

# THE RIDGE

## A QVADRA ISLAND POEM

Quadra Community Centre

*Saturday · 21 October 2023*

*7:30 pm*

- ◆ *Presented by  
Sierra Quadra.*
- ◆ *Admission  
by donation.*
- ◆ *Doors open  
at 7:00 pm.*

*The Ridge* is a long poem by **Robert Bringhurst**, recently published in book form by Harbour Publishing. It is a telescopic view of geological history, natural history, and human history seen from a small place: Heriot Ridge on Qadra Island.

The performance will last about 80 minutes – short for a musical concert but much longer than most poetry readings nowadays.

In the old world, poetry performances often lasted for hours. In some places, they still do. Where that happens, the stories poems tell – of the Raven Stealing the Light, or the Fall of Troy, for example – tend to be stories that everyone knows.

And if you are a Qadra Islander, the stories in this poem – of the great Qadra fire of 1925, the death of the white pines, and the mounting effects of climate

change in 2023 – may be as familiar to you as the stories of Odysseus and Penelope were to Athenian audiences 25 centuries ago.

There will be an intermission midway through and an opportunity for public discussion afterward.

Copies of *The Ridge* will be available for sale – and are available in advance from Robin King at Book Bonanza in Quathiaski Cove.