

**BAY AREA POETS COALITION**  
**1974 ~~~ 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ~~~ 2019**  
[www.bayareapoetscoalition.org](http://www.bayareapoetscoalition.org)

Presents an OPEN POETRY READING

SATURDAY April 6, 2019 3:00 - 5:00 PM  
And every 1st Saturday of the month (typically)

At STRAWBERRY CREEK LODGE  
1320 Addison St., Berkeley (Addison is one block south of and parallel to University Ave.)  
between Acton & Bonar St. (Park on the street, NOT in the S.C.L. parking lot)

Open Reading held in the 4TH FLOOR MOVIE ROOM.

ALL AGES WELCOME to come and enjoy a friendly and informal read-around --  
3-5 minutes per poet/reader, or "just listening" is fine too :-)

After the reading, join us for dinner if you'd like at BANGKOK THAI CUISINE, 1459 University Ave. (just a couple blocks walk from the Lodge): <http://www.bangkokthaicuisine.com/>

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BAPC Members: Feel free to email ideas/suggestions/comments/questions, etc. to be included in the Board meeting agenda.

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NOTE re: BAPC MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL – Requesting that all BAPC members pay annual dues in the early fall. September 1st is the beginning of our fiscal year. Many of you have been paying your dues when you submit your contest entries (9/1-11/15) – please continue to do so, and thank you. Those of you who are not participating in the contest, we request that you send in your dues during the fall months if you are able. Basic annual dues remain at \$15. Donations of any amount are always appreciated. Grateful thanks for your support!!

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NATIONAL POETRY MONTH WRITING PROMPTS 2019 presented by ROB LIPTON, RICHMOND POET LAUREATE: "I will be posting poetry prompts, similar to last year, every other day in April. We will be using a mix of old and new prompts." If you're interested, please email [roblipton@gmail.com](mailto:roblipton@gmail.com) to be added to the list. If you think others might want to participate, please share. "Also, we might, if people are interested, be able to have a Google group where people discuss poems."

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APRIL POEM-A-DAY CHALLENGE presented by JAN HUTCHINSON: To sign up, send email to: [janhutch@simons-rock.edu](mailto:janhutch@simons-rock.edu) Jan says: "If you have not received these prompts before, you will see that each prompt comes with a collection of poems relevant to the topic. The intention is that these poems jumpstart our poetic thoughts around the topic. They're helpful if you have a busy life and only a limited time to write. If you are off and writing at the bare mention of the topic, feel free to ignore the poems. I know that there are some people who don't write their own poems, but just like reading the poems that come with the prompts. There are no rules."

Jan does not have email access on the weekends, so she will be sending the Monday, April 1st prompt on Friday, March 29. During the rest of April, she will be sending the Saturday, Sunday, and Monday prompts late each Friday.

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POETRYSUPERHIGHWAY.COM presents 6th Annual POETRY WRITING PROMPT-A-DAY in April:  
<http://poetrysuperhighway.com/psh/poetry-writing-prompt-day-submit/>

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The 2019 DANCING POETRY FESTIVAL CONTEST (26th Annual) is open for entries until April 15.  
Please see website at <http://www.dancingpoetry.com/dpfpoetrycontestrules.html> for contest details.

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Every Monday, 7:00-9:00 PM: POETRY EXPRESS at HIMALAYAN FLAVORS RESTAURANT, 1585 University Ave. (at California St.), Berkeley. April Features: 4/1: POETRY EXPRESSED MAGAZINE rollout readings; 4/8: REGINALD EDMONDS; 4/15: DIANE LEE MOOMEY; 4/22: JUDY WELLS; 4/29: MAVERICK NIGHT: OTHER PEOPLE'S POEMS ~ Guess who wrote it? Bring 2 of your poems without your identity on the pages. Hosts: BRUCE BAGNELL, JIM BARNARD, GARY TURCHIN. email: [poetryexpress@gmail.com](mailto:poetryexpress@gmail.com) / <http://poetryexpressberkeley.blogspot.com/>

