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Renowned Poet Lorna Crozier Reads at NIC

North Island College is proud to welcome award-winning poet Lorna Crozier to the Comox Valley campus Thursday January 26th as part of the Write Here Readers Series. David Adams Richards comments, "Crozier's prose illuminates our world. She is a writer of the first rank."

Small Mechanics (2011), Crozier's latest work, has been called a 'radiant collection'. McClelland & Stewart Limited write, "These poems turn over the stones of words and find what lies beneath, reminding us why Lorna Crozier is one of Canada's most well-read and commanding voices."

Lorna Crozier has been awarded the Governor-General's Award for poetry, two Pat Lowther Awards, the National Magazine Gold Medal, the Canadian Authors' Association Award and first place in the CBC literary competition. In 2009 she was inducted into the Royal Society of Canada.

She is the author of fifteen books of poetry including *The Blue Hour of the Day: Selected Poems*; *Whetstone*; *Apocrypha of Light*; *What the Living Won't Let Go*; *A Saving Grace*; *Everything Arrives at the Light*; *Inventing the Hawk*; *Angels of Flesh*, *Angels of Silence*; and *The Garden Going On Without Us*. She has also edited several anthologies, among them *Desire in Seven Voices* and, with Patrick Lane, *Addicted: Notes from the Belly of the Beast* and *Breathing Fire: Canada's New Poets*.

A Distinguished Professor in the Department of Writing at the University of Victoria, Crozier is the recipient of two honorary doctorates for her contributions to Canadian literature, one from the University of Regina and one from the University of Saskatchewan. Born in Swift Current, Saskatchewan, she now lives in British Columbia.

NIC's Write Here Reader Series brings readers and authors together to celebrate the unique literary landscape of the North Island. The college invites you to consider our North Island home as an important and valuable literary stage and is pleased to acknowledge the support of the Canada Council for the Arts in hosting this special event.

This free, public reading will begin at 7:30pm in the Stan Hagen Theatre on NIC's Comox Valley campus. For further information about the Write Here Readers Series, please contact Susan Auchterlonie at 250-334-5271.

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