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**“IMAGINATION:  
THE HIDDEN DOOR TO HIGHER PERFORMANCE”**

Imagination is not limited to the Picassos of this world. In fact, creativity and imaginative thinking are part and parcel of effective leadership and good business sense. Award-winning writer, speaker, facilitator Christine Hemp will tell us how to cultivate our imaginative selves, and how creativity can transform not only our own thinking, but also the people around us and the work that we do.

**CHRISTINE HEMP** has worked with Los Alamos Laboratory scientists, Harvard and University of Washington students, National Park Rangers, corporate lawyers, and Native American tribes, as well as diverse commands at the U.S. Navy. She has been a recent featured speaker at the US Navy Leadership Conference. She also appears on National Public Radio's Morning Edition and has broken new ground in England and the U.S. by uniting youth offenders and police officers, using writing as a tool for crime prevention. In 2003 she received a Washington State Artist Trust Fellowship for Literature for her upcoming book, *The Angels Swam Fast and Glorious*. A published poet, travel writer, and performer, she offers an unusual and refreshing perspective to both business and government training. Her creative approach, grounded in hands-on experience, have prompted recent U.S. Navy participants to say, “A non-stop, spell-binding presentation,” and “This is the best training I've experienced at the Navy.”

