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Re: Babe in the Woods Author Talk by Yvonne Pepin-Wakefield
Attachments: *Images of the author and book jacket are attached as .jpg files*

Join author Yvonne Pepin-Wakefield for her presentation of the true story of one woman's survival in Oregon's wilderness. A reading and discussion of her book, *Babe in the Woods: Building a Life One Log at a Time*, will be presented on Monday, February 6, at 6:30pm at the Port Angeles Main Library and Tuesday, February 7, at 6:30pm at the Sequim Library of the North Olympic Library System. Following the presentation will be an opportunity to participate in a Q&A session, purchase books, and receive autographs from the author. Readers of *My Side of the Mountain* and *Into the Wild*—and fans of *Pilgrim at Tinker Creek* and *Walden* alike—will eagerly follow along on the journey through this candid, revealing account.

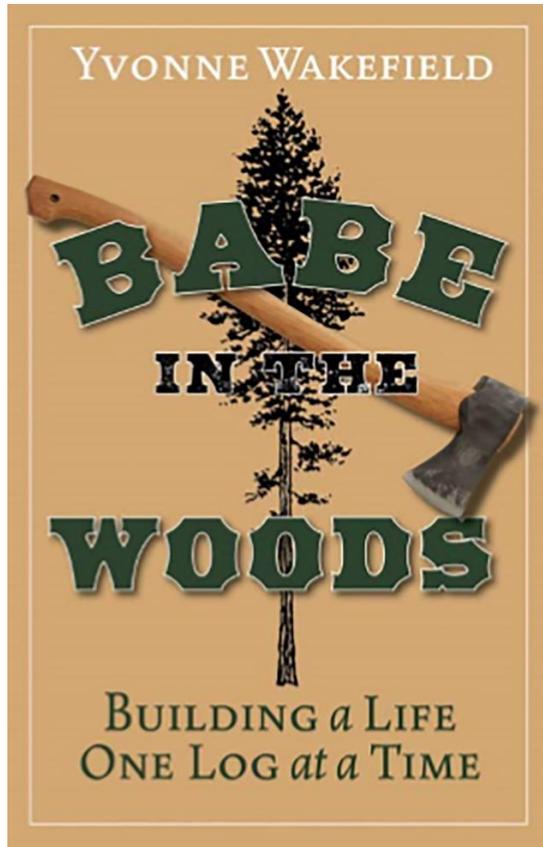
About the Author:

Former Port Townsend resident and Art Specialist for the Sequim School District, Yvonne Pepin-Wakefield has published and exhibited her work internationally. She is recognized for her work in art education, including a Fulbright Memorial Fellowship and a Robert Rauschenberg arts education award. Yvonne is also the author of, *Suitcase Filled with Nails: Lessons Learned from Teaching Art in Kuwait* which chronicles the years 2004-2010, when she taught art to university aged Muslim women at a newly opened women's college in Kuwait.

About Babe in the Woods:

At age eighteen Yvonne sets out to build a home from trees on eighty acres she's bought on an Oregon mountainside. Log by log the following year she creates a cabin and heals from an orphaned past, finding a new family in the forest and with people in a valley named John Day. Babe in the Woods puts an honest and gritty face on the fantasy of living alone in the forest. The book includes original artwork and ledgers, further authenticating the construction of this three-story log cabin built by hand from trees on land Yvonne still owns four decades later. It is the first in a three-book series about Yvonne's time living in this log cabin beside a mountain stream. The author's grounding account of her life experiences demonstrates the very real risk and isolation of a solitary life in the wilderness woven in contrast with the peace, quiet beauty, and repose.

The Port Angeles Main Library is located at 2210 S. Peabody Street in Port Angeles. The Sequim Library is located at 630 North Sequim Avenue in Sequim. To learn more about this and other upcoming programs, call the Port Angeles Main Library at 360.417.8500, send an email to Discover@nols.org, or visit www.nols.org, and click on "Events".



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