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## **Oregon Book Awards Author Tour Visits the North Coast in April**

### *Spring Brings Three Readings in Two Days*

Portland, Ore. – Literary Arts is pleased to announce the next events of the 2007 Oregon Book Awards Author Tour, featuring recent Oregon Book Awards honorees. Readings will take place in these cities:

- **Newport** on **Thursday, April 12** at 7:00 p.m. at **Newport Public Library** (35 NW Nye Street)
- **Lincoln City** on **Friday, April 13** at 12:00 p.m. at the **Driftwood Library** (801 SW Highway 101 #201),
- **Astoria** on **Friday, April 13** at 7:00 p.m. at the **Cannery Pier Hotel** (No. 10 Basin Street).

Conversation, book sales and a signing follow each reading. The events are free and open to the public.

Authors appearing in the three-city tour are:

- **George W. Aguilar, Sr.**, of Warm Springs, winner in **creative nonfiction** for his first book, *When the River Ran Wild! Indian Traditions on the Mid-Columbia and the Warm Springs Reservation*. Aguilar is a Kiksht Chinookan and a member of the Confederated Tribes of Warm Springs in north-central Oregon. Born in 1930, he has lived on the Warm Springs Reservation for 70 of his 75 years.
- **Edwin L. Battistella** of Ashland, finalist in **general nonfiction** for *Bad Language: Are Some Words Better than Others?* Battistella first became interested in dialects in his native New Jersey. He has published three books and is Professor of English and Writing at Southern Oregon University.
- **Gina Ochsner** of Keizer, winner in **short fiction** for *People I Wanted To Be*. Ochsner won a 2002 Oregon Book Award for her first collection *The Necessary Grace to Fall*. A lifelong resident of Oregon, she has received fellowships from the National Endowment for the Arts

and the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation.

- **Floyd Skloot** of Portland, finalist in **poetry** for *Approximately Paradise*. Skloot is a two-time Oregon Book Award winner. The author of 12 books, he has won the PEN Center USA Literary Award in Creative Nonfiction, the Pacific Northwest Booksellers Award in Poetry and two Pushcart Prizes.

For complete author biographies or event information, please contact Susan Denning at 503.227.2583.

For 20 years, the **Oregon Book Awards** program has honored our state's most accomplished authors in the genres of fiction, poetry, nonfiction, drama and young readers literature. After the awards ceremony in Portland, the **Oregon Book Awards Author Tour** brings writers and readers together in libraries and independent bookstores across the state.

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