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WRITERS' CONFERENCE

Saturday, July 18 – Tuesday, July 21
2020



Sun Valley Writers' Conference 2020

SATURDAY, JULY 18 – TUESDAY, JULY 21
SUN VALLEY RESORT

PLEASE JOIN US

When we come together in Sun Valley for a magical four days, we share a love for literature, for learning, and for the particular connection that gifted authors share with avid readers. Our talented, award-winning writers command the majestic Sun Valley Pavilion stage and engage with us in freewheeling breakout conversations. Our donors are our partners and treasured friends whose support is vital to our success. Come and give yourself a lovely summer respite while we reflect on the world through a literary lens. We do this together.

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I don't use the word “inspiring” very often, but I found the entire conference experience wonderfully...Inspiring.

— Vendela Vida, SVWC 2019 Presenter

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Renew. Refuel. Reflect.

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Great conference—brilliant! An outstanding program in a place that is beautiful, friendly, and peaceful.

— Suzanne Schweitzer, *Los Angeles, CA*

I have to say that the Sun Valley Writers' Conference is the best writers' conference I've ever been to... In short, I came home lit up.

— Barry Lopez, *SVWC 2019 Presenter*

Connect. Laugh. Imagine.

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It was nice to remember for a few days what thoughtfulness and intelligence and generosity of spirit—as well as the company of good people—can do for the soul.

— Alice McDermott, *SVWC 2019 Presenter*

This is the highlight of my summer.

— Louise Moats, *Sun Valley, ID*



SVWC Outreach in the Community and Beyond

We are proud to call the Sun Valley area home, working closely with other members of the community and collaborating with Wood River Valley schools, libraries, and nonprofit organizations.

Thanks to your continued loyalty and support, we have been able to expand on those efforts and develop additional educational outreach initiatives, increase our community programming, and offer enhanced online content to a wider audience with the goal of making SVWC more accessible to all.



SCHOOLS & SCHOLARSHIPS

EYE ON THE FUTURE PROJECT: We donate books to local high schools and libraries for spring/summer reading, offer three full student scholarships, and welcome students at a special author luncheon.

FALL SCHOOL SPEAKER: Cuban-American author Pablo Cartaya gave free presentations to students at Wood River Middle School and The Community Library.

FREE PAVILION TALKS & LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS: Local students, teachers, and librarians attend Pavilion talks and SVWC scholarships are awarded annually to The Community Library's Executive Director and a local teacher.

COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

FREE LIBRARY TALK: This is our fifth year partnering with The Community Library to offer a free author talk each summer.

FELLOWS PROGRAM: Two graduate students from Boise State University's Creative Writing MFA department and two from the Iowa Writers' Workshop are invited to attend SVWC.

BOISE STATE UNIVERSITY/SVWC BOOKSTORE: All profits from items sold at the Conference are donated back to the school's Readers and Writers Scholarship Fund. Since 2016, this amount has totaled more than \$67,000.

SPECIAL PROGRAMMING

FREE LAWN TALKS: The general public enjoys several afternoon/evening presentations, broadcast to the Pavilion lawn free of charge.

SINGLE EVENT TICKETS: Wood River Valley residents are given priority for purchasing individual tickets to several Pavilion talks.

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NEW SVWC PODCAST: In partnership with LitHub, we launched *Beyond the Page*, a curated collection of some of our best content from the past 25 years.

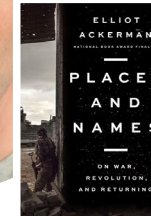
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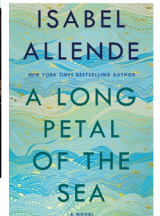


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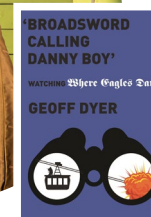
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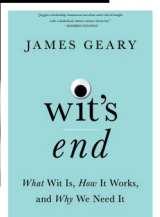
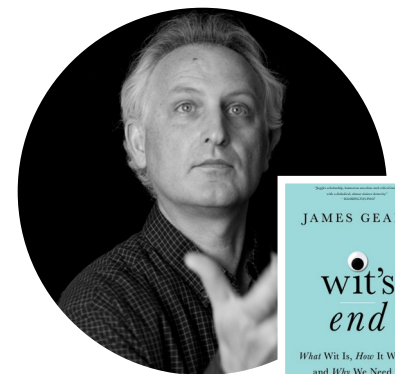
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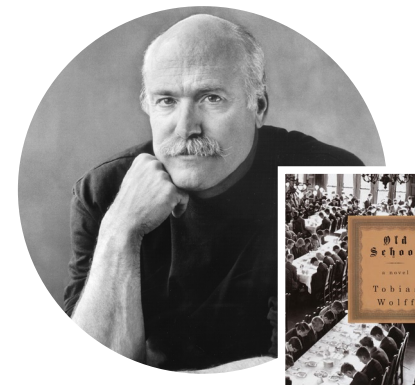
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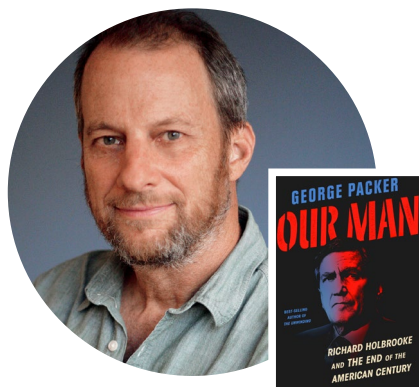
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November 2019 – January 31, 2020

During this time, you are invited to make an early donation or pledge, guaranteeing you a place before passes go on sale in early February. Donors receive a variety of benefits such as pre-purchases, complimentary passes, and intimate time with the writers.

PASSES GO ON SALE

February 2020

In early February, all remaining passes will be offered for sale online, first-come, first-served. They are likely to sell out very quickly. A Full Conference Pass costs \$950 and includes all Pavilion events and breakout sessions, as well as breakfast and lunch.

SVWC LEGACY

If you are interested in preserving the future of the Conference, we invite you to remember SVWC with a legacy gift. And during the year, instead of flowers, consider honoring or remembering your loved one with a gift in their name to SVWC — we'll be sure their name is included in our brochure tribute section.

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