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Monday, April 1: Open Mic sign-up 5:45 PM, Reading begins at 6:15 PM: RIVERTOWN POETS meets monthly at the AQUUS CAFE, 189 H St., Petaluma. 4/1 Features: JANET BAER & SANDE ANFANG -- followed by OPEN MIC. Open mic readers have up to three minutes to read or recite. Hosted by: SANDRA ANFANG. email: [wrdpntr51@gmail.com](mailto:wrdpntr51@gmail.com) / <https://www.facebook.com/RivertownPoetsAMuseingMondays>

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Wednesday, April 3, 7:00-9:00 PM: ALAMEDA ISLAND POETS (every 1st Wednesday of the month) at FRANK BETTE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 1601 Paru St., Alameda. 4/3 Features: CHETANA KAREL-MICHAAN as Emily Dickinson from her one-woman show, "Old Fashioned, Naughty, Everything—A Glimpse of Emily Dickinson." Special guest feature is CLIVE MATSON announcing FREE upcoming AIPoets Workshop on April 11 on political poetry and activism. A break with light refreshments follows the features, then an OPEN MIC. All are welcome. Hosted by NANETTE DEETZ. For more info, contact: CATHY DANA (AIP Pres.) [cathydana@gmail.com](mailto:cathydana@gmail.com) / NANETTE DEETZ (AIP Vice-Pres.) [nanettedeetz@comcast.net](mailto:nanettedeetz@comcast.net) / Website: <http://www.alamedaislandpoets.org/> / <https://www.frankbettecenter.org/alameda-island-poets.html>

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Wednesday, April 3, 7:00-9:00 PM: PANDEMONIUM PRESS presents APRIL IN PARIS: SPRINGTIME IN BLOSSOM featuring LUCILLE LANG DAY, JAMES CAGNEY, GEORGE KOROLOG, SARA McCAULAY. At the OCTOPUS LITERARY SALON, 2101 Webster St., Oakland (x st. 22nd). OPEN MIC sign-up at [pandemoniumpress@gmail.com](mailto:pandemoniumpress@gmail.com). Admission is free, although donations are happily accepted. Hosted by LEILA RAE. <https://www.facebook.com/events/358489394759883/>

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Every Wednesday, 7:00 PM sign-up: OPEN MIC & FEATURE POETS at SACRED GROUNDS CAFE, 2095 Hayes at Cole, San Francisco: (415) 387-3859. Hosted by: DAN BRADY email: [creative1@creativeideasforyou.com](mailto:creative1@creativeideasforyou.com) / <https://www.facebook.com/groups/203539673028715/>  
You can also view in for the live streaming: <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/sacred-Grounds-café>  
Also, Dan has an ongoing invitation for GUEST CO-HOSTS who'll assist as they wish or can. Contact him if interested. April Features: 4/3: SHIZUE SEIGEL; 4/10: KIM SHUCK; 4/17: KIMI SUGIOKA & THOMAS ROBERT SIMPSON; 4/24: GAIL MITCHELL & TONY ROBLES

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Friday, April 5 & 19, 2:00-4:00 PM: BENICIA WRITERS' SALON meets the first and third Fridays in the EDNA CLYNE ROOM at the BENICIA PUBLIC LIBRARY, 150 East L St., Benicia. Bring an original poem, short story or a piece from a longer work to share. Ask for feedback if you would like it, and if you like bring about 10 copies so folks can read along. Bring paper and pen to participate in the flash writing to

prompts. Remember, there is no cross-talk while people are reading and during the flash writing.  
<https://benicialibrary.org/events/writers-salon-5>

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Friday, April 5, 6:30-8:00 PM: FIRST FRIDAY WRITING WORKSHOPS with Albany Poet Laureate REBECCA BLACK and El Cerrito Poet Laureate DANI GABRIEL. 4/5: PROJECTS AND PROMPTS, plus SHORT FICTION with DANI. Last month the format was short. This month we're expanding to incorporate all your dreams and ideas. Are you working on an ongoing project? Want to start a new one? We will talk about writing practices, dig into the work of regular writing, and read and respond to a work of short fiction. This program is presented by CALLIOPE: EAST BAY MUSIC & ARTS, housed in the Parish Hall at ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. More info: <https://calliope-ebma.org/poetry-and-prose/> / email: [calliopeebma@gmail.com](mailto:calliopeebma@gmail.com)

