

PAUL ZARZYSKI BIO

While studying poetry with Richard Hugo at the University of Montana in the early '70s, Paul Zarzyski took up a second *lucrative career* as a rodeo circuit bareback bronc rider. He's been featured at 22 consecutive annual National Cowboy Poetry Gatherings in Elko, NV, has toured Australia and England, and has appeared on Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion*. The author of 10 books and 4 spoken-word CDs, Paul is the recipient of The Wrangler Award (*Cowpoke Pulitzer*), The Spur Award, and The 2005 Montana Governor's Arts Award for Literature. Born and raised in Hurley, Wisconsin, Paul has called Montana *home* since 1973.