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

**Poetry Workshop: June 20 –27, 2015
Writers Workshops: July 6 – 13, 2015**

The Screenwriting Workshop will take a one-year hiatus. Please join us in 2016.

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 20-27, 2015. The sixty poets that 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. 2015 staff members include Pulitzer Prize winning poets Robert Haas and Sharon Olds, Forrest Gander, J. Michael Martinez, Evie Shockley, and Brenda Hillman.

The Writers Workshop will take place July 6-13, 2015 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 2015 teaching staff includes Alan Cheuse, Mark Childress, Janet Fitch, Yiyun Li, Alice Sebold, Julia Flynn Siler, and Tiphonie Yanique, among others. Special guests include Malcom Margolin, founder of Heyday Books, Anne Lamott, and Amy Tan.

Admissions are competitive and the writing level is high. Acceptance is based on a submitted original writing sample, which is evaluated by a panel of judges on the basis of literary merit only. The deadline to apply for summer 2015 workshops is April 2. Some financial aid is available.

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