

## ***The Inhabited Home Tour* will include conversations with interesting people**

**Cindy Cohn is a police officer who served on the police department's homeless outreach team** in Grand Junction, Colorado. Like Amy Hostetter in the novel, Cindy's spent a good part of her career balancing the law enforcement aspects of homelessness with the relationship building and social work that gets people off the street without throwing them in jail.

**Candace Faber and Ethan Phelps-Goodman organized Hack to End Homelessness in 2014.** They're both devoted to using technology as a gateway to meaningful involvement in issues facing Seattle. She is the City's first-ever civic technology advocate, and he runs Seattle in Progress, a web app for seeing what's being built in Seattle neighborhoods.

**Bonnie Nadzam is a fellow author who recently published *Lions*,** a novel about a dying Colorado town that has no reason to exist now except for the attachments its inhabitants have to the place. Our books reflect our differing personal responses to the culture and the landscape, but they also share some eerie parallels.

**Tom Meyer is a distinguished Minneapolis architect** who has designed homes for the city's elite and has been involved for decades with reclaiming the riverfront and its historic buildings, including Mill City Museum. In *Inhabited*, the town's neglected heritage and its economic aspirations collide with the hopes of the people who've carved out a home on the river.

**Steve Jones is a Leech Lake Ojibway and writer.** He had promised himself that when he reached age 65, he would return to the artwork he had set aside as a young man—an outcome made unlikely by his relationship with alcohol. But he found a supportive community and poetry class at Peace House in Minneapolis, and this fall he celebrates his 65<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Crystal Johnson is a housing support specialist** at Vail Place, a Twin Cities non-profit that helps people with serious mental illnesses get back on their feet by providing connections to essential services, supports and resources, including housing for those who have experienced long-term homelessness.

**Hal Davis retired as public safety team leader at the St. Paul Pioneer Press** after 48 years in journalism in the Twin Cities, Dayton, Ohio, and New York City. In 1979, as a court reporter for the New York Post, he reported on the first lawsuit filed by volunteer lawyer Robert Hayes on behalf of the homeless against the City and State of New York, demanding shelter.

**Julie Wermerskirchen is a case manager working with families** facing long-term homelessness in central Minnesota. Families constitute roughly 34% of the homeless population nationally. Poor families face different challenges finding permanent housing in rural areas, where there are fewer services, housing and employment opportunities.

**Kris Henning is a former publisher who sold business, home and most of her possessions to travel the world.** If she and her husband weren't prosperous, there'd be little to separate their vagabond lifestyle from the vagrants who populate my novel. What does it mean to uproot yourself, to separate from the material and social signifiers of status, to live in places where you don't "belong"?

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