



## **Tolovana Arts Colony Presents: *Get Lit at the Beach: A Gathering for Readers***

A very special literary weekend featuring four bestselling authors, sharing their stories in Cannon Beach, OR.

**SAVE THIS WEEKEND – April 13, 14 & 15, 2012.**

- **Friday evening reception to welcome and meet the authors at The Ocean Lodge Lobby & Library, 5:00-6:30PM. Hosted wine & refreshments. Greetings from Cannon Beach Mayor Mike Morgan.**
- **Saturday author talks, book sales & signing at The Surfside Resort Ballroom. Susan Wiggs, 10:00-11:30AM, Jamie Ford, 1:00-2:30PM, Terry Brooks, 3:00-4:30PM.**
- **Saturday evening banquet featuring speaker and author Elizabeth George at the Surfside Resort Ballroom, 7:00-9:00PM. Prime Rib and Seafood Buffet, no host cocktail bar.**
- **Sunday morning question & answer session with all four authors at the Coaster Theatre, 10:00-Noon for ticket holders and guests (no charge); book sales & signing.**

**Tickets will be on sale soon. \$75 for the entire weekend program, including dinner Saturday evening. Tickets can be reserved now by emailing your request to [tolovanaartscolony@gmail.com](mailto:tolovanaartscolony@gmail.com). Sponsored by the City of Cannon Beach. Special thanks to author Terry Brooks and Cannon Beach Book Company, two local supporters of the literary arts and this event.**

### **Featured Authors:**



**Terry Brooks.** A writer since the age of ten, Terry Brooks published his first novel, *The Sword of Shannara*, in 1977. It became the first work of fiction ever to appear on the New York Times Trade Paperback Bestseller List, where it remained for over five months. He has written twenty-six bestselling novels, movie adaptations of *Hook* and *Star Wars: The Phantom Menace* and a memoir on his writing life titled *Sometimes the Magic Works*. He has sold over thirty million copies of his books domestically and is published worldwide. His *Magic Kingdom* series is currently under option at Warner Brothers. His next novel, *The Wards of Faerie*, will be published in August 2012. Terry Brooks lives with his wife Judine in the Pacific Northwest and on the road meeting his fans. [www.terrybrooks.net](http://www.terrybrooks.net)



**Jamie Ford** is the great grandson of Nevada mining pioneer Min Chung, who emigrated from Kaiping, China, to San Francisco in 1865, where he adopted the western name "Ford," thus confusing countless generations. His debut novel, *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*, was a New York Times bestseller and went on to win the 2010 Asian/Pacific American Award for Literature. His work has been translated into 32 languages. Jamie is still holding out for Klingon (that's when you know you've made it). [www.jamieford.com](http://www.jamieford.com)



**Elizabeth George** is the *New York Times* best selling author of sixteen crime novels set in Great Britain, a book of short stories, a non-fiction book on writing, and a young adult series set in the Pacific Northwest on Whidbey Island. She has edited two anthologies and her work is translated into thirty languages. Her crime novels have been adapted for television by the BBC and have been shown on the PBS show *Masterpiece Mystery*. She has taught extensively in the United States and has appeared at dozens of conferences as a featured speaker and panelist. She is the founder of the Elizabeth George Foundation, an organization that supports unpublished novelists, poets, emerging playwrights, graduate students, disadvantaged children, and a charitable organization assisting young people in education and the creative arts.

[www.elizabethgeorgeonline.com](http://www.elizabethgeorgeonline.com).



**Susan Wiggs.** Using blunt scissors, pages from a Big Chief tablet, a borrowed stapler and a Number Two pencil, Susan Wiggs self-published her first novel at the age of eight. *A Book About Some Bad Kids* was based on the true-life adventures of Susan and her siblings, and the first printing of one copy was a complete sell-out. Her first book was published (without the use of blunt scissors and a stapler) by Zebra in 1987, and since then she has been published by Avon, Tor, HarperCollins, Harlequin, Warner and Mira Books. Unable to completely abandon her beloved teaching profession, Susan is a frequent workshop leader and speaker at writers' conferences. Her novel *The Charm School* was voted one of RWA's Favorite Books of the Year. She is the proud recipient of three RITA awards for *Lakeside Cottage*, *Lord of the Night* and *The Mistress*, and is often a finalist for the prestigious award. Susan lives on an island in the Pacific Northwest with her family.

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