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#### More from the Summer Workshops:

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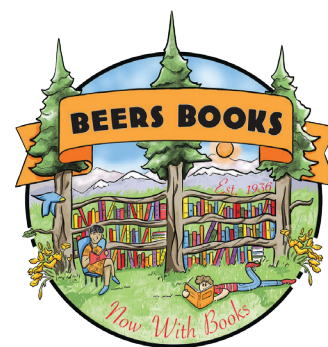
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# BENEFIT POETRY READING

Join us for an unforgettable evening of poetry live in the California Sierra Nevada, and streamed online from the comfort of your home.

Our annual Benefit Poetry Reading will feature poems from our 2024 Poetry Staff: Blas Falconer, Brenda Hillman, Major Jackson, Patricia Spears Jones, Brynn Saito, and Matthew Zapruder.

For those attending in person, dress in layers and bring a jacket. **Reserve your space in advance.**

This event is free with a recommended donation of \$25.

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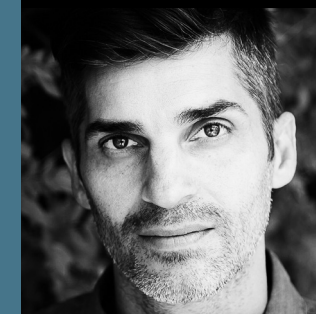
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The Community of Writers offers locals and visitors alike an opportunity to attend literary events as part of its Summer Writing Workshops at Palisades Tahoe in Olympic Valley in June and July



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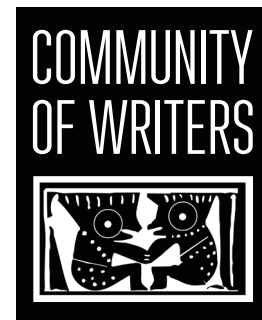
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# July 9-14, 2024

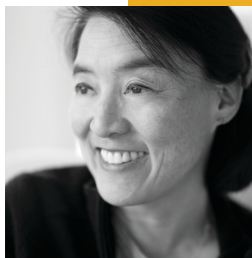
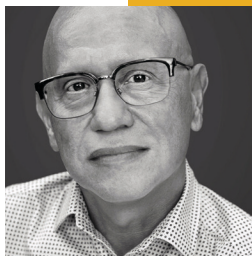
## LITERARY EVENTS schedule



Literary events brought to you as part of The Writers Workshops

### Tuesday, July 9

- 1:00 Craft Talk** by Margaret Wilkerson Sexton: "Writing a Life: A Character's Journey Across Generations"
- 2:00 Panel:** "Writing the Historical in Fiction and Nonfiction" with Jason Roberts, Janet Fitch, Karen Joy Fowler, Gail Tsukiyama. Moderator Sands Hall
- 3:00 Panel:** "Reliably Unreliable First Person" with Leslie Daniels, Leland Cheuk, Louis B. Jones, Andrew Tonkovich. Moderated by Victoria Patterson
- 5:30 Short Takes Staff Readings:** Leslie Daniels, Michelle Latiolais, Sameer Pandya, Greg Spatz, Andrew Tonkovich
- 7:30 Evening Reading:** Authors Read and Discuss Their Work: Alex Espinoza, Gail Tsukiyama, David Ulin



### TUES. JULY 9, 7:30 EVENING READING

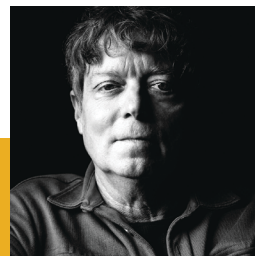
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### Wednesday, July 10

