

# CLALLAM COUNTY POET LAUREATE

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Date: October 7, 2025  
Contact: Nellie Bridge, Clallam County Poet Laureate, [PoetLaureate@nols.org](mailto:PoetLaureate@nols.org)  
Re: Poetry reading from "Mycocosmic" author Lesley Wheeler  
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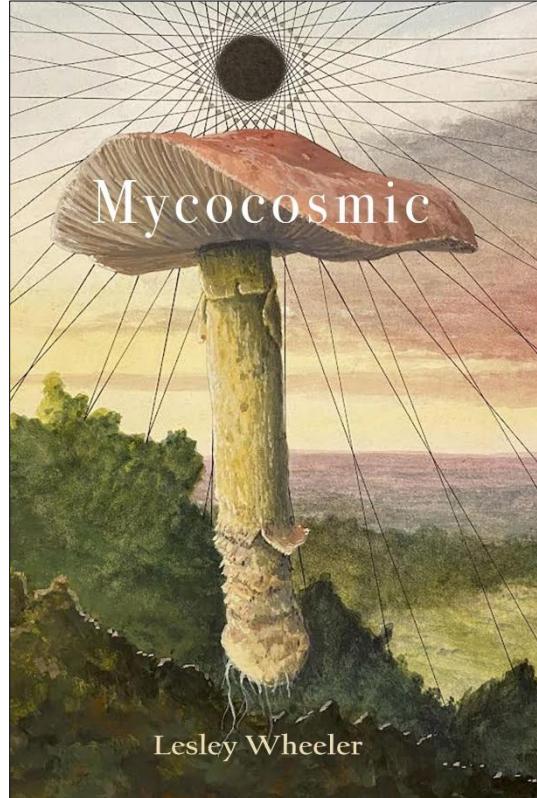
Lesley Wheeler will read poetry from her latest collection, "[Mycocosmic](#)," at a [free event](#) beginning at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, Oct. 20, at the Port Angeles Main Library, 2210 S. Peabody St. Just as fungi create new life from death, the poems in "Mycocosmic" explore how grief can nourish anew. Attendees can purchase copies onsite from Port Book and News.

"Mycosmic," Wheeler's sixth poetry collection, was published in 2025 by Tupelo Press and is a runner-up for the Dorset Prize. Wheeler's poems and essays have appeared in "Poetry, Poets & Writers," "Guernica," "Massachusetts Review," and "Ecotone," and her work has been supported by grants from Fulbright, Bread Loaf Environmental Writers Workshop, and the Sewanee Writers Conference.

The poetry reading is hosted by Clallam County Poet Laureate Nellie Bridge as well as Kirsten Miles, the director of [Gentle House](#), an artist retreat run by Tupelo Press.

Learn more about the Poet Laureate and find events listed at [NOLS.org/poet](#). If you have questions or an idea for future collaboration with Bridge, email [PoetLaureate@nols.org](mailto:PoetLaureate@nols.org).

The Clallam County Poet Laureate position is supported by the North Olympic Library Foundation and Clallam County. This program is generously supported in part by the Port Angeles Friends of the Library.



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