

BAY AREA POETS COALITION (est. 1974)

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Presents an OPEN POETRY READING

SATURDAY December 1, 2018 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/>

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

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!!

THANKS to all who entered BAPC's 39th ANNUAL CONTEST!

Entries are soon on their way to the judges ... We look forward to the results and notifying the winners in early January. Contest celebration to be held Saturday, February 2, 2019.

<https://sites.google.com/site/bayareapoetscoalition/Home/annual-contest>

93rd ANNUAL POETS' DINNER/CONTEST – Contest Deadline: Wednesday, January 30, 2019

No entry fee -- Open to All Ages -- Presence Required to Claim Awards

Theme: AWE / Guest Speaker: ROBERT MCNALLY

Luncheon: Saturday, March 30, 2019 -- Zio Fraedo's Restaurant, Pleasant Hill, CA

<https://sites.google.com/site/poetsdinner/>

Saturday, December 1, 7:00-9:30 PM: POETRY at LA PROMENADE CAFE, 3643 Balboa St. at 38th Ave., San Francisco (Richmond district, across from The Balboa Theater). 12/1 Featured Poet: RAINA HUNTER followed by an OPEN MIC. For further info, contact STEPHANIE MANNING: (510) 295-8498. Website: <http://www.lapromenadecafe.com/events.html>

Sunday, December 2, 5:00-7:00 PM: POETRY INSIDE OUT (First Sunday Poetry Series) at BOOKSHOP BENICIA, 636 First St., Benicia. Hosted by JOHANNA ELY. 12/2 Featured Poet: CAMILLE MILLER. An OPEN MIC follows and begins about 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! poetrylover1953@gmail.com

Every Monday, 7:00-9:00 PM: POETRY EXPRESS at HIMALAYAN FLAVORS RESTAURANT, 1585 University Ave. (at California St.), Berkeley. December Features: 12/3: BARBARA SAUNDERS; 12/10: CHRIS CHANDLER; 12/17: BARBARA WEST & GRACE LOESCHER; 12/24 & 12/31: NO P.E. ~ HAPPY HOLIDAYS! Hosts: BRUCE BAGNELL, JIM BARNARD, JAN DEDERICK, and GARY TURCHIN. email: poetryexpress@gmail.com / <http://poetryexpressberkeley.blogspot.com/>

Monday, December 3: 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. 12/3 Features: Sonoma County Poet Laureate Emerita IRIS DUNKLE and Petaluma poet DONNA EMERSON -- followed by OPEN MIC. Open mic readers have up to three minutes to read or recite. Hosted by: SANDRA ANFANG. email: wrdpnr51@gmail.com / <https://www.facebook.com/RivertownPoetsAMuseingMondays>

Wednesday, December 5: ELDER VOICES (young ones too!) PERFORMANCE & OPEN MIC SERIES (happening every 1st Wednesday of the month -- Performance times: 1:00-3:00, Refreshments & Social Hour: 3:00-4:00) at NORTH BERKELEY SENIOR CENTER, Multi-purpose Room, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. 12/5 Features BRITT PETER -- preceded & followed by OPEN MIC in your own style and form: Poetry, Song, Dance, Storytelling, Music, You Name It ...! Program may be filmed/archived. For more info, contact SYLVIE CARBERRY (510) 280-5258 / swavesrf@gmail.com

Wednesday, December 5, 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. 12/5 features: newly-appointed Benicia Poet Laureate TOM STANTON, Benicia poet MARY SUSAN GAST, and Alameda's favorite riddle poet EMMANUEL WILLIAMS. 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 / NANETTE DEETZ (AIP Vice-Pres.) nanettedetz@comcast.net / Website: <http://www.alamedaislandpoets.org/> / <https://www.frankbettecenter.org/alameda-island-poets.html>

Wednesday, December 5, 7:00 PM: PANDEMONIUM PRESS presents NOIR: NIGHTHAWKS featuring JON SINDELL, SARA MCAULAY, ROBERT PESICH, SUSAN COHEN. Guitar: BARRY EBNER. At THE OCTOPUS LITERARY SALON, 2101 Webster St., Oakland (x st. 22nd). OPEN MIC sign-up at pandemoniumpress@gmail.com. Admission is free, although donations are happily accepted. Curated/Hosted by LEILA RAE. <http://www.iceflow.com/>

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 / <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. December Features: 12/5: KITTY COSTELLO; 12/12: ALAN BERN: 12/19 & 12/26: No Readings -- WINTER BREAK.

