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## **New York Times Bestselling Author Nancy Horan Joins Ragdale for an evening at a Frank Lloyd Wright Home**

**LAKE FOREST – May 3, 2008** – Nancy Horan, New York Times bestselling author of *Loving Frank*, joined members of the Ragdale community for an evening at Frank and Megan Beidler’s Frank Lloyd Wright home in Lake Forest.

Seated before an intimate, invitation-only crowd of Patron Circle members, in front of a soaring wall of windows, Horan delighted guests with a reading of a passage she has never before read in front of an audience.

*Loving Frank* details the scandalous affair between Frank Lloyd Wright and Mamah Cheney Borthwick in the early 1900s. During Horan’s reading, attendees experienced a unique connection between Borthwick’s descriptions calling Wright’s architecture a “sanctuary” while sitting in a living room which mirrored the text.

Frank and Megan Beidler, being fans of Nancy Horan’s book, enthusiastically opened their newly purchased home to Ragdale’s event while the Terlato Wine Group and Terlato family generously donated the wine.

After the reading, Horan signed books for the guests while many enjoyed tours of the house and special hors d’oeuvres provided by the Beidlers.

*Ragdale is located in Arts and Crafts architect Howard Van Doren Shaw’s Lake Forest country estate, just 30 miles north of Chicago. Built in 1897, the Ragdale House is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. In 1976, Shaw’s granddaughter Alice Judson Hayes transformed her family’s summer home into an artist colony providing time and space for artists to create important new work. Today Ragdale hosts up to 200 artists, writers, and composers each year, making it the largest interdisciplinary artists’ community in the Midwest and the fourth largest in the country.*

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