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Saturday, April 6, 7:00-9:30 PM: POETRY at LA PROMENADE CAFE, 3643 Balboa St. at 38<sup>th</sup> Ave., San Francisco (Richmond district, across from The Balboa Theater). 4/6 Featured Poet: TOM STEGNER followed by an OPEN MIC. For further info, contact STEPHANIE MANNING: (510) 295-8498. Website: <http://www.lapromenadecafe.com/events.html>

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Saturday, April 6, 7:00-9:00 PM: CLIVE MATSON reads from "Paradise Hello, Paradise Goodbye" and also featuring HENRI MADDOCKS & NINA SACCO at FRANK BETTE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 1601 Paru St., Alameda. The features will be followed by an OPEN MIC. Hosted by JEANNE LUPTON. Donations welcome. For more info, email: [jeany98@aol.com](mailto:jeany98@aol.com) / website: <http://www.frankbettecenter.org/poetry-at-the-bette.html>

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Saturday, April 6, 8:00-10:00 PM (Open Mic sign-up starts at 7:30): UGLY BEAUTY POETRY & PERFORMANCE ART OPEN MIC, 2560 9th St., Berkeley. \$5 Admission. 4/6 Features: TONY ALDARONDO. Hosted by GAMAL ABDEL (917) 554-4020 / [uglybeautyopenmic@gmail.com](mailto:uglybeautyopenmic@gmail.com) / <https://www.facebook.com/events/430973730974158/>

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Sunday, April 7, 4:00-6:00 PM: FLORENCE MILLER, age 96, releases second poetry collection. RAVEN & WREN PRESS is proud to announce the release of Miller's second full-length collection of poetry, *After Rain a Little Girl Straightening Worms*. To celebrate, the press is hosting a BOOK LAUNCH at MISSION COFFEE ROASTING COMPANY, 151 Washington Blvd, Fremont. Books will be available for purchase and signing at the event.

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Sunday, April 7, 5:00-7:00 PM: POETRY INSIDE OUT (First Sunday Poetry Series) at BOOKSHOP BENICIA, 636 First St., Benicia. Hosted by JOHANNA ELY. 4/7 Featured Poet: SUSAN COHEN. An OPEN MIC follows and begins about 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! [poetrylover1953@gmail.com](mailto:poetrylover1953@gmail.com)

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Tuesday, April 9, 6:30-9:00 PM: COASTSIDE POETRY READING at CAFE SOCIETY, 522 Main St., HALF MOON BAY. Doors open at 6:30 PM and beverages and light fare will be available. 4/9 Features: LAURA ELIZABETH DAVIS & CLIFFORD HUNT. After a short break, a poetry OPEN MIC will begin around 8:00 PM with 10 poets who have 5 minutes each to speak their work – no music, please. A signup sheet will be available at the coffee bar. This 2nd Tuesday series is co-hosted by DIANE MOOMEY & STEVE LONG. For more info or to be added to the email list, contact: [dianeleemoomey@coastsidepoetry.org](mailto:dianeleemoomey@coastsidepoetry.org) or [stevelong@coastsidepoetry.org](mailto:stevelong@coastsidepoetry.org) / website: <http://www.coastsidepoetry.org/>

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Wednesday, April 10, 7:00 PM: NOT YET DEAD POETS SOCIETY, meeting every 2nd Wednesday of the month, invites you to an unforgettable evening of poetry at THE MAIN GALLERY, 1018 Main St., Redwood City, near the NW corner of Middlefield & Main. 4/10 Features: TBA with OPEN MIC to follow. A donation to The Gallery would be appreciated. For more info, contact PATRICK DALY: [dalymuse@sonic.net](mailto:dalymuse@sonic.net)

