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**ROBERT BRINGHURST AND KITTY MARYATT
TO RECEIVE 2017 OSCAR LEWIS AWARDS FROM THE BOOK CLUB OF CALIFORNIA
ON MONDAY, MARCH 27, 2017, 5-7 PM**

SAN FRANCISCO – The Book Club of California congratulates the recipients of the 2017 Oscar Lewis Awards: **ROBERT BRINGHURST for his contributions to Western History**, and **KITTY MARYATT for her contributions to the Book Arts**.

ROBERT BRINGHURST was born in Los Angeles, raised all over the American West, and lives now on the central coast of British Columbia – Altissima California, as he likes to call it. Widely known as a poet, a typographic historian, and a scholar of Native American oral literature, he has published extensively with Peter Koch, Carolee Campbell, and other fine printers. His book *Palatino: The Natural History of a Typeface* was published last year by the Book Club of California. Most recent is his long poem, *Going Down Singing*, a collaboration with California artist Joseph Goldyne, published in 2017 by Two Ponds Press in Rockport, Maine.

KITTY MARYATT is Director Emeritus of the Scripps College Press and was Assistant Professor of Art at Scripps College in Claremont, California. She taught Typography and the Book Arts at Scripps for 30 years, and a core humanities class to sophomores called The Artist Book as an Agent of Social Change. Her research interest for the last several years has been the 1913 book *La Prose du Transsibérien* by Blaise Cendrars and Sonia Delaunay. An article about the “book painting” has just been published by the Book Club of California. She is currently working on a grand project to re-create *Prose* with original pochoir and letterpress in an edition of 150 copies.

The Book Club of California established the Oscar Lewis Awards in 1994 to honor the prolific and popular San Francisco writer-historian who served as Book Club secretary from 1921 to 1946. The club received an impressive list of accomplished and deserving nominees this year. Ultimately, the awards committee felt that the contributions of Robert Bringhurst and Kitty Maryatt best represented the tenets of the Oscar Lewis Award and the mission of the Book Club of California to support the art of the book alongside first-rate historical and literary scholarship.

ESSENTIAL INFORMATION

The **2017 Oscar Lewis Awards** ceremony will be held at the **Book Club of California** (312 Sutter Street, Suite 500, San Francisco, CA) from **5-7 p.m.** on **Monday, March 27**.

Admission is free and open to the public. *Reservations required.* RSVP to programs@bccbooks.org or at (415) 781-7532.

For more information about the Book Club of California or past Oscar Lewis Award winners, please visit www.bccbooks.org. You may also contact Anne Smith at (415) 781-7532 or annesmith@bccbooks.org.