

## In the Spotlight...

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**Our Mission** – *Orion*'s mission is to invite readers into a community of caring for the planet. Through writing and art that explore the connection between nature and culture, *Orion* inspires new thinking about how humanity might live on Earth justly, sustainably, and joyously.

**Our Background** – Founded in 1982, *Orion* is a non-profit, quarterly magazine located in Massachusetts that publishes the world's finest writing and art about the environment. *Orion* has a staff of sixteen and publishes essays, short stories, poetry, photography, and other artwork in its print magazine, on its website, in anthologies, and in other books. In partnership with the Omega Institute, *Orion* runs an annual writing workshop in New York State, and in 2020, began offering at least 12 online workshops every year. In April of 2021 *Orion* welcomed its new executive director, Amy Brady, the first woman to hold the position since the organization's founding. Brady subsequently hired the organization's first director of finance and operations and promoted an internal editor to editor-in-chief.

**Our Blueprint for Success** – In January 2022, *Orion*'s board of directors approved a new strategic plan that will guide *Orion* in its growth for the next three years while centering operational frameworks and policies that value diversity, equity, and inclusion. The board and staff's collective talent and commitment to *Orion*'s mission—and the magazine's unique approach to compassionate environmental storytelling—will ensure that every action outlined in the plan is effectively implemented.

This year is *Orion*'s 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, and to celebrate, we are hosting a virtual event on June 14<sup>th</sup> at 6pm ET. The event will feature some of the biggest names in environmental literature and activism, including Margaret Atwood, Bill McKibben, and Vanessa Nakate. Registration is free and open to the public.

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