



Calendar

FEBRUARY 2006

- 1 *Oregon English Journal*, Spring issue manuscript deadline

MARCH 2006

- 4-7 NW Regional NCTE Conference, Portland, OR; "Building Bridges: Cultures, Literacy, and Lives" www.octe.org; Ulrich H. Hardt, Chair, hardtu@pdx.edu

APRIL 2006

- 1 *Chalkboard*, Spring issue deadline for articles and announcements
- 22 22nd Annual Oregon Writing Festival, Portland State University, bjwiegele@aol.com

OCTOBER 2006

- 7 OCTE Fall Conference, Lake Oswego High School
- 13 OCTE Fall Conference, Grants Pass High School
- 13 Rhetoric and Composition Conference, EOU, La Grande



Columns

History of NCTE Conferences in Portland

PORTLAND has an interesting history of successful conferences. Decades ago, NCTE held separate spring conferences for elementary teachers, secondary teachers, and teacher educators (college). When NCTE was about to consolidate the three into a single conference, Portland hosted the last elementary-only conference. It set record numbers for attendance.

Since 1980, the Oregon Council of Teachers of English has hosted half a dozen regional conferences. Several of these have set NCTE records for attendance for regional conferences. When NCTE decided to stop having a spring conference altogether, Portland was the site for the final conference, and it drew educators in record numbers from around the country and the world.

For Additional Information and Registration Forms...

Publicity has gone out about the 2006 Regional NCTE conference, but you are invited to request additional information by writing to Rick Hardt at hardtu@pdx.edu or to Barbara Wiegele at bjwiegele@aol.com. Group pre-registration forms may also be requested from her. If by mail:

B.J. Wiegele
14867 S.E. Orchid Avenue
Milwaukie, Oregon 97267-2454



Columns

A Multicultural Calendar of Writers

by James Dott



JANUARY

- 3 J.R.R. Tolkien, British author, born 1892
- 14 Tillie Olsen, American author, born 1912(13)
- 16 Susan Sontag, American essayist, novelist, born 1933
- 23 Derek Walcott, West Indian poet, playwright, born 1930
- 25 Virginia Woolf, British novelist, essayist, born 1882

FEBRUARY

- 3 Gertrude Stein, American author, born 1874
- 3 Sandra Alcosser, American poet, born 1944
- 10 Bertholdt Brecht, German poet, playwright, born 1898
- 18 Audre Lorde, African-American poet, born 1934
- 21 W.H. Auden, American/British poet, born 1907

MARCH

- 8 Kenneth Grahame, British children's author, born 1859
- 12 Jack Kerouac, American novelist, born 1922
- 23 Patti-Anne Rogers, American poet, born 1940
- 24 Lawrence Ferlinghetti, American poet, born 1919
- 26 Robert Frost, American poet, born 1874
- 26 Tennessee Williams, American playwright, born 1911



Announcements

BOOKS & BREW

March 4, 2006

ADD TO YOUR conference experience by indulging in two of Portland's coolest traditions: **independent bookstores** and unique **brew pubs**. A Saturday evening bus will take conference attendees and guests on a tour of local bookstores and an elementary school turned brewpub. The bus leaves the hotel at 5:15pm and returns at 10:30pm. Bookstore stops include:

- In Other Words: Women's Books & Resources
- A Children's Place
- Powell's Books for Cooks & Gardeners
- Murder by the Book
- Powell's City of Books

The last stop will be the Kennedy School Restaurant & BrewPub. Cost is \$15 per person.

University Credits & Professional Development Units

Conference attendees can earn **1, 2, or 3 graduate credits** from PSU with the conference. Separate registration at the conference only. For more info: hardtu@pdx.edu

All participants are eligible for **Oregon PDUs or Washington Clock Hours** for continuing licensure. (24 PDUs/Clock Hours for full conference attendance, 30 PDUs/Clock Hours if also attending a Pre-conference Institute.)

Book Exhibits

Nothing sets a group of English teachers to drooling like a roomful of books. Plan to linger in the perennially popular book exhibits by major book publishing companies and bookstores.

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Chalkboard

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Portland, OR 97207-9126

NCTE CONFERENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Three all-day **Pre-conference Institutes**
- Choose from **more than 125 presentations** at elementary, middle, high school, and college levels
- **Nine different program strands**
- **6 Keynoters, 20 Featured Speakers, 25 Authors**
- **Exhibits**

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What's all the excitement about another conference?

