

The Eagle Valley Library District and the Walking Mountains Science Center Present

The High Country Speaker Series

“The Moving Nature of Mountains”



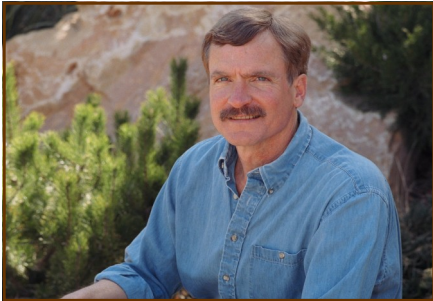
Tuesday, January 25, 6:30 pm

“Walking Nature Home: Returning the Practice of Nature to Our Everyday Lives” with **Susan Tweit**, Author and Ecologist

Award-winning author, Susan J. Tweit's 12 books explore what Aldo Leopold called "the community of the land" and humans' place in it. Her recent book is the memoir *Walking Nature Home*.

Tweit's essays and articles appear in magazines and newspapers as varied as *Audubon* and *Popular Mechanics*, the *LA Times* and *High Country News*--as well as in *Fine Gardening* and on the Martha

Stewart Living Radio Network. She has been awarded the Colorado Book Award, a Colorado Author's League "Top Hand" Award, An EDDIE Award (one of the top awards in the magazine industry).



Tuesday, February 8, 6:30 pm

“The Promise of the Wild” with **Gary Ferguson**, Nature, Science and Adventure Author

Ferguson's personal profiles of American nature have found a home in the national media. A former interpretive naturalist for the U.S. Forest Service, Gary is the author of 16 books on nature, science and history. His recent work, *Hawks Rest*, became the first book in history to win nonfiction Book of The Year from both the Pacific Northwest and Mountains and Plains booksellers associations.

Few aspects of our culture offer more striking clues about who we are as a people than our relationship with wild places. A portion of this talk will chronicle the inspiring, humorous, and often passionate history of Americans coming to understand themselves through nature. Using a mix of research and nature mythology, Gary's presentation will also focus on the challenge of reawakening in the culture the value of wild places and in particular, the critical role outdoor professionals play in rekindling our sense of place.



Tuesday, February 22, 6:30 pm

“Movement, Mentoring and Emotion” with **Bernd Heinrich**, Author, Biologist and Ultra Runner

Bernd Heinrich is the author of numerous award-winning books, including the bestselling *Winter World*, *Mind of the Raven*, and *Why We Run*, and has received countless honors for his scientific work. He also writes for *Scientific American*, *Outside*, *American Scientist*, and *Audubon*; and he has written book reviews and op-eds for *The New York Times* and the *Los Angeles Times*. He studied at

the University of Maine and UCLA, and was professor emeritus of biology at the University of Vermont. Heinrich divides his time between Vermont and the forests of western Maine. He is also an accomplished ultra runner.

Bernd's talk will discuss the movement of birds between the continents and relates this movement to nature and motivation. Each requiring energy, guidance and knowledge.



Monday, March 7, 6:30 pm

“High Journeys: Mountains and Volcanoes in Nature and Mind” with **John Calderazzo and SueEllen Campbell**: Founders and Directors of “Changing Climates” at Colorado State University

SueEllen Campbell teaches courses in writing and environmental and nature literature at CSU, where she is Professor of English. She is especially interested in the ways personal experience, emotions, and senses intersect with physical landscapes, cultural frameworks, and scientific knowledge. Her books include *Bringing the Mountain Home* (1996), *Even Mountains Vanish: Searching for Solace in an Age of Extinction* (2003), and the forthcoming *The Face of the Earth: Natural Landscapes, Science, and Culture* (2011).

Award-winning creative nonfiction teacher John Calderazzo is also Professor of English at CSU. His essays, poems, and short stories have appeared in *Audubon*, *Georgia Review*, *High Country News*, *Orion*, *North American Review*, and dozens of other journals and anthologies. His work has been cited in *Best American Essays* and *Best American Stories*, and his books include *Writing from Scratch: Freelancing and Rising Fire: Volcanoes & Our Inner Lives*. He recently finished a book of poems, *At the Night Window*.

All programs are free and open to the public. Reservations are recommended but not required. For more information, call the Avon Public Library (970) 949-6797, or Walking Mountains Science Center (970) 827-9725.