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Thursday, April 11, 6:30-7:50 PM: POETRY PROGRAM on 2nd Thursdays at the CLAREMONT BRANCH of the BERKELEY PUBLIC LIBRARY, 2940 Benvenue Ave., Berkeley. (510) 981-6280. Bring in a favorite poem to share and if you write poetry, bring one of your own too. This free program is sponsored by the Friends of the Berkeley Public Library. <https://www.berkeleypubliclibrary.org/events/poetry-circle-claremont-1>

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Thursday, April 11, 7:00-9:00 PM: The ALAMEDA ISLAND POETS FREE "POETRY WRITING WORKSHOP" at the FRANK BETTE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 1601 Paru St. (at Lincoln), on the second Thursday each month. (Please enter through the side door on Lincoln.). CLIVE MATSON will be leading the workshop this month, plus May and June as well. Free-write periods (of 10-20 minutes with themes and/or prompts) end with participants sharing their work with minimal feedback; or with specific feedback they request. Light refreshments. Workshop coordinators are MARILYN FLOWER & MARY LOUGHRAN. Any member may present an evening. Sign up to lead at some future date. Contact info at (510) 522-0511 / <https://www.frankbettecenter.org/alameda-island-poets-workshop.html>

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Friday, April 12, 6:00-10:00 PM: POETRY SALOON (meeting since 1994 on the second Friday of the month ~ 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!). Casual potluck at 6:00 PM and reading at 7:30. Come celebrate the world of poetry and literature. Bring a couple of poems of yours and/or of some other poet to read, or a couple pages of prose, or come just to enjoy. Hosted by CLIVE MATSON at his home, 472 44th St., Temescal District, Oakland, a half block east of Telegraph. Phone (510) 508-5149 or email [clive@matsonpoet.com](mailto:clive@matsonpoet.com) with any questions.

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Friday, April 12, 7:00-9:00 PM: MORT COHN & CHEJA will feature as part of the LAST WORD READING SERIES. Due to closure of the series' long-time venue Nefeli Cafe, the reading is being held at the home of JOHN ROWE in El Cerrito (near Kensington's Colusa Circle). Space is limited, so please RSVP to 510-527-9905 or [rowepoet@yahoo.com](mailto:rowepoet@yahoo.com) (and we will provide the address). There will be a light potluck, and OPEN READING follows the features as usual. Reading series phone is 510-525-1859. DALE JENSEN, RALPH DRANOW, JOHN ROWE, GRACE GRAFTON are co-hosts. <https://www.facebook.com/events/2309790889084323/>

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Friday, April 12, 7:00-9:30 PM: MY WORD OPEN MIC at CAFE LEILA, 1724 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 4/12 Features: BECKY BISHOP WHITE & NATRIECE SPICER. Open Mic follows features. Hosted by: ELAINE C. BROWN (aka POET E SPOKEN) & KELLIANE PARKER. <https://www.facebook.com/events/437440043659110/> / email: [poet.espoken@yahoo.com](mailto:poet.espoken@yahoo.com) /

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Saturday, April 13, 6:30 PM potluck, 7:30-10:15 PM show. ELAINE C. BROWN (aka POET E SPOKEN) & KELLIANE PARKER feature at WORKS IN PROGRESS WOMEN'S OPEN MIC, a WOMEN-ONLY event. OPEN MIC for poetry, prose, music and more. PLYMOUTH JAZZ AND JUSTICE CHURCH, 424 Monte Vista, Oakland. \$7-10 admission buys raffle ticket for 1 of 8 copies of JULIA VINOGRAD's book DETOURS. Produced by LINDA ZEISER & CAROLYN STULL ZEISER. To reserve open mic slot, contact Linda at (510) 701-1022, [ZeiserpoetMC@aol.com](mailto:ZeiserpoetMC@aol.com), well in advance. <https://www.facebook.com/events/382432039276506/>

