

Join Fishtrap Fireside online Nov. 5

Enjoy readings from several Wallowa County authors

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JOSEPH — A special online November episode of Fishtrap Fireside will feature readings from three Wallowa County writers: Lauren MacDonald, Randi Movich, and Amy Zahm. The next episode is available for streaming beginning Friday, Nov. 5, at www.fishtrap.org and on Fishtrap's YouTube Channel.

Fishtrap Fireside is a monthly reading series designed to feature diverse voices from local writers. Each month offers a fresh look at what people of the West are thinking about and writing down.

"This fall, we're offering Fireside virtually again," said Mike Midlo, Fishtrap's program director. "The advantage of that is how many people can enjoy these stories not only here at home but share them

with friends and family wherever they live."

November's Fishtrap Fireside is sponsored by local tea purveyor, Sei Mee Tea.

NOVEMBER'S READERS

Lauren MacDonald works with words while curiously exploring the cosmos: plants, stars, humans, mysteries, patterns, roles, love, pain. Lauren's work is her expression of experiencing the natural world inside and out.

Raised in the wilds of the San Fernando Valley, Randi Movich could not wait to leave the neighborhood for ocean swims, camping, backpacking, and skiing. That wanderlust brought her to a life of work and discovery in Marseille, France, a Peace Corps assignment in West Africa, six months in Central and South America,



Lauren MacDonald

graduate school in Idaho, a stint in Eugene working at the Western Environmental Law Center, back to Guinea for two years working with traditional healers and midwives, then to Ashland, Oregon, and finally to Wallowa County. After almost 10 years as a nurse, her main writing assignment is documenting chart notes but after attending Fishtrap's Outpost on the Snake River program she rediscovered her desire to write and wander again. When not at Winding Waters Clinic or out and about on trail, she can be found on Alder Slope where



Randi Movich

she lives with her husband, Jeff, youngest daughter Rosie, (middle daughter Tishrei is at school in California and oldest daughter Dawn Mist is six blocks from Central Park), cat October, dog Mia, and assorted chickens.

Amy Zahm grew up in, ran away from, and later returned to Wallowa County and has now lived here for two-thirds of her life. She spends her time in the mountains, valleys, and canyons of Wallowa County either on foot, on skis, or on horseback. In addition to writing, she is a doctor of acupuncture



Amy Zahm

ture and oriental medicine and uses yoga to ease her patients' pain. Her writing focuses on the connections between place, history, a discovery of self, and the "ways in which a perfectly ordinary life might provide some sort of insight into the magical world we each inhabit." Her work has been published online at Atticus Review, Streetlight, Manifest-Station, and Jenny, and in print at The Normal School, Post Road and Oregon East. She received her MFA in Creative Writing from Eastern Oregon University.



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