The Western History Association “Autry Public History Award, 2012,” was given to The Oregon Encyclopedia, a program co-sponsored by OCTE, the Oregon Historical Society, and Portland State University.

OCTE has won a $5,000 Historic Preservation Grant from The Kinsman Foundation of Milwaukie, Oregon, for its work on The Oregon Encyclopedia. The award will support authors to research and write entries on Oregon buildings on the National Register of Historic Places, fund photographic research, editorial review and publication in The OE. Entries will cover all areas of the state.

OCTE Program Wins Prestigious Awards

Roland Smith, Keynote Speaker
The beloved, award-winning Oregon author will talk about “Writing Wild—Wild Writer.”

His popular books include Peak, Cryptic Hunters, Storm Runners, Journey of the Red Wolf, Shatter-proof, The Captain’s Dog, and I,Q.

Penny Plavala, Keynote Speaker
The Language Arts Specialist, Multnomah County ESD, will talk about “Assessing the Common Core: How to Prepare Students for Success.”

Interactive and engaging session; participants will learn key details of Smarter Balanced Assessment.

Also sessions on brain-based teaching strategies, vigorous learning in rigorous times, teaching plays as living texts, reading deeper to write better, update on children’s and YA lit, discussion of Asperger’s traits, the nonfiction mayhem of ELA CCSS, teach writing without making your eyes bleed, the short story approach to literacy, writing beyond the five-paragraph essay, handwriting instruction, using letters and diaries to connect today’s kids to yesterday’s writers, creating picture books with kids, teaching basic character development and story concepts while using humor, and many more.

NW Regional NCTE Conference
March 1–3, 2014 ~ Portland

Celebrating OCTE’s centennial! More than 100 sessions and workshops by presenters from over 20 states. Plus acclaimed keynote speakers.

While OCTE will be celebrating its centennial, we will also acknowledge the centennial of William Stafford’s birth in 1914 as we focus on his literary legacy and influence at this conference and throughout the year.
Elaine Coughlin  Margaret Perrow  Jonathan Ellingson  Beth Lifson
Dawn Prochovnic  Jan Priddy  Brandon Monroe  Jennifer Clair
Beth Moore  Sarah Collinge  Ben Bleckley  Amy Curtis
Lynette Gottlieb  Adriana Baer  Kate O’Connor  Linda Hamner
Kristi Latimer  Jay Rishel  Laurie Dougherty  Mary Chase
Paul Gregorio  Shelly Buchanan  Maureen Milton  Jamie Orlowski
Joanne Yatvin  Kimberly Campbell  Christopher Shotola-Hardt

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OSBA Shortlist Announced

The Oregon Spirit Book Award committee has chosen a short list of books being considered for the 2012 book awards. Winners will be announced on the OCTE website in June, and authors will receive their awards at the OCTE Fall Conference on October 5, 2013, at Wilsonville High School.

The Oregon Spirit Book Awards are given to Oregon authors who make “a distinguished contribution to children’s literature or young adult literature that engage and encourage readers’ imagination, discovery, and understanding, reflecting the spirit and values held by Oregonians.” Complete criteria are located on the OCTE website:


The finalists are:

Picture Books: Wild About You! by Judy Sierra; Suppose You Meet a Dinosaur by Judy Sierra; Auntie Yang’s Great Soybean Picnic by Ginnie Lo; A Boy Called Dickens by Deborah Hopkinson; and Jack and the Giant Barbeque by Eric Kimmel.

Middle Reader: The Secret Chicken Society by Judy Cox; Bittersweet Summer by Anne Warren Smith; Hiss-s-s-s! by Eric Kimmel; Calvin Coconut: Rocket Ride by Graham Salisbury.

Young Adult: The Raft by S.A. Bodeen; The Night She Disappeared by April Henry; The Marked by Inara Scott; Days of Blood and Starlight by Laini Taylor.

Graphic Novels: Earthling by Mark Fearing; Hereville: How Mirka Met a Meteorite by Barry Deutsch; and Squish: The Power of the Parasite by Jennifer and Matthew Holm.

Non Fiction: Mighty Mars Rovers by Elizabeth Rusch; Titanic: Voices from the Disaster by Deborah Hopkinson; Annie and Helen by Deborah Hopkinson; and Those Rebels, John and Tom by Barbara Kerley.

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Jack Berckemeyer, Nationally recognized motivational speaker
“Teaching—Living It, Loving It, and Laughing about It”

Carol Jago, Director, California Reading and Literature Project, UCLA
“Close Reading: Teaching for Deeper Learning”

Jim Burke, Former special education teacher and Peace Corps volunteer
“Academic Essentials: Reading, Writing, and Discussing Arguments”

Virginia Euwer Wolff, Critically acclaimed YA novelist
“Lives into Literature: Turning Experience into Fiction”

Roland Smith, Award-winning author of YA fiction and non-fiction children’s books
“Turning Real Life into Fiction”

Allen Say, Writer/illustrator of 30+ books

Chris Crutcher, Critically acclaimed novelist of frequently banned YA books

Yong Zhao, Associate Dean for Global Education, University of Oregon
“Two Education Paradigms: What Defines and How to Create a World Class Education”

Featured Speakers Are:

Linda Christensen, Author, Director OWP at Lewis & Clark
“Outrageous Hope in Troubled Times”

Penny Plavala, Language Arts Specialist, Multnomah County ESD
“Assessing the Common Core: How to Prepare Students for Success”

John Golden, English Teacher & Instructional Coach, Cleveland High
“Multiple Texts in Conversation: New Models for Curriculum Design”

MORE FEATURED SPEAKERS ➔
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Kim Stafford,  
Director, NW Writing Institute, Lewis & Clark College  
“William Stafford: You Must Revise Your Life”

Tim Gillespie,  
Author,  
Award-winning Teacher (retired)  
“Teaching the Joy of Skepticism”

Joan Kaywell,  
Professor of English Education, University of South Florida  
“Why Fiction Matters”

Steve Duin,  
Columnist, The Oregonian  
“How Shall We Then Live?”

Joanne Yatvin,  
Retired Educator, Writer, Past President, NCTE  
“Vigorous Learning in Rigorous Times”

Allen Webb,  
Professor of English Education, Western Michigan University  
“The Text Is Yours and You Are the Text”

Linda Hoyt,  
Educational Consultant  
“Raising the Bar of Nonfiction Writing: Research, Reflection, and Cross-curricular Achievement”

Penny Kittle,  
English Teacher & Literacy Coach, Kennett High School, NH  
“Book Love: Building Reading Lives that Last”

James S. Davis,  
Professor, University of Northern Iowa, Cedar Falls  
“William Stafford: Bricoleur”