Friday, December 7 & 21, 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-1>

Saturday, December 8, 11:00 AM - 5:00 PM: EAST BAY ALTERNATIVE BOOK & ZINE FEST 2018 at OMNI COMMONS, 4799 Shattuck Ave., Oakland. <https://www.facebook.com/events/686438448356430/>

Saturday, December 8, 6:30 PM potluck, 7:30 PM show. JAN STECKEL features 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, well in advance. <https://www.facebook.com/events/186492252254690/>

Saturday, December 8, 7:00-9:00 PM: POETRY, PROSE & MORE Series (2nd Saturdays) at FRANK BETTE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 1601 Paru St., Alameda. 12/8 Features: CLIVE MATSON & CLAIRE CASTELL followed by OPEN MIC. Hosted by JEANNE LUPTON. Donations welcome. For more info, email: jeany98@aol.com / website: <http://www.frankbettecenter.org/poetry-at-the-bette.html>

Sunday, December 9, 3:30-5:00 PM: BRITT-MARIE'S 2ND SUNDAY POETRY SERIES with (3) featured poets: ANDRENA ZAWINSKI, MARY MACKEY, LUCILLE LANG DAY. Series curated by BARB REYNOLDS. 1369 Solano Ave., Albany. Reserve dinner afterwards: (510) 527-1314 / <http://brittmariesolano.com/second-sunday-poetry-series/> barbreyoldswrap5@gmail.com

Tuesday, December 11, 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. 12/11: ALL OPEN MIC. Bring seasonal poems if you like! The first round begins at 7:00 PM. After a short break, we'll go around again. Each poet will have 5 minutes during each time to speak their work – no music, please. Sign-up sheet will be 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 or stevelong@coastsidepoetry.org / website: <http://www.coastsidepoetry.org/>

Wednesday, December 12, 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. 12/12 Program/Feature(s): TBA with OPEN MIC to follow. A donation to The Gallery would be appreciated. For more info, contact PATRICK DALY: dalymuse@sonic.net

Thursday, December 13, 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-2>

Thursday, December 13, 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.) 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>

Friday, December 14, 7:00-9:00 PM: KIT KENNEDY & JUDY WELLS will read their poetry at NEFELI CAFE, 1854 Euclid Ave., a little north of Hearst, in Berkeley, as part of the LAST WORD READING SERIES (happening every 2nd Friday of the month at Nefeli since March 2007!). Cafe phone is (510) 841-6374. There is also an open reading. Admission is free, but a one-drink or one-plate minimum is suggested. DALE JENSEN, RALPH DRANOW, JOHN ROWE, GRACE GRAFTON are co-hosts. For more info, email: djensenpoet@att.net or rowepoet@yahoo.com /

Friday, December 14, 7:00-9:30 PM: MY WORD OPEN MIC at CAFE LEILA, 1724 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 12/14 Features: Benicia Poet Laureate TOM STANTON. Open Mic follows features. Hosted by: ELAINE C. BROWN (aka POET E SPOKEN) & KELLIANE PARKER. <https://www.facebook.com/My-Word-Open-Mic-142276163092434/> email: poet.espoken@yahoo.com / <https://www.facebook.com/events/365837153991419/>

Monday, December 17, 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 December 1st will be considered for Edition #64 on 12/17 at the JOYCE GORDON GALLERY in Oakland. Guest Curator: TBA. Submissions received after 12/1, will be considered for the January 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/>

Friday, December 21, 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). 12/21 Features: TBA, followed by an OPEN MIC. <http://www.expressionsgallery.org>

Saturday, December 22, 2:00-4:00 PM: GEARBOX POETRY. OPEN MIC sign-up starts at 1:30. 12/22 Features; JUDITH OFFER. At GEARBOX GALLERY, 770 W Grand Ave., Oakland. Host: DAVID ZELTZER dzeltzer@acm.org / David says: "I'm very sorry to say that the artists who manage Gearbox Gallery have decided to no longer host poetry readings at the gallery, so this December's reading will be our last."

Saturday, December 22, 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.) 12/22 STORYTELLING FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN

with Features: SUSANA PRAVER-PEREZ (Poeta), RAS MO (Poet/Musician/Storyteller), JEANNE LUPTON (Poet/Storyteller), MANNY MARTINEZ (Sonero/Poeta). 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>

LINKS TO BAY AREA CALENDARS OF POETRY/LITERARY EVENTS:

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

www.sfheart.com/ArtPoetryEvents.html

www.creativeideasforyou.com/Poetry_Open_Mics.html (San Francisco's Poetry Tourist Guide)

www.avotcja.org/ongoing-poetry-readings.html

www.strictlyeast.org/

www.poetryflash.org/calendar/

CALIFORNIA POETS website <http://californiapoets.net> (launched January 2015 by JANNIE DRESSER). Contact & Guidelines for Submissions: http://californiapoets.net/contact_guidelines_for_submission

Jannie also offers Bay Area salons/classes/workshops.

For more info, email: janniedres@att.net

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/>

THE GLOBAL OPEN MIC (**new**)

A page designed to list the weekly, live-streaming, open mic poetry venues around the world that will allow access to live streaming poetry any time one wants to hear it.

Here is the link: http://www.creativeideasforyou.com/The_Global_Open_Mic.htm

Conceived / created by DAN BRADY. Dan says of this work-in-progress: "I do need help in finding sources of streaming poetry in order to fill in the table of listings on the page. I have found some success with web searches, placing the term "Live Streaming poetry" and adding a city's name. The process is slow however and so I am hoping many hands will make light work.

There may be other approaches as well. I could contact poetry organizations, foundations, or others to have them pass the word along. For now, I am starting with poets as I believe we could create this resource and make it a homemade networking facility.

I look forward to hearing from folks with leads to venues, further ideas, concerns or suggestions."

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

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