

Mountain Writers Series



Reading as a Writer: Political Poets

A Workshop with Judith Barrington

Three Saturdays in the Spring
May 14, 21 & 28, 2016

Multnomah Friends Meeting House
4312 S.E. Stark Street, Portland, OR

Reading poems is an excellent way to find subjects or styles that trigger your own voice—make you want to run to a keyboard or pick up a pen immediately. Sometimes it's the rhythm of someone else's line that leads you into poetry or their declaration that spurs you into argument. This class, meeting on three Saturday mornings, will read and discuss a few poets who sometimes wrote political poems and use them as an impetus to generate some of your own. We'll talk about a few of the debates regarding political or socially involved poetry and examine work by poets possibly including Adrienne Rich, Allen Ginsberg, Walt Whitman, and Lucille Clifton. You will be able to write and share new work based on our discussions of the poems we examine.

Date & Time: 10:00 AM – 1:00 PM, May 14, 21 & 28, 2016

Cost: \$200 | Three three-hour sessions.

Enrollment: Minimum 4; maximum 15

Place: Room 23, Multnomah Friends Meeting House, 4312 SE Stark, Portland OR

Register at www.mountainwriters.org or send check payable **Mountain Writers** to 2804 SE 27th, #2, Portland, OR 97202.

Judith Barrington is the author of four collections of poetry, most recently *The Conversation* (2015), whose title poem was the winner of the Gregory O'Donoghue International poetry award. Her *Lifesaving: A Memoir* was the winner of the 2001 Lambda Book Award and was a finalist for the PEN/Martha Albrand Award for the Art of the Memoir. She is also the author of the best-selling *Writing the Memoir: From Truth to Art*. She has been a faculty member of the University of Alaska, Anchorage's MFA Program and has taught workshops around the U.S. as well as in Britain and Spain.



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