Kathy Haynie, Chalkboard Editor

ENTHUSIASM IS BUILDING AS conference time nears. You've seen the flyers, you know there are big names coming—the Northwest Regional NCTE Conference is coming to Portland, Oregon on March 4-7, 2006. And that's right around the corner!

Here are some comments we've been hearing from English/language arts teachers in the region:

I'm so excited! The Northwest Regional NCTE Conference is coming to Portland!

- Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus, and he brings to good little English/Language Arts teachers a conference right in their own region!
- The last time this conference was held in Portland, Oregon, was in Spring 1997, so this really is an event.

I wish I could go to the NCTE Regional Conference, but I don't think I can get the time off...

- Ask your principal to provide sub days. Explain how the conference topics will fit with your school's improvement goals.
- If your school has grant funding related to literacy, the conference topics may fit within the grant goals, so that the grant can pay for your sub.
- Check to see if your district provides subs as part of the Professional Development funding.
- If all else fails, use personal days—it's worth it! The regional conference only happens once every few years.

Will I be able to meet other teachers and have fun?

- You bet! Check out the "Books and Brew" information on page 5 of this issue of *Chalkboard*.

I just don't have time to go to the conference; I have to take a college class in the spring.

- Wait! You can attend the conference and earn university credit at the same time! Earn 1, 2, or 3 graduate credits from PSU; separate registration at the conference. See page 5.
- And there's more! If you attend the entire conference, you will earn more than 30 PDUs for Oregon teachers / clock hours for Washington teachers.

I want to go, but I've lost the flyer.

- Just go to the OCTE web site: www.octe.org. All the conference information and registration forms are right there.

Didn't I already miss the pre-registration deadline?

- Not yet! The pre-registration deadline is February 17, 2006. Hurry and pre-register today!



Special Conference Issue of Chalkboard: This issue of Chalkboard is packed full of information about the upcoming Northwest Regional NCTE Conference. Check inside for more information on speakers, topics, and planned highlights of the conference!

INDIVIDUAL NCTE CONFERENCE PRE-REGISTRATION • DEADLINE: FEBRUARY 17, 2006 • PLEASE PRINT

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE/PROV _____ ZIP/POSTAL _____
TELEPHONES: HOME () _____ WORK () _____
EMAIL ADDRESS: _____
SCHOOL: _____

Pre-conference Institute—Choose only one:

- Saturday, March 4, 2006, includes lunch
- Improving Reading Achievement for ALL Students \$75 x _____ = _____
 - Multicultural Children's and Y.A. Literature \$75 x _____ = _____
 - Trying the Stafford Way: Writing Poetry \$75 x _____ = _____

Conference Pre-registration (Sun-Tues)

- OCTE Member \$135 x _____ = _____
- Non-Member \$160 x _____ = _____
- Full-time Students \$75 x _____ = _____

Special: Pre-conf. Institute and Conference (Sat-Tues)

- OCTE Member \$190 x _____ = _____
- Non-Member \$215 x _____ = _____

Single Event Registration

- Sunday, March 5, ONLY \$100 x _____ = _____
- Monday, March 6, ONLY \$100 x _____ = _____
- Tuesday, March 7, ONLY \$80 x _____ = _____
- Saturday, **Books & Brew Tour** \$15 x _____ = _____
- Sunday **Luncheon with Chris Crutcher** \$24 x _____ = _____
- Monday **Luncheon with Phillip Margolin** \$24 x _____ = _____
- Tuesday **Affiliate Breakfast** \$16 x _____ = _____
- Tuesday **Luncheon with Virginia Euwer Wolff** \$24 x _____ = _____

TOTAL _____

- Vegetarian lunch(es) requested
- Check enclosed Invoice enclosed # _____

Hotel Registration—Make your own reservations

Marriott Downtown (headquarter hotel)	
1401 SW Naito Pkwy Portland, OR 97201 (800) 228-9290 (503) 226-7600	1 Queen \$88 2 Queens \$98 Quad \$108
Day's Inn City Center	
1414 SW 6 th Ave Portland, OR 97201 (800) 899-0248 (503) 221-1611	Single/Double \$69

Group Pre-registrations: for 5 or more, \$120 each.
Request form from BJWiegele@aol.com

On-site Registrations: Pre-conference Institutes \$90;
Conference \$180; Students \$90

To: **B.J. Wiegele**, 14867 S.E. Orchid Ave., Milwaukie, OR 97267-2454

NCTE PRE-CONFERENCE INSTITUTES

The Northwest Regional NCTE Conference will kick off with three all-day Pre-conference Institutes. Use the **Registration Form** to sign up for one of these great professional development events.