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Saturday, April 13, 7:00-9:00 PM: POETRY, PROSE & MORE Series (2nd Saturdays) at FRANK BETTE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 1601 Paru St., Alameda. 4/13 Features: SHARON COLEMAN & ROSA LANE followed by OPEN MIC. Hosted by JEANNE LUPTON. Donations welcome. For more info, email: [jeany98@aol.com](mailto:jeany98@aol.com) / website: <http://www.frankbettecenter.org/poetry-at-the-bette.html>

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Sunday, April 14, 3:30-5:00 PM: BRITT-MARIE'S 2ND SUNDAY POETRY SERIES with (3) featured poets: RON CAMPBELL, GRACE GRAFTON, KATHRYN JORDAN. Series curated by BARB REYNOLDS. 1369 Solano Ave., Albany. Reserve dinner afterwards: (510) 527-1314 / <http://brittmariesolano.com/poetry/> [barbreynoldswrap5@gmail.com](mailto:barbreynoldswrap5@gmail.com)

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Friday, April 19, 7:00-9:00 PM: POETRY READINGS every 3rd Friday of the month at EXPRESSIONS GALLERY, 2035 Ashby Ave., Berkeley (1/4 block from Ashby BART). 4/19 Features: TBA, followed by an OPEN MIC. <http://www.expressionsgallery.org>

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Monday, April 22, Doors open 7 PM; show begins at 7:30 PM: BAY AREA GENERATIONS presents an inter-generational literary series featuring readers of different generations performing their work in tandem. Bay Area Generations accepts submissions at any time for possible inclusion in the next month's show. For the upcoming show, all submissions received no later than April 1st will be considered for Edition #68 on 4/22 at the JOYCE GORDON GALLERY in Oakland. Guest Curator: TBA. Submissions received after 4/1, will be considered for the May 27, 2019 show in San Francisco. Please note that returning performers are welcome. Submit as often as you like: <https://bayareagenerations.com/how-to-submit/guidelines/>

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Tuesday, April 23, 6:00-8:00 PM: NATIONAL POETRY MONTH READING at the MONTCLAIR BRANCH of the OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, 1687 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. Featured poets: SHERYL J. BIZE BOUTTE, GRACE MARIE GRAFTON, CRISTINA DEPTULA, LETICIA GARCIA BRADFORD, JOHN ROWE, GARY TURCHIN, TOBEY KAPLAN. A short open mic period will follow the features. <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/montclair-branch/national-poetry-month-0>

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Friday, April 26, 7:00-9:00 PM: NEW poetry reading series FOURTH FRIDAY FORMAL at ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. 4/26 Features: REBECCA FOUST & NICHOLAS FRIEDMAN. A limited open reading, and a short interview with the featured readers will be included. This is a free event. Hosted by: DAVID ROSENTHAL. <https://fourthfridayformal.wordpress.com/>

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Saturday, April 27, 2:00 PM: THE INA COOLBRITH CIRCLE (meets monthly, Saturdays, September through May) at Lafayette / Orinda Presbyterian Church (upstairs room 201), 49 Knox Dr., Lafayette. 4/27 features SAN FRANCISCO PEACE & HOPE with introduction by Founding Director & Editor ELIZABETH HACK, and readings by KIT KENNEDY, JOHN ROWE, JUDY WELLS -- followed by the 93<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL POETS' DINNER CONTEST PRIZE WINNERS reading their winning poems, then refreshments and social. [www.coolpoetry.org](http://www.coolpoetry.org)

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Saturday, April 27, 3:00-5:00 PM: Join us on the 4th Saturday of the month for LA PALABRA MUSICAL / THE MUSIC OF THE WORD (still in English, Spanish, Spanglish y Lo Que Sea) and always the Word Party to remember! No Cover. Hosted by AVOTCJA (Donations accepted & don't forget to bring your

Congas, Guiros, Maracas, Panderetas etc.) 4/27 Features: MAURISA THOMPSON, DEE ALLEN, GENNY LIM, JOSIAH LUIS ALDERETE. At CESAR E. CHAVEZ BRANCH, Suite 271, OAKLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY, 3301 East 12th St. @ 33rd Ave. (1/2 block North of Fruitvale BART & 1 block South of International) (510) 535-5620. <http://oaklandlibrary.org/events/cesar-e-chavez-branch/music-word-la-palabra-musical> or <http://www.avotcja.org/upcoming-events.html>

