



**Andrew Tonkovich on  
*Orange County: A Literary Field Guide***

with special guests:

Marie Connors, Linda Thomas and Mitsuye Yamada

**Women For Orange County**

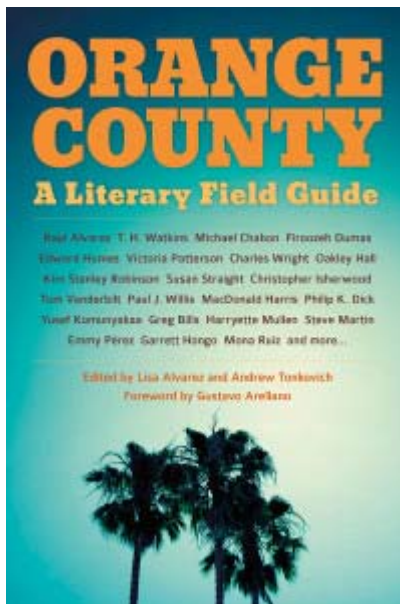
**Wednesday, February 22, 2016**

**11:00—Refreshments**

**11:30—Meeting Begins**

**Irvine Ranch Water District Duck Club**

**5 Riparian View, Irvine**



Andrew Tonkovich is a local activist, writer, teacher and editor, and longtime Women For member. With co-editor Lisa Alvarez he has assembled the first-ever literary anthology of our region. Published by Heyday, *Orange County: A Literary Field Guide*, is a hundred-year survey of prose and poetry by visitors and residents, from established and renowned authors to less well-known, including poets, journalists, memoirists and novelists. Covering the county's history, culture, landmarks and people, contributors include M.F.K. Fisher, Michael Chabon, Yusef Komunyakaa, Steve Martin, Joan Didion, Mona Ruiz and Mitsuye Yamada. With an introduction by *OC Weekly* editor Gustavo Arellano, the book is a regional "field guide," with writing about the hills, coast, and valley featuring an array of voices on landmark topics from the Santa Ana River to Disneyland and the Nixon Library. With stories and recollections from pioneering newcomers to 60's-era reminiscences of development and political resistance, and considering the roles of workers, immigrants, the natural world and lost histories in-between, this collection in-



spires both celebration and critical evaluation.

Three local contributors --- poets Marie Connors, Linda Thomas and Women For: Orange County honoree and celebrated activist Mitsuye Yamada --- join Tonkovich in readings and discussion with books available by donation at the event.

Tonkovich edits the West Coast literary journal *Santa Monica Review* and hosts *Bibliocracy Radio*, a weekly books show on KPFK (90.7 FM). He teaches writing at UC Irvine, where he is the president of the union representing librarians and lecturers.



**Free and open to the public. Men are cordially invited.**

**Women For: Orange County** is a volunteer, non-partisan organization dedicated to advancing Human & Civil Rights, Peace, Social Justice, Education, Health Care and the Environment.

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