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FALL POETRY READING IN SPRINGFIELD

Featuring the poets Willa Schneberg, Toni Hanner, and Tim Shaner

On Tuesday, October 4, 2016 from 7-9pm, the Springfield Library Foundation sponsors an evening of shared verse at Springfield Public Library. The poetry series is presented twice a year, once in April and once in October. This year's fall reading features the poets Willa Schneberg, Toni Hanner, and Tim Shaner.

Refreshments provided; held inside the library.

The event is part of the Springfield Library Foundation's Arts, Culture & Education programming at the Springfield Public Library. The [Springfield Library Foundation](#) is a charitable non-profit dedicated to enhancing library services in Springfield.

More about the poets:



WILLA SCHNEBERG has authored five poetry collections: *In The Margins of The World*, recipient of the Oregon Book Award in Poetry, *Box Poems*, *Storytelling In Cambodia*, the letterpress chapbook *The Books of Esther* produced in conjunction with her interdisciplinary exhibit at the Oregon Jewish Museum and Center for Holocaust Education, and the most recent, *Rending the Garment*. Willa has read at the Library of Congress, her poems were heard on Garrison Keillor's *The Writer's Almanac*, and she has been a fellow at Yaddo and MacDowell. Poems have appeared or will appear in numerous literary journals and anthologies including *American Poetry Review*; *Bellevue Literary Review*; *Poet Lore*; *I Go To The Ruined Place: Contemporary Poems in Defense of Global Human Rights*, *Raising Lilly Ledbetter: Women Poets Occupy the*

Workspace and the recently released *Memories Flow In Our Veins: Forty Years of Women's Writing from Calyx*.

She has judged the Reuben Rose Poetry Contest for "Voices Israel: A group of Israeli Poets who Write in English," and in 2015, she went to Israel to present the awards, to read and to teach workshops to Voices members. Last August, at the Willamette Writers Conference in Portland, Willa presented on "How to Publish the Full-Length Poetry Manuscript."

She is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in private practice and a visual artist, who is in the process of curating an exhibition of ceramic artists in conjunction with the 2017 NCECA (National Council on Education for the Ceramic Arts) Conference. Willa lives with her husband in Portland.



TONI HANNER is known throughout the River Road area as the Goldfish Whisperer. At any moment she can summon as many as 26 of the creatures from the depths of her backyard pond. She is currently writing a series of poems involving the goldfish for the 2016 August Poetry Postcard Festival. Over the past 30 years, Hanner has written poems about many other subjects about which she knows very little. Horses, for example, play a prominent role in more than a few of her poems. They never seem to know what they're doing there.

Recently Hanner has been making what she refers to as art, specifically, mail art. She is a card-carrying member of the International Union of Mail Artists, as well as a member of the Lane Literary Guild's Red Sofa Poets and the Madrona Writers of Port Townsend, Washington. In 2013, Hanner's book *Gertrude: poems and other objects* was a finalist for the Oregon Book Award. She has been resting on this laurel ever since.

Hanner's work has been published in *The Southern Humanities Review*, *Clackamas Literary Review*, *Spillway*, and *Crab Creek Review*, among others. Her most recent chapbook, *Dog and Fish*, is a collaboration with artist Jeff Olger, known as "Mr. Anthead." She loves Michael Hanner, to whom she is married.



TIM SHANER is the author of *Picture X* (Airlie Press 2014). He has an MA in Creative Writing from Antioch University (London) and a Ph.D. from SUNY-Buffalo's Poetics Program. His work has appeared in *Plumwood Mountain: An Australian Journal of Eco-poetry and Eco-poetics*, *The Poetic Labor Project*, *Colorado Review*, *The Claudius App*, *Jacket*, and elsewhere. From 2008 to 2014, Shaner curated A-New Poetry Reading Series @ DIVA in Eugene. He teaches writing at Lane Community College.

What: Fall Poetry Reading

When: Tuesday, October 4, 2016 from 7-9pm

Where: Inside the Springfield Public Library located at 225 5th St. Springfield, OR 97477

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