

The Sally Bowerman /Bob Hall Memorial Scholarship For Working Women

After Sally Bowerman's death in 2004, family members and people in her longstanding writing group, "The Write People," decided to raise money to give a Fishtrap scholarship to someone like Sally, a "working woman." The scholarship helps cover the cost of a week-long Summer Fishtrap writing workshop and room and board for the week. In July of 2010, Sally's nephew, Bob Hall, died while doing one of the many things he loved, sailing with close friends. Bob was a frequent Summer Fishtrap participant in recent years and his family requested that Bob's name be added to his Aunt Sally's memorial scholarship to honor his shared love of Fishtrap's mission.



How to apply: Send a brief letter or email, not to exceed two pages or 800 words, to Fishtrap. Describe yourself, your work story, the relevance of Fishtrap to your life, writing, and interests, and explain your financial need. Provide personal and contact information. Mail to the Fishtrap address in this brochure, or email to director@fishtrap.org.

Process: Scholarship winners are chosen by members of The Write People. Family members and the Fishtrap Board would like to continue this tradition. Sometimes the scholarship may be split two ways. All applicants will be notified regardless of outcome.

The Future: As the scholarship fund grows, more scholarships or an endowment for the Sally Bowerman scholarship are both possible. These decisions will be made by Fishtrap staff and board, the Write People, and members of Sally's family. If you would like to ensure the scholarship's continuing

success, please make a donation to Fishtrap in Sally's name.

About Sally Bowerman

Sally Bowerman was a working woman who developed her love of writing late in life. She moved to Wallowa County shortly after World War II with her husband to run a ranch and raise three girls. After 20-plus years of milking cows, herding livestock, driving tractors and trucks, the family decided to move to the Southwest during the winter months. Sally seized the opportunity to enroll in nursing school.

Her marriage ended and she moved back to Wallowa County in search of a new career. That took a while to develop, and in the interim Sally sorted potatoes and performed other low paid labor to make ends meet. When an opportunity opened she began driving 150 miles a day to work at the Grande Ronde Hospital in La Grande. Finally she landed a job at the local hospital and entered a new life with a secure position, a life that gave her the opportunity in her 60s to travel and, more importantly, to work on her true passion—writing.

Sally joined a writing group and became an enthusiastic participant in Fishtrap activities. Writing became her joy when she had time from her work, community activities, and family. She published numerous essays, poems and stories in Fishtrap publications. Unfortunately she died in an automobile accident before she could finish her most challenging and fun literary project, a mystery novel.

Recipients of Sally Bowerman Scholarships:

2005 Anna Means, Challis, ID
2006 Danae Yurgel, La Grande, OR
2007 Heidi Muller, Charleston, WV
2007 Cathy Jontos-Putnam, Flora, OR
2008 Gwen Trice, Enterprise, OR
2008 Sara Miller, Enterprise, OR
2009 Christina Ammon, Ashland, OR
2009 Skye Leslie, Lake Oswego, OR
2010 Teresa Brain, La Grande, OR
2010 Julianna Waters, Portland, OR
2010 Suzanne Malakoff, Olympia, WA

About Fishtrap

Fishtrap, Inc., is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization founded in 1988 with a mission to "promote clear thinking and good writing in and about the West." It offers more than a dozen programs for writers, readers, and people interested in literature and learning.

Fishtrap programs include week-long and year-long writing workshops, residencies, retreats, conferences ("gatherings"), fellowships, lectures, college-level classes, community-wide reading events (including the National Endowment for the Arts "Big Read"), one-on-one reading mentorship with K-3 students, and radio programming.

Since 1988, more than 300 writers and humanities scholars have led our programs, serving over 20,000 people. Fishtrap operates out of the historic Gwen and Gladys Coffin House in Enterprise, Oregon.

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