

# Launch party celebrates new Lake Pend Oreille book

*Book filled with recreationists' facts, historical lore, illustrations*

SANDPOINT, Idaho—It's a book as big and grand as Lake Pend Oreille itself. The much-anticipated "Legendary Lake Pend Oreille: Idaho's Wilderness of Water" is finally here and will be celebrated with a launch party open to the public, featuring a slide show, special presentations and refreshments on Saturday, Nov. 28, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. at Sandpoint Community Hall, 204 S. First Ave. The event is also a fundraiser for several lake advocacy groups, which will receive 10 percent of proceeds from the book's sales that day.

The event opens with short presentations by author Jane Fritz and representatives of lake-affiliated organizations. Following that will be a book signing by Fritz and other contributors. Participating groups include: Clark Fork-Pend Oreille Conservancy, Friends of Pend d'Oreille Bay Trail, Lake Pend Oreille Waterkeeper, Idaho Mythweaver, Rock Creek Alliance and Tri State Water Quality Council.

Rich with sketches about biology and botany, loaded with fascinating historical lore, and abundantly illustrated, "Legendary Lake Pend Oreille" captures the lake's incredible features. Included are comprehensive guides to all the lake's public recreation; paddle routes for kayakers and canoeists; resources and advice for boaters and sailors; and chapters devoted to the lake's 30-plus hiking trails and its fish and fisheries. In addition, the 450-page book includes a 16-page Ross Hall black-and-white photo section, 16 color plates, and a foldout color map by Terrapen Geographics with panoramic photos by Jay Mock. On the cover is an original watercolor by Karen Robinson. Inside are pen-and-ink illustrations by Robinson, as well as paintings by Eileen Klatt and Ward Tollbom.

Written by longtime resident and avid outdoor recreationist Jane Fritz, the book includes a special foreword by the late Hazel Hall and an introduction by Francis Cullooyah of the Kalispel Tribe of Indians. Kevin Davis, Gary Hassler, Cate Huisman, Marianne Love, Heather McElwain, Patrick McManus, Jim Mellen and the late Dennis Nicholls also wrote selections in the book.

Published by Keokee Books of Sandpoint, "Legendary Lake Pend Oreille" sells for \$24 and will be available at local bookstores and select retailers beginning Nov. 27. To learn more about the book or the launch event, look up [www.KeokeeBooks.com](http://www.KeokeeBooks.com) or call 208-263-3573.