

2025 Montana Writers Rodeo Conference Schedule

Friday: May 9, 2025

- 3:30 - 5:30 p.m.** **Registration & Meet and Greet Reception**
- 5:30 p.m.** **Welcome & Introductions**
Mindy Peltier, Conference Director, Updates
- 6:15 p.m.** **Keynote Address:**
Montana Inspires Story
Author, Kathy Dunnehoff, Keynote Speaker
- 7:00 - 8:15 p.m.** **Author Readings (Scripts)**
MC: Angela Breidenbach, Facilitator: Pamela Mencher

Saturday: May 10, 2025

- 8:30 - 9:00 a.m.** **Registration and Check-In**
- 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.** **Welcome**
- 9:30 - 10:45 a.m.** **Workshop 1: *Plan to Have Your Best Writing Year Ever***
Presenter: Kathy Dunnehoff
- 11:00 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.** **Workshop 2: *Plot and Personality: How Character Drives Action***
Presenter: Shaun Gant
- 12:15 - 1:30 p.m.** Lunch Break on your own.
- 1:45 - 3:00 p.m.** **Workshop 3: *Three Part Nature of Film Structure***
Presenter: Karl Swingle
- 3:15 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.** **Workshop 4: *Unlock the Power of Your Story's Setting***
Presenter: Jess E. Owen
- 4:30 - 6:00 p.m.** Dinner Break on your own.
- 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.** **Presenters Panel:**
Panelists explore careers as successful writers in Montana. Facilitator: Mindy Peltier **Panelists:**
Kathy Dunnehoff, Karl Swingle, Shaun Gant & Jess E. Owen
- 7:15 p.m.** **Author Readings**
Facilitator: Angela Breidenbach
- 8:15 p.m.** **Closing**