All institutes will convene from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Saturday, March 4, 2006 • Cost \$75.00 (incl. lunch)

IMPROVING READING ACHIEVEMENT FOR ALL STUDENTS



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
Jerry L. Johns
N. Illinois University
Past President of IRA
Linking Informal Reading Assessment with Instruction to Improve Reading Achievement



KEYNOTE SPEAKER:
P. David Pearson
Dean of Education, UC Berkeley
Real Reading Achievement AND (not or) Better Test Scores



CONVENER:
Susan Davis Lenski
Portland State Univ.
IRA Board Member

INSTITUTE SESSIONS:

- Organizing Instruction with Literacy Centers (K-3)
- Scaffolding ALL Learners through Lit Circles (K-6)
- Classroom-tested Ideas for ELL (4-12)
- Using Miscues to Inform Instruction (K-5)
- Using Technology to Foster Reading Comprehension (4-12)
- Teaching Students to Read Fluently (K-6)
- Leave No Good Reader Behind (K-5)
- Teaching Reading across Content Areas (6-12)
- What to Do When They Can't Read the Text: Differentiation Ideas (4-12)
- Using Standards as a Teaching Tool (K-12)

MULTI-CULTURAL CHILDREN'S AND YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE DIVERSITY IN AMERICAN LIVES



CONVENER:
Paul Gregorio
Portland State Univ.

This institute will present an update on recent multi-cultural literature for children and teens, with a focus on sharing of current literature for young readers, book talks, author profiles, classroom connections, and resources for award-winning books. Panels of authors, librarians, and teachers will discuss the following:

- Definitions, resources, trends, and issues
- Sharing of literature: book talks, author profiles, classroom connections
- African American, Asian American, Hispanic American, Middle East American literature
- Children and families with disabilities
- Gay and lesbian youth and parents
- Literature for elementary children, middle school, and high school students
- A sampling of topics: Growing up female, teens in transition, adventures in fact and fiction
- Techniques for promoting books and reading, encouraging reluctant readers, award-winning books

TRYING THE STAFFORD WAY: POETRY WRITING



CONVENER:
Paulann Petersen

William Stafford urged us to use writing as a vehicle for exploration and inquiry. In that spirit of welcoming what might find its way to a page, we'll use some Stafford poems as springboards for generating our own poems. The goal is to have an outpouring of new work by all participants. This institute is for writers of all levels of experience. (Enrollment limited to 15)



Luncheon speaker for all institutes will be **Eve Bunting**

Dear Eve, All of Your Books Give Me Feelings!
The importance of building tolerance through literature

Eve Bunting is the author of the Caldecott Award-winning *Smoky Night* and the Pacific Northwest Young Reader's Choice Award-winning *SOS Titanic*.

An Array of Speakers to Highlight Conference

The Northwest Regional NCTE conference, coming to Portland in March, is among the strongest conferences ever presented here.

SUNDAY

Among the well-known authors scheduled to speak is **Sherman Alexie**, Spokane Indian author, filmmaker, and humorist. His novel *The Lone Ranger and Tonto Fist-Fight in Heaven* has brought him much acclaim and was made into a movie called *Smoke Signals*. Other works include *Water Flowing Home* and *Reservation Blues*.



Young adult author **Chris Crutcher** is a popular speaker. He relates well to teachers, having taught in an alternative school, and working as a child and family mental health therapist in Washington. He has written a dozen books, including *Running Loose*; *Chinese Handcuffs*; *Whale Talk*; *The Deep End*.



Reading specialist **P. David Pearson** has written more than 15 books, including *Learning to Read: Lessons for Effective Schools and Accomplished Teachers*; *Reading Difficulties: Instruction and Assessment*; *Teaching Reading Comprehension*; *Teaching Reading Vocabulary*; and others. He is co-director of the Center for the Study of Reading.



MONDAY

One of the most recognized radio voices will be among the best-known speakers. **Bob Edwards** of National Public Radio hosted "Morning Edition" for 25 years. He conducted more than 20,000 interviews during his tenure there and won dozens of awards for his in-depth style and content.



Portland author **Phillip Margolin** is a famous author of murder mysteries. Many of his novels take place in Oregon, including his most famous—*Gone but Not Forgotten*. Even if you don't read mysteries, Margolin is an entertaining speaker. And if you do read mysteries, you definitely will want to hear him. He is a practicing attorney in Portland.



Kim Stafford, well-known director of the Northwest Writing Institute, has written more than a dozen books of fiction, nonfiction, and poetry, including *Early Morning: Remembering My Father*, *William Stafford*; *We Got Here Together*; *A Thousand Friends of Rain*; and *Having Everything Right: Essays of Peace*.



