

Local author honored in 2017 Indie Book Awards



"Talk Matters! Saving the World One Word at a Time" by Arcata resident Mary V. Gelinas was named one of the best indie books of 2017 by the Independent Book Publishing Professionals Group.

Gelinas' book was a finalist of the General Non-Fiction Category in the 2017 Next Generation Indie Book Awards program for independent publishers and self-published authors.

Gelinas is the managing director of Gelinas James, Inc. and co-director of the Cascadia Center for Leadership, a program of the Humboldt Area Foundation.

She is an educator, consultant, process designer and facilitator working with leaders in all sectors locally, nationally and internationally.

In her testimonial, Dr. Lisa Rossbacher, president of Humboldt State University, wrote, "Dr. Mary Gelinas does an outstanding job of integrating multiple viewpoints about how we can all communicate, work, and solve problems together. This book

will be valuable to anyone who wants stronger results from meetings, conversations, and any interactions with other people."

Steve O'Meara, president and founder of Kokatat, said, "Talk Matters! brings to the world what Mary Gelinas has been bringing to my company for decades: increased ability for leaders to have honest, frank conversations that result in stronger relationships and good decisions."

Leaders of the indie book publishing industry, including many with long careers at major publishing houses, judge the awards.

Catherine Goulet, co-chair of the 2017 awards stated, "Our program has become known as the Sundance of the book publishing world."

"Talk Matters!" is available from most online book retailers and from the FriesenPress bookstore. Readers can also find it locally at Blake's Books in McKinleyville, Booklegger in Eureka and Northtown Books in Arcata.

COURTESY OF MARY V. GELINAS
Mary V. Gelinas is the author of "Talk Matters!"

Calvin Johnson in Arcata tonight

The Sanctuary sets the stage for Selector Dub Narcotic

Calvin Johnson of the legendary alternative band Beat Happening will be in Arcata tonight at The Sanctuary performing with his group, Selector Dub Narcotic.

The show runs from 8 to 10 p.m. The Sanctuary is located at 1301 J St.

Selector Dub Narcotic is the pseudonym of choice for Calvin Johnson when he is re-mixing records for the Dub Narcotic Disco Plate series, or engaged in spinning records at a party or other literary functions. Drawing largely from a stack of 45 rpm phono-

graph records, Selector Dub Narcotic is known to mix the genres dancehall, soul, punk, garage, R&B, rock steady, bubblegum and rockabilly with assorted curiosities of the current underground music scene.