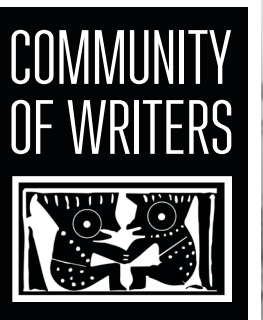
- 1:00 Craft Talk** by Victoria Patterson: "Show, Tell, Show, Tell/Scene and Summary in Fiction and Nonfiction"
- 2:00 Panel:** "The Short Story" with Dana Johnson, Sameer Pandya, Gregory Spatz. Moderated by Tom Barbash
- 3:00 Panel:** "West Coast Literary Journals" Lily Grimes (Faultline), Andrew Tonkovich (Santa Monica Review/Citric Acid), David Ulin (Air/Light), Oscar Villalon (ZYZZYVA), Blaise Zerega (Alta Journal)
- 5:30 Short Takes Readings:** Karen Joy Fowler, Janet Fitch, Sands Hall, Dana Johnson, Martin J. Smith
- 7:30 Evening Event:** "The Deep Dive: Research in Narrative Nonfiction, Memoir, and Hybrid Forms" with Ingrid Rojas Contreras, Jason Roberts, Tom Zoellner. Moderated by Sands Hall

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## LITERARY EVENTS schedule [cont.]



### Thursday, July 11

- 1:00 Panel:** "Book Editors" with Reagan Arthur, Leland Cheuk, Jean Garnett, and Dan Lopez. Moderated by Michael Mungiello
- 2:30 Panel:** "Literary Agents" with BJ Robbins, Kirby Kim, and Michael Mungiello. Moderated by Katy Hays (This event will be brief, and followed by sessions for enrolled participants only.)
- 5:30 Published Alum Reading:** Rita Chang-Eppig, Ilana DeBare, Jessie Ren Marshall, Reid Sherline, and Julia Park Tracey. Introduced by Monica West
- 7:30 "You Must Read This: The Narrative Technique that Stopped You In Your Tracks,"** Readers TBD. Hosted by Andrew Tonkovich. Teaching staff share short representative passages from a writer which enlarged or shattered or somehow revolutionized their sense of fiction or nonfiction's possibilities.

### Friday, July 12

No Events Scheduled

### SAT, JULY 13, 7:30

**EVENING EVENT: "Together at Elevation"**  
Katy Hays, Susanne Pari, Amy Tan, Monica West



### Saturday, July 13

- Noon Lunch** with Martin J. Smith: "Difficult Interviews: Getting the Reluctant to Talk" Interviewing tips from someone who has been doing it for nearly 50 years (Bring a bag lunch)
- 1:00 Craft Talk** by Rachel Howard: "Writing from the Heat of the Moment: Improvisation in Fiction and Nonfiction Writing"
- 2:00 Panel:** "On Plot" with Katy Hays, Alex Espinoza, Tyler Dilts, Stacy Spruill, and Martin J. Smith. Moderated by Andrew Tonkovich
- 3:00 Panel:** "Fact, Truth, and Imagination: Craft Choices for Different Genres" with Ingrid Rojas Contreras, Sands Hall, Michelle Latiolais, Keenan Norris and Panelist/Moderator David Ulin
- 5:30 Short Takes Readings:** Lisa Alvarez, Tyler Dilts, Patricia Meyer, Keenan Norris (Screenwriters' Scene reading)
- 7:30 Evening Event:** "Together at Elevation" Readings by Katy Hays, Susanne Pari, and Amy Tan, Monica West. Tan will show illustrations from her New York Times Best-selling book, Backyard Bird Chronicles. Introduced by Eddy Ancinas.

### Sunday, July 14

- 1:00 Craft Talk** by Tom Barbash: "What Doesn't Break Us: The Art of the Story" an exploration into "Foster" by Claire Keegan, and "Switzerland" by Nicole Krauss. (Stories can be read in advance at [www.newyorker.com](http://www.newyorker.com).)
- 2:00 Panel:** "Narrative Voice & Dialogue" with Dana Johnson, Karen Joy Fowler, Susanne Pari, Amy Tan, Monica West. Moderated by Oscar Villalon
- 3:00 Panel:** "Writing Beyond The Conference" with Alex Espinoza, Monica West, Andrew Nicholls, Janet Fitch. Moderated by Lisa Alvarez