

Sign up for winter rain writing workshop

Author Matt Love to teach January class at Fort George

ASTORIA — Rain is ubiquitous on the Pacific Northwest Coast, an essential part of living here, but many creative people — in business and art — fail to embrace what rain has to offer the creative temperament.

Join author, educator and rain fanatic Matt Love for his one-day Rain Writing Workshop in Astoria, one of the great rain cities in the world. In this creative thinking, visualization and writing workshop, Love will as-

sist participants to confront rain in non-metrical terms with the intent of unlocking powerful metaphors that will enhance the creative process.

Whether you are a writer, musician, visual artist, photographer, teacher or other kind of creative person, diving into rain as a source of inspiration could enliven your mind and take your creativity in new, unforeseen directions.

"When I finally learned to embrace rain for every-

thing creative and spiritually it had to offer me, it changed my entire teaching and writing styles — for the better, I like to think," said Love. "I think thinking and writing and talking about rain can do something just as powerful for other creative types."

The workshop will be held at the Fort George Brewery Lovell Showroom from 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 23. The cost is \$80, and participants will pay at the

first session. Students should be prepared to walk in rain if weather is favorable. Email Love at nestuccaspitpress@gmail.com to register. The class will be capped at 15 participants.

Love lives in Astoria and is a lifelong educator and publisher of Nestucca Spit Press. He's the author/editor of 14 books about Oregon, including "Of Walking In Rain." In 2009, Love won the Oregon Literary Arts' Stewart H. Holbrook Literary Legacy Award for his contributions to Oregon history and literature. His website is www.nestuccaspitpress.com



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