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## Patrick Flanigan headlines Author Series in August

(PACIFIC GROVE, Calif.) – The PGMNH Author Series continues in August with Patrick W. Flanigan on Saturday, August 22nd, from 3-5 p.m. Flanigan will read from his work, answer questions, and sign copies of his books, which will be available for purchase at the time of the event. Admission to the reading is free.

Flanigan, a physician and resident of Pacific Grove, is the author of three books of poetry: "Surviving the Storm," "Milk and Coffee," and "When Sunflowers Speak." He's also penned a folio of nine poems entitled "Freestanding Verse." Besides these notable accomplishments, Flanigan recently released the novel "A Father's Smile."

Flanigan was born in Indiana, raised in Ohio, and moved to California in 1973 with his wife, Anita. The natural beauty of the California central Coast inspires much of his poetry, while he said living in Steinbeck country has influenced his prose.

"The natural beauty of this area is so striking that it invites a writer to try to capture with words, images, and metaphors the superficial and sublime aspects of that beauty," Flanigan said.

Flanigan was a presenter at the First Annual Carmel Authors and Ideas Festival in 2007 and has led three breakout sessions at the Festival. He has made presentations to book clubs and audiences as large as 1,100.

"We're excited to host Patrick and look forward to hearing him share his work with us," said Patrick Whitehurst, communications and marketing coordinator for the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History.

For more information on the event, visit the Museum online at <http://www.pgmuseum.org/museum-events/2015/8/22/pgmnh-author-series-patrick-w-flanigan>.



*Courtesy photo/Author Patrick W. Flanigan headlines the August 22nd PGMNH Author Series from 3-5 p.m.*

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