

# Join the first Fishtrap Fireside of 2022

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The first Fishtrap Fireside of the new year goes live Friday, Jan. 7, with readings from three Wallowa County writers: long-time Fishtrap friends Sara Miller and Marika Straw plus a special appearance from Fishtrap's Executive Director Shannon McNerney.

Anyone anywhere can take in Fireside online at [www.fishtrap.org](http://www.fishtrap.org) and on Fishtrap's YouTube Channel.

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

"This month's Fireside lineup represents three different chapters of Wallowa County writers," said Mike Midlo, Fishtrap's program director. "Sara Miller helped found Fishtrap back in 1988, Shannon McNerney leads Fishtrap now, and Marika Straw represents the future. All are dynamic and exciting writers."

January's Fishtrap Fireside is sponsored by Ruby Peak Naturals, a natural health food store in Enterprise that specialize in organic and local foods, sandwiches, and drinks.



Shannon McNerney

## JANUARY'S FEATURED READERS

### Shannon McNerney

Shannon McNerney is an Oregonian by choice. Born in Denver, her family moved to Portland before she had words to express her opinion on the subject.

Shortly after she received her music degree from the University of Oregon



Sara Miller

her family moved, but she chose to stay in the state — a choice she's never regretted.

McNerney has always worked in the arts. Prior to coming to Fishtrap in 2015, she was a music teacher and singer, worked in music publishing for 13 years, was the executive director of



Marika Straw

the Portland Symphonic Choir, and was a consultant helping small businesses and nonprofits create effective marketing strategies.

She currently lives, writes, sings, cooks, attempts gardening, and snuggles with her ridiculous beasties at her dream home in Joseph.

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