

# Fishtrap Fireside wraps up April 1

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The final episode of Fishtrap Fireside's ninth season is available online beginning Friday, April 1, with readings from Fishtrap friends Ralph Swinehart and Ashley Tackett, plus special guest, Fishtrap's 2022 Writer-in-Residence, playwright E.M. (Ellen) Lewis.

Anyone anywhere watch the episode at fishtrap.org and on Fishtrap's YouTube channel.

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

The April Fishtrap Fireside is sponsored by Stewart Jones Designs, a custom jewelry designer working in Willowa County since 1999.

**E.M. LEWIS**

Lewis is Fishtrap's 2022 Writer-in-Residence. Her numerous plays and operas have been produced around the world. She has received the prestigious Steinberg Award, the Primus Prize from the American The-



Ralph Swinehart

ater Critics Association, the Ted Schmitt Award from the Los Angeles Drama Critics Circle, Portland Civic Theater Guild New Play Award, a Hodder Fellowship from Princeton University, a playwriting fellowship from New Jersey State Arts Commission, the 2016 Oregon Literary Fellowship in Drama, and an Edgerton Award. Lewis is currently enjoying a three-year Mellon Foundation National Playwright Residency at Artists Repertory Theater and lives in Oregon's Willamette Valley on her family's farm.

Learn more at emlewisplaywright.com.

**RALPH SWINEHART**

Swinehart moved to Willowa County in 1972 as part of the back to the land movement and has spent the last 50 years developing his small farm and built his own barn, solar home, and numerous outbuildings. His friend Rick calls his storage shed the MTA, for Monument to Accumulation. He restored his first car, a 1928 Model A Phaeton, while he was in high school and still drives it regularly. It has attracted several



Ashley Tackett

other Model A's and T's, which enjoy living in the MTA with it. He recently sold his sheep after raising them for 46 years, and is still a part time civil engineer, but he is working on becoming a full time luddite.

**ASHLEY TACKETT**

Ashley Tackett is a designer, developer, educator, and is fundamentally a country gal at heart. Beauty, connection, and growth are her guiding stars to a very engaging life. After a



E.M. Lewis

**JOIN ONLINE**

Episode goes live Friday, April 1, at fishtrap.org and Fishtrap's YouTube channel. This is the last Fireside of the season and features E.M. Lewis, Ralph Swinehart and Ashley Tackett.

two-year stint living alongside snakes, steelhead, and turkey in Imnaha, she is presently carving out a life under the bright, warm sun of Mexico.

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