

April 13, 3:30 Anacortes Public Library

Sunday in the Library: Three Home-Grown Poets

Biographies:

NANCY PAGH was born in Anacortes, Washington, in 1963 to Richard and Sally Pagh. She has one sister, Jeri Pagh, of Anacortes. She graduated from Anacortes High School in 1981, attended Skagit Valley College and Pacific Lutheran University. After college, she worked in scientific publishing for three years, then attended graduate school at the University of New Hampshire and the University of British Columbia. She teaches English now at Western Washington University in Bellingham.

Nancy's first collection of poems, *No Sweeter Fat* (2007), won the Autumn House Press book prize. Her writing has appeared in numerous journals, magazines and anthologies, including *The Bellingham Review*, *Rattle*, *Poetry Northwest*, *Crab Creek Review*, *Pontoon*, *Rock Salt Plum*, *Poetry Daily* and *O Magazine*. She has been nominated for the Pushcart literary prize and is a 2007 recipient of an Artist Trust/ Washington State Arts Commission Fellowship. A frequent and enthusiastic reader at Northwest venues, Nancy was also a headliner at the 2007 Gist Street Master's Poetry Series in Pittsburgh. She will be a featured reader in La Conner's Skagit River Poetry Festival, May 16-17, 2008.

RACHEL ROSE, a dual Canadian/American citizen, was born in Vancouver, and lived on Hornby Island, in Anacortes, Seattle, Montreal and Japan, before returning to Vancouver where she now lives with her family. Rachel Rose's first book, *Giving My Body to Science*, (McGill/Queen's University Press) was a finalist for The Gerald Lampert Award, The Pat Lowther Award, and the Grand Prix du Livre de Montreal, and won the Quebec Writers' Federation A.M. Klein Award. Her second book, *Notes on Arrival and Departure*, was published by McClelland & Stewart in 2005. Her short story, "Want", won the Bronwen Wallace award in 1997. She is the new poetry mentor at Simon Fraser University's The Writer's Studio.

SAMUEL GREEN, an Anacortes High School graduate, has lived nearly all his life in the Pacific Northwest. He joined the U.S. Coast Guard at 17, and saw service first in Antarctica, and then in South Vietnam. Later he earned his M.A. in English from Western Washington University through the Veterans Vocational Rehabilitation Program. He has been a visiting poet at colleges in Utah, Wyoming, and Washington, most recently at Seattle University, teaching winter quarters in Seattle, and summer quarters in Ireland. His poems have appeared in *Poet & Critic*, *Poetry*, *Poetry Northwest*, *Poetry East*, *Prairies Schooner*, *Southern Poetry Review*, and many other journals. His most recent book is *The Grace of Necessity*. For the past two dozen years, Green has lived in a hand-built log house on Waldron Island, where he and his wife, Sally, are publishers of the award-winning Brooding Heron Press. In December, Governor Gregoire named Samuel Green Washington State Poet Laureate.