

## PAUL ZARZYSKI BIO

Paul Zarzyski, recipient of the 2005 Montana Governor's Arts Award for Literature, has been spurring the words wild across the open range of the page and calling it *Poetry* for over 35 years, a dozen or so during which he complemented the writing with bareback bronc riding on the rodeo circuit. He has been a featured performer at the National Cowboy Poetry Gathering, the National Storytelling Festival, the National Folk Festival, and has recited at The Library of Congress, Festival Hall in London, as well as on Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion*. Since receiving an M.F.A. degree in creative writing from the University of Montana in 1976, Paul has authored 10 collections and has recorded 4 spoken-word CDs—WORDS GROWING WILD, THE GLORIOUS COMMOTION OF IT ALL, ROCK 'n' ROWEL, and COLLISIONS OF RECKLESS LOVE. His most recent publication, from OreanaBooks, titled WOLF TRACKS ON THE WELCOME MAT, received the 2004 Spur Award from The Western Writers of America. Born and raised in Hurley, Wisconsin, Paul has called Montana *home* since 1973.