

# Poetry Northwest

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## Greetings *Poetry Northwest* Friends, Donors, and Volunteers!

To better communicate with the friends of *Poetry Northwest*, we'll be sending out the occasional newsletter to let you know about exciting opportunities for involvement in the *Poetry Northwest* community, including events around the region, readings and talks, and the publication of new issues of the magazine and special online features.

### Here's your Poetry Northwest update for May 2012:

- Yale Younger Poets Katherine Larson and Richard Kenney to read at The Big Bang on May 9th
- Poetry and Science Symposium May 10th
- Volunteer opportunity: Skagit River Poetry Festival May 19 - May 20

### The Big Bang: Science Issue Launch Party

*Poetry Northwest* will host a gathering to show off our newest issue, mingle, and hear Richard Kenney and Katherine Larson read at Liberty Bar (517 15th Ave. E., Seattle, WA), on May 9th at 8PM. The issue is dedicated to exploring the intersection of poetry and science, and includes such writers as Linda Bierds, Alison Deming, Bob Hicok, Sarah Lindsay, and many more.

### Poetry & Science Symposium

On May 10th, at the Everett Waterfront Center, Poetry Northwest is hosting panels, talks, exhibits and readings that explore the overlapping languages of poetry and science. Presenters include **Katherine Larson, Amy Greacen, Richard Kenney, Mott Greene, and Fayla Schwartz**. Thanks to the generous sponsorship of the Everett Cultural Arts Commission, all events are free and open to the public. Come for the whole of it, or for any part.

### Skagit River Poetry Festival

Skagit valley not only produces over half our country's supply of cabbage seed, it also brings together fabulous poets and a myriad of local presses. On May 19th-20th Poetry Northwest will have a table alongside other luminaries of the Northwest publishing community. If you would like to help staff the table, you will receive complimentary admission to the day's readings (a \$60 value), and the pleasure of hearing **Marie Howe, Nikki Giovanni, and Bob Hicok**. A limited number of slots are available. Please email [carrie@poetrynw.org](mailto:carrie@poetrynw.org) for more information!

### Other events where you'll find *Poetry Northwest* and our contributors this month:

**Saturday, May 12, 2012, 7:30pm** at [Open Books: A Poem Emporium](#): Zach Savich and Melissa Dickey. Mr. Savich is a regular contributor to Poetry Northwest. His poems and review appear in recent issues and on our website. We are delighted to help welcome home these two innovative poets with northwest roots.

**Friday, May 18, 2012, 7:00pm:** [Jack Straw Fellows Reading](#). Poetry Northwest contributing poet Carol Light reads from new work as part of the venerable Jack Straw Fellows series.

Also, at [Seattle Arts & Lectures](#), don't miss Matthew and Michael Dickman, together on one stage (Tuesday, May 15). Then there's local/global favorite Heather McHugh, this year's [Roethke Reader](#) at the University of Washington.

Who said only April is poetry month? We hope to see you at one or more of these events.

In the words of founding editor Carolyn Kizer, *Poetry Northwest* "encourages the young and the inexperienced, the neglected mature, the rough major talents and the fragile minor ones." We remain as committed as we were in 1959 to publishing the best poetry we can find, and to expanding the role and scope of poetry in ways both public and private, innovative and traditional, as an art and as a clear and necessary dialogue in a world overrun with noise.

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