the program meet daily to share poems written during the last 24 hours, as well as attend craft talks, lectures, and readings. 2017 staff members include Francisco Aragón, Forrest Gander, and Brenda Hillman, and Pulitzer Prize winning poets Robert Hass, Sharon Olds, and Gregory Pardlo.

The Writers Workshop will take place July 9-15, 2017, and accepts up to 120 fiction, nonfiction, and memoir writers. The writers meet in small groups to workshop their submitted manuscript, attend craft lectures and panels, and learn the ins and outs of the publishing business from editors and agents. The 2017 teaching staff includes Mark Childress, Janet Fitch, Lynn Freed, Paul Harding, Krys Lee, and Christopher Monger, among others. Special guests include Michelle Latiolais, Michael Lavigne, Frances Stroh, and Amy Tan.

Events during both Poetry and Fiction are open to the public. A schedule of panels, craft talks, and readings can be found on our website at www.communityofwriters.org/events.

Featured Special Events

- **Thursday, June 29th, at 7:30 PM**, Pulitzer Prize-winning poets Robert Hass, Sharon Olds, and Gregory Pardlo, along with award-winning and nationally beloved poets Brenda Hillman, Forrest Gander, and Francisco Aragón will be reading from their work.
- **Thursday, July 10th, at 7:30 PM**, authors Natalie Baszile, John Daniel, Lynn Freed, and Martin J. Smith will be reading and discussing their work.
- **Thursday, July 13th, at 5:30 PM**, the Community of Writers will welcome past participants as part of the Published Alumni Series, where Mauro Javier Cardenas, Jade Chang, Carole Firstman, and Vanessa Hua will read from their debut books.
- **Thursday, July 13th, at 7:30 PM**, authors Paul Harding, Dylan Landis, Krys Lee, and Josh Weil will also be reading from and discussing their work.

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