

Fishtrap Fireside goes live Friday, Dec. 3



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ENTERPRISE — A special December episode of Fishtrap Fireside goes live online Friday, Dec. 3, with readings from Wallowa County writers and Fishtrap friends: award-winning author David Laskin; educator and children's story writer Evelyn Swart; and Enterprise Junior High School student Emrys Hobbs.

Anyone anywhere can watch Fireside at www.fishtrap.org and on Fishtrap's YouTube channel, whenever they wish.

According to a press release, Fishtrap Fireside is a monthly reading series designed to feature diverse voices from local writers.

"I'm particularly excited about this month's lineup of readers," said Mike Midlo, Fishtrap's program director. "The diversity of life experiences and generations represented in these writers should make for a great program."

December's Fishtrap Fireside is sponsored by Hurricane Coffee Co.

DAVID LASKIN

David Laskin has devoted the bulk of his literary career to works of narrative nonfiction about the lives of ordinary people caught up in events beyond their control — be it catastrophic weather, war, mass migration or genocide. Laskin's

harrowing story of a deadly 1888 winter storm, "The Children's Blizzard," was a national bestseller that won both the Washington State Book Award and the Midwest Booksellers Choice Award.

Laskin also won the Washington State Book Award for "The Family," the story of three branches of his mother's family, and "The Long Way Home," the account of 12 European immigrants who fought with the U.S. armed forces in the First World War.

After decades of writing nonfiction books and articles for publications including the New York Times, Washington Post, Wall Street Journal and Smithsonian, Laskin switched to fiction with his first novel, "What Sammy Knew," published by Penguin this past spring to rave reviews. Laskin and his wife, retired law professor Kate O'Neill, spend summers in Wallowa County and winters in Seattle. He is currently working on his second novel.

EVELYN SWART

Evelyn Swart is a former teacher, principal, superintendent of schools, state educational consultant and teacher of teachers. She is a proud mother of three wonderful citizens of the world and grandmother of four amazing people residing in the states and abroad.

Swart has a major interest in people and their positive attitudes toward the planet's past, present and future. She's been a Wallowa County resident and Fishtrap admirer for 20 years and likes writing stories for and about children of all ages.

EMRYS HOBBS

Emrys Hobbs was born in Wallowa County and enjoys art, animals, reading, writing, music and being outdoors. He hopes to someday become a graphic novelist, a teacher, an astronaut — or all of the above. Meanwhile, he is attending junior high in

FISHTRAP FIRESIDE

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Enterprise, hanging out with his family as much as he can, and working at getting better at piano and pie crusts. He feels lucky that Fishtrap has been part of his life for as long as he can remember.

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