TUESDAY

NCTE past president **Beverly Ann Chin** is director of composition at the University of Montana and has won numerous awards for her writing and work. She edited *Chinese American Literature* and *Dictionary of Characters in Children's Literature*. She wrote *Expanding the Canon: Teaching Multicultural Literature*.



Popular young adult author **Virginia Euwer Wolff** is the author of *True Believer*; *Rated PG*; *Make Lemonade*, and other works. She has won many awards, including two Jane Addams Peace Awards, two Oregon Book Awards, the IRA Young Adult Book Award, the PEN-West Book Award, and the National Book Award.



Education icon **John Goodlad**, the author of the landmark *A Place Called School*; and *Teachers for Our Nation's Schools* and 30+ other books, has conducted large-scale studies of educational change, schooling, and teacher education. Former Dean of Education, UCLA. Director, Institute for Educational Inquiry UW.



Other Featured Speakers at NCTE Conference

OTHER FEATURED SPEAKERS include Jim Burke, Nancy Johnson, John Sexton, Penny Plavala, Linda Hoyt, Michael Hoeye, Linda Christensen, NCTE president-elect Joanne Yatvin, Paul Gregorio, Carol Jago, Eric Kimmel, Jane Braunger, Jan Lewis, Carolyn Lott, Johnny Lott (of NCTM), Tim Gillespie,

Primus St. John, Sue Lenski, Sandra Wilde, and Lawson Inada.

In addition to the impressive list above, the conference will feature many in-state and out-of-state speakers covering the whole range of instruction from pre-kindergarten through college. Topics include children's literature, creative writing, literacy,

publishing in the classroom, instructional strategies, adult novels, writing across the curriculum, grammar, spelling, curriculum design, writing research papers, literature circles, Native American poetry, literacy portfolios, reading, Shakespeare, ELL students, writing workshops—the list and variety seem endless.

EDITOR'S NOTE: *The most difficult thing about attending this conference just may be selecting which sessions to attend. As we go to press, there are more than 135 presentations, with a strong likelihood that even more will be added by the time we all arrive. Here we sample just a few...*

Northwest Regional NCTE Conference

Marriott Hotel Downtown • Portland, Oregon

BUILDING BRIDGES: CULTURES, LITERACY, AND LIVES

CHECK OUT THESE PROGRAM STRANDS!

The Northwest Regional NCTE Conference will have something for everyone. **Benchmarks and State Standards (12) – Composition (28) – Diversity (17) – Literature / Authors (43) – Multi-cultural Literacies (15) – Reading (22) – Research (8) – Teaching Strategies (52) – Technologies (7) – Writing and Reading Across the Curriculum (18)**

And, there will be an Oregon Writing Project strand running throughout the conference. All OWP sites will be represented.

AND THEN THERE'S AN AUTHOR STRAND, TOO!

When was the last time you were able to mingle with an assemblage of authors like this? Check it out...

Sherman Alexie – Carmen Bernier-Grand – Eve Bunting – Robin Cody – Linda Crew – Chris Crutcher – Susan Fletcher – Deborah Hopkinson – Ellen Howard – Michael Hoeye – Lawson Inada – Eric Kimmel – Susan Lenski – Craig Lesley – Phillip Margolin – Paulann Petersen – Nicole Rubel – Floyd Skloot – Primus St. John – Clemens Starck – Virginia Euwer Wolff

AN ARRAY OF CONFERENCE TOPICS

You'll be able to find topics like these in the conference program:

Writing across the Curriculum – Recent Children's Literature – Literacy in Troubled Times – The Interactive Classroom – Children's Literature and Math – Engaging ALL Students – Ethnic Literature – Teaching Contemporary Adult Novels – Native American Poetry – Writing Workshop – K-16 Collaboration – Literacy Portfolios – Literature of the Urban Northwest – Teach Spelling through Patterns and Strategies – Using Narrative Films to Meet State Standards – Multigenre Texts – Grammar Goddess – Picture Books Can Teach Literary Devices – An Original Approach for Teaching Shakespeare – Holocaust Lessons – How to Write Thrillers – Freshmen for Dummies – Creative Nonfiction – Differentiated Instruction – Drama – The Bible – Teaching Peace – Literacy and Science Connections – Wild Writing – Bringing Humanities to Life – Writing the New West – Esteem/Empathy/Equity – Teacher Researchers – Help with ELL Students – Sentence Combining – and so many more!



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ELLEN HOWARD



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