



CASCADIA POETRY FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 9-11, 2026

FRIDAY

OCTOBER 9, 2026

Registration

8:00 - 9:00 am

Location: Rainier Beach Community Club, 6038 S. Pilgrim St, Seattle, WA 98118

Workshops

9:30 am - 12 noon

Startling the Poem Awake

Tess Gallagher

Location: Rainier Beach Community Club

Flickers of the Poetic, A Watch Party

Rodrigo Toscano & Roxi Power

Location: Meet at Rainier Beach Community Club, and walk to Kubota Garden.

Lunch Break (Try Red Wing, or Umami Kushi)

12:00 - 1:00 pm

Workshops

2:00 - 4:00 pm

Concerning Work and Poetry (of Course the Mundane is Generative!)

Gary Copeland Lilley

Location: Rainier Beach Community Club

Bringing the wild in

Dion O'Reilly

Location: Meet at Rainier Beach Community Club, and walk to Chinook Beach Park (Matt Trease emcee.)

Dinner Break (Try Jude's or Pizzeria Pucinella)

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Reading

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Michael Hureaux, Tess Gallagher, Gary Copeland Lilley

Location: Rainier Beach Community Club, 6038 S. Pilgrim St, Seattle, WA 98118 (Matt Trease emcee.)

Cascadia Unfiltered

9:30 - 11:00 pm

with Greg Bem, Zach Charles, Mateo Quispe & Ankober Yewondwossen

Rhea Melina and other poets.

Location: 9340 54th Ave S, in the back.



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SATURDAY

OCTOBER 10, 2026

Invocation by Mateo Quispe

9:15 - 9:30 am

(Paul Nelson emcee).

Location: Rainier Beach Community Club, 6038 S. Pilgrim St, Seattle, WA 98118

Panels

9:30 am - 12 noon

Cascadia as a Field of Action (Bioregional Poetics)

Jeanne Huving, Paul E Nelson, Alicia Hokanson moderator.

Location: Rainier Beach Community Club

Cascadia as a Field of Action (Poetry as Politics)

Rodrigo Toscano, Alex Gallo-Brown, Ching-In Chen, Gary Copeland Lilley, Roxi Power moderator.

Location: Rainier Beach Community Club

Lunch Break (Try Red Wing, or Umami Kushi)

12:00 - 2:00 pm

Reading

2:00 - 3:15 pm

Greg Bem, Bill Carty, Matt emcee.

Somos Ajolotes with José Juan Gómez Becerra and Gabriella Gutiérrez Y Muhs as mc.

Entrance Journal

3:30 - 5:00 pm

Dion O'Reilly discusses the online journal she created in a talk called:

"Becoming Unaccountable: Craft, Conjuring, and the Moment Before Knowing."

Also, Ching-In Chen, Nadine Maestas, Mateo Quispe & Geneviève Hicks w/ Matt Trease mc

Dinner Break (Try Jude's or Pizzeria Pucinella)

5:00 - 7:00 pm

Main Stage Reading

7:00 - 8:00 pm

Amaranth Borsuk with Terri Witek, Rodrigo Toscano. (Roxi Power emcee).

Cascadia mono-poem

8:00 - 9:00 pm

1 poem per poet, no intros. Gabriella Gutiérrez Y Muhs emcee.



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SUNDAY

OCTOBER 11, 2026

Learn about Cascadia Poetics LAB

8:00 - 10:00 am

Learn about Cascadia Poetics LAB with board members and key volunteers at Redwing Cafe

Location: Redwing Cafe, 9272 57th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98118

Kubota Garden Reading

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

Xavier Cavazos, Alex Gallo-Brown, Ankoher Yewondwossen. Paul E. Nelson emcee

Location: Kubota Garden, 9817 55th Ave S, Seattle, WA 98118

Lunch Break (Try Red Wing, or Umami Kushi)

12:30 - 2:00 pm

Memorial Reading: Honoring Poets We Lost in 2026

2:00 - 3:00 pm

Tributes to **Margareta Waterman** (by Michael Hureaux), Richard Meadows on **John Brehm**, Sherri Levine on **Koon Woon**, Alicia Hokanson on **Wendell Berry**, Denis Mair on **Yan Li**, Jeanne Heuvig on **Rachel Blau Du Plessis**, and Dan Clarkson on **David McCloskey**. Lowell Murphree emcee.

Winter in America (Still)

3:00 - 4:30 pm

Roxi Power (emcee), Greg Bem, Brasswax, Christopher Buckley, Denise Calvetti-Michaels, Zach Charles, Jim Dott, Gabriella Gutiérrez y Muhs, Rhea Melina, Dion O'Reilly, Mateo Quispe, Rodrigo Toscano, Matt Trease, Carolyn Wright and others.