

Three writers lined up for Fishtrap Fireside

■ Warm up at January's session featuring Ralph Swinehart, Moll McCarty and Nate Lowe

ENTERPRISE — Fishtrap Fireside starts off the new year Jan. 3 with two Wallowa County locals and a special guest from Union County.

The evening begins at 7 p.m. at Fishtrap, 400 E. Grant St., Enterprise. Admission is free.

Find a seat by the fire and hear readings from Wallowa County's Moll McCarty and Ralph Swinehart, and from Nate Lowe, Eastern Oregon University's dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

"Fishtrap has developed a unique partnership with EOU through Fishtrap College and Summer Fishtrap," according to program manager Mike Midlo. "It's an honor to introduce Nate to the Fireside audience and have him read."

An open mic follows where audience members have a chance to get up to the podium and share their stories too.

Fireside is a free monthly event



Ralph Swinehart

for local and regional writers to read and share their work, held on the first Friday of the month from October through April.

January's Fireside is sponsored by Ruby Peak Naturals, and the firewood is provided by Jay Zee Lumber.

RALPH SWINEHART

Ralph Swinehart moved to Wallowa County in 1972 as part of the back-to-the-land movement and still lives on the small farm he started building then.

He is currently a semi-retired

engineer and a part-time sheepherder and is working on becoming a full-time Luddite. In his spare time, Ralph works on and drives his Model As and Model Ts.

NATE LOWE

Nate Lowe is a writer, teacher and college administrator. His work has appeared in such journals as Ascent, South Dakota Review, Blood Orange Review, Beecher's Magazine and The Chattahoochee Review. In addition, his creative essays have been listed as "Notable of the Year" by the Best American



Nate Lowe

Essays series and nominated for Pushcart Prizes.

Nate is currently at work on two books of essays, a chapbook tentatively titled "The Animals We Make," which explores the pleasures and failures of early fatherhood, and a full-length collection that tries to make sense of his rural childhood through stories of pickup trucks and the men and women who drove them.

After 15 years of teaching college creative writing, in 2017 he was named EOU's dean of the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences.

MOLL McCARTY

Moll McCarty is a native Oregonian and has lived in Wallowa County for eight years. Moll identifies as non-binary and uses they/them pronouns. They love to read, write, listen to podcasts and go for moonlit walks.



Moll McCarty

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