

# ORION

MAGAZINE

## THE ORION SOCIETY

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## MISSION

*"It is Orion's fundamental conviction that humans are morally responsible for the world in which we live, and that the individual comes to sense this responsibility as he or she develops a personal bond with nature."*

*In the intervening thirty years, Orion has become a focal point in an extraordinarily rich period of nature writing, and it has remained true to that core conviction, though the magazine has evolved into a bimonthly and the range of its interests has broadened to include not only environmental but cultural concerns. Orion magazine invites readers into a community of caring for the planet. Through writing and art that explore the connection between nature and culture, Orion inspires new thinking about how humanity might live on Earth justly, sustainably, and joyously.*

## HUMANITIES EXPERTISE

In 1992 *Orion* broadened its scope beyond just publishing the magazine and formed The Orion Society, an independent nonprofit organization, to conduct additional programming. This programming was created to bring the magazine's message to more people and encourage action on the part of individuals to put into practice the ideas *Orion* addressed. Programs coordinated by *Orion* and The Orion Society in the 1990s included the Forgotten Language Tour, a national barnstorming tour celebrating nature writing and connection to place; the John Hay Award, which was presented annually to writers whose work has been vital to the effort to reconnect people to the natural world; and Orion Institutes, intensive teacher-training workshops led by writers and environmental educators. "Watershed," a 1996 conference co-sponsored by and held at the Library of Congress in Washington DC, was attended by over 3,000 people. The Orion Society held a second large conference, "Fire & Grit" (1999), the largest gathering ever to take place at the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service National Conservation Training Center in Shepherdstown, West Virginia.

## HUMANITIES RESOURCES

### PROGRAMS & RESOURCES

- [Orion Writing Workshops](#): Orion offers writers workshops in locations across the country. Those interested in honing their writing skills with an exceptional faculty in a setting that can inspire nature writers to do their best work should apply. Details about specific workshop offerings are available online.
- [Resources for Educators](#): Orion offers resources, such as [Teacher Guides](#), a [Nature Literacy Series](#) that was developed in collaboration with hundreds of teachers across the U.S. and Canada, and [Anthologies & Other Books](#).
- [Orion Book Award](#): Each year, the Orion Book Award is presented to books that deepen the reader's connection to the natural world, represent excellence in writing, and that we believe *Orion* readers will enjoy. The award has been conferred annually since 2007.

## EVENTS

- [Live Web Events](#): *Orion* hosts regular dialogues with writers, artists, activists, and thinkers about transforming ideas into action for people and planet. These events are free and open to all *Orion* readers and friends. To join an upcoming event, click on the link to get more information and to register. Audio files of past events are also available online.

\* *Other upcoming events listed [online](#).*

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