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Saturday, April 27, 3:00-8:00 PM: For VAPPU, "SPRING" ~ Finnish celebration with music, poetry, silent auction, and meal served. In the Auditorium of the BERKELEY FINNISH HALL, 1970 Chestnut St., Berkeley. Music by RENT ROMUS & FRIENDS. The poets will be sprinkled on the hours like salt on a biscuit. Among those poets who will present: BILL VARTNAW, SIGNE MATTSON, CARL MACKI & 2. (510) 845-5352

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LINKS TO BAY AREA CALENDARS OF POETRY/LITERARY EVENTS:

<http://litseen.com/bay-area-literary-calendar/>

[www.sfheart.com/ArtPoetryEvents.html](http://www.sfheart.com/ArtPoetryEvents.html)

[www.creativeideasforyou.com/Poetry\\_Open\\_Mics.html](http://www.creativeideasforyou.com/Poetry_Open_Mics.html) (San Francisco's Poetry Tourist Guide)

[www.creativeideasforyou.com/Poet's-Guide-to-BAOM.htm](http://www.creativeideasforyou.com/Poet's-Guide-to-BAOM.htm) (Poet's Guide to Bay Area Open Mics): it will be up for a few months (someone may want to take on maintaining it – if interested, contact DAN BRADY [creative1@creativeideasforyou.com](mailto:creative1@creativeideasforyou.com))

[www.avotcja.org/ongoing-poetry-readings.html](http://www.avotcja.org/ongoing-poetry-readings.html)

[www.strictlyeast.org/](http://www.strictlyeast.org/)

[www.poetryflash.org/calendar/](http://www.poetryflash.org/calendar/)

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CALIFORNIA POETS:

Website <http://californiapoets.net> (launched January 2015 by JANNIE DRESSER). Contact & Guidelines for Submissions: [http://californiapoets.net/contact\\_guidelines\\_for\\_submission](http://californiapoets.net/contact_guidelines_for_submission)

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1533215933614758/>

Jannie also offers Bay Area salons/classes/workshops.

For more info, email: [janniedres@att.net](mailto:janniedres@att.net)

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SAN FRANCISCO PEACE AND HOPE is an online publication, along with an award-winning inaugural book in 2015 and new book in 2018, that promotes peace through poetry, writing and visual art. <http://www.sfpeaceandhope.com/>

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NEW BOOKS by BAPC MEMBERS



SANDRA ANFANG's new full-length poetry collection, *Xylem Highway*, has just been released in March from Main Street Rag Publishing Company. Here's a direct link to Sandra's author's page with two reviews of the book plus sample poems: [www.mainstreetragbookstore.com/product/xylem-highway-sandra-anfang/](http://www.mainstreetragbookstore.com/product/xylem-highway-sandra-anfang/) The MSR Online Bookstore can be reached at: <http://mainstreetragbookstore.com/> or contact Sandra directly: [wrdpntr51@gmail.com](mailto:wrdpntr51@gmail.com)

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For a signed copy of JAN STECKEL's new poetry book *Like Flesh Covers Bone* (Zeitgeist Press), send Jan a check for \$17 to PO Box 18797, Oakland, CA 94619 or PayPal it to her: [jmsteckel@aol.com](mailto:jmsteckel@aol.com). Make sure you include who you want the book(s) signed to and the address to which to send them.

[https://www.facebook.com/Like-Flesh-Covers-Bone-217622382476486/?ref=py\\_c](https://www.facebook.com/Like-Flesh-Covers-Bone-217622382476486/?ref=py_c) (Also, the book is available for order from <http://www.zeitgeist-press.com/> or Amazon.com)

[ BAPC Members, email info re: your NEW BOOKS to [bapc.poetalk@gmail.com](mailto:bapc.poetalk@gmail.com) ]

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