

## About the Featured Forest Poets

**Dr. Robert Michael Pyle** lives, writes, and studies natural history along Gray's River in Washington's heavily logged Willapa Hills. His 1986 book *Wintergreen* is widely considered a classic testament to the resilience of life in the land of logging. His 28 books of essay, poetry, and fiction often turn to the woods and waters for their subject. Pyle is the recipient of two National Outdoor Book Awards, the John Burroughs Medal, as well as a Distinguished Service Award from the Society of Conservation Biology.

**Jim Dott** lives and writes in east Astoria within the Skunk Hollow watershed which flows into the lower Columbia. His poetry is grounded in this place: its inhabitants, its rivers, its rain, its trees, and its forests.

**Jennifer Nightingale** is another Astoria-based poet and writer. She is renewed and inspired perpetually by the community of poets and storytellers in the Lower Columbia Pacific and by rivers, forests, and estuaries that need our care.

Poet, artist, and blues musician **Reba Owen** is a graduate of Oregon State University. She has published 3 books of poetry, including “Alchemy of Scallops.” Her subject is the out-of-door world. She sometimes uses nature themes to expose the foibles of humans and their activities.

**Logan Garner** lives and writes in Warrenton, where he, his wife, and their dogs spend time under trees and on the sand. The recipient of the 2023 Neahkahnie Mountain Poetry Prize, his work has appeared in the *Elevation Review*, *Flying Island*, the *North Coast Squid* and others. His first poetry collection, “Here, in the Floodplain” was published by Plan B Press in 2023.

Another Warrenton resident, **Lauren Mallett** lives with her partner and rescue pup. Her writing has been nominated for Best of the Net and the Pushcart Prize. Locally, Lauren's poetry can be found in recent issues of *Rain Magazine*, *North Coast Squid*, and *Word & Image*.