

'Permanent Vacation' book signing in Carson City

Lake Tahoe author Janet Smith will be at the Costco in Carson City from 11am-2pm Aug. 20 for a book signing of the anthology "Permanent Vacation: Twenty Writers on Work and Life in Our National Parks."

The collection, published by Bona Fide Books of Meyers, features Smith's piece "Pretty Enough," a bittersweet account of coming of age in one of the world's wonders, Yosemite Valley.

Smith's piece details her experiences leaving home after high school for life among the granite in Yosemite National Park. "At 12, I fell in love with Yosemite the way other girls in the 1970s fell in love with Bobby Sherman or David Cassidy." At age 18, she moved to the park in search of meaning, and found something altogether different.

The book also features essays from Sequoia-Kings Canyon, Yellowstone, Denali, and Grand Canyon National Park among others.

Copies of "Permanent Vacation" will be available at the Carson City Costco, located on 700 Old Clear Creek Road. "Permanent Vacation" is also available at online.

A website allows park workers and visitors to share their stories and learn more about the contributors and their current adventures.

Bona Fide Books is seeking essays about national parks east of the Mississippi for a second volume of "Permanent Vacation." Submissions are open through Jan. 1. Go online for more information.