



Poet Margaret Chula reads at the Astoria Library

ASTORIA — Maggie Chula, a celebrated poet and world traveler, will visit the Astoria Library (450 10th St.) this week to read from her upcoming collection, “Daffodils at Twilight,” in celebration of National Poetry Month.

The author reading, presented by the library and Ric’s Poetry Mic, takes place 6 p.m. Friday, April 29. The event is free and open to the public.

Chula will take the audience “on a poetic journey to Kyoto temples, a Japanese

tea ceremony, Emily Dickinson’s grave, a racetrack in Vermont, the high desert, and her childhood home,” according to the library.

She will also read “persona poems” in the voices of Japanese Americans in internment camps, and poems she composed while listening to chamber music concerts.

Chula will discuss her path from thirty-five years of writing in the spare forms of haiku, tanka and haibun to publishing her first collection of lyrical poetry.

The author of eight collection of poetry, Chula has been awarded fellowships to the Vermont Studio Center, the Helene Wurlitzer Foundation and Playa. Grants from the Oregon Arts Commission and the Regional Arts

and Culture Council have supported her collaborations with artists, musicians, photographers and dancers.

In addition, Chula has also served as president of the Tanka Society of America and as Poet Laureate for Friends of Chamber Music, composing poems while listening to concerts. After living in Kyoto for twelve years, she now makes her home in Portland.

Ric’s Poetry Mic is a poetry open mic held 7 to 8:30 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month at WineKraft in Astoria.

For more information about library programs and services, contact staff at 503-325-7323 or comments@astorialibrary, or visit www.astorialibrary.org.

Two writers’ workshops offered in Manzanita May 6

MANZANITA — Attention all writers, established and aspiring! Two writers’ workshops will be held Saturday, May 6, at the North Tillamook Library (571 Laneda Ave.) in Manzanita

The library will host the first workshop, “Writing the Personal Essay,” 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. It is part of the 2017 Oregon Book Awards Author Tour Event.

The instructor, Martha Grover, will guide participants as they explore writing exercises designed to motivate and inspire new writing techniques.

This first workshop is free but space is limited.

To register, email susan@literary-arts.org or call 503-227-2583, ext 107.

The second workshop, “How to Tell Your Personal Story,” begins at 1 p.m. and does not require pre-registration. It will be presented by Gideon For-mukwai, an award-winning speaker and trainer.

For-mukwai calls himself a Story Warrior and will present a touching and inspirational message to inspire participants to tell their own stories and become story warriors themselves.

For more information, call 503-842-4792, ext 1709.



Martha Grover



Gideon For-mukwai

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