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The 1960 Montana State University Writers Conference will be dedicated to the late Norman A. Fox, Great Falls writer who died in March, according to Jack Barsness, conference director. The conference will meet on the MSU campus May 25 through May 28.

In the dedication printed in the conference program, Barsness writes: "This conference is respectfully dedicated to the memory of Norman A. Fox, author of 27 novels, cofounder and past president of the Western Writers of America, who died Thursday, March 24, at his home in Great Falls. A guiding spirit and supporter of the conference since its inception, Norman Fox will be remembered by all who knew him as a helpful critic, a guiding hand to the beginner, and a true friend to everyone who won his respect."

Fox used Montana as the setting for many of his novels and more than 400 short stories. At the time of his death, he had completed five chapters on the Bozeman Trail for a series of 10 nonfiction books on old American trails, to be written by authorities on the history of the West.

He was a winner of the Western Writers of America Silver Spur Award. He had served as a director of the WWA and was also a member of the Author's League of America and the Montana Institute of the Arts.

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