Associate Professor Josi Russell was the featured speaker at Helicon West’s August event at the Thatcher-Young Mansion in Logan. Josi read from two of her novels, the science fiction tale *Shadows of Empyriad* which is the first entry of *The Empyriad Series*, and *Hen Pecked*, book four of her *Aloha Chicken Mysteries*. *Shadows of Empyriad* is a science fiction novel about aliens from a dying planet who seek refuge in “Yellowstone Global Park” amidst ongoing human land wars. *Hen Pecked* concerns the ongoing adventures of Saffron Skye (eleven books and counting), the owner of an egg farm in Hawaii. Her reading was followed by a discussion of what led her to the creative life as a writer across multiple genres.