

**BAY AREA POETS COALITION** (est. 1974)

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

Presents BAPC's MAGGI H. MEYER MEMORIAL CONTEST 38 WINNERS CELEBRATION followed by an OPEN POETRY READING

SATURDAY February 3, 2018 3:00 - 5:00 PM

And every first Saturday of the month (typically)

(Plan to arrive a bit early on 2/3 – we would like to start promptly at 3:00)

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)

Contest Celebration and Open Reading held in the DINING HALL.

CONGRATULATIONS to CONTEST 38 WINNERS:

CLYDE ALWAYS, SANDRA ANFANG, AL AVERBACH, BRUCE BAGNELL, JANET BUTLER, ANITA ODENA CRUZ, ROMEO ALCALA CRUZ, DONALD A. HAGELBERG, ELLARAINÉ LOCKIE, EILEEN MALONE, KATHLEEN MCCLUNG, BARBARA SAUNDERS, ALLEGRA JOSTAD SILBERSTEIN, LISA SMALL, MARK STATES, JEANINE STEVENS, NEAL WHITMAN

Thanks to the Judges: ERICA GOSS, DON KINGFISHER CAMPBELL, STANLEY GALLOWAY

Detailed winners list is posted on the BAPC website, and the winning poems will be posted on the website February thru April 2018: <https://sites.google.com/site/bayareapoetscoalition/Home/annual-contest>

3:00-4:00 -- All contest winning poems will be read. Winners present will be invited to read their poems. Awards will be presented at the event (or mailed after).

4:00-5:00 -- Informal open reading (one poem/page limit per poet, please, this month).

ALL AGES WELCOME to come and enjoy poetry! As always, "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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~~~ *In Memoriam* ~~~

JOHN OLIVER SIMON (1942-2018), age 75

<http://www.berkeleyside.com/2018/01/18/remembering-john-oliver-simon-distinguished-poet-teacher-translator/>

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WOMEN'S NATIONAL BOOK ASSOCIATION ~ WRITING CONTEST

Open for submissions until March 1, 2018

<http://www.wnba-books.org/contest>

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The 2018 DANCING POETRY FESTIVAL CONTEST (25th Annual) is now open for entries.

Please see website at <http://www.dancingpoetry.com/dpfpoetrycontestrules.html> for contest details.

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February PROMPT-A-DAY -- Free, starts 1/31/18. POETRY EXPRESS is standing in for JANNIE DRESSER to continue the tradition of supplying a prompt each day. To join Prompt-A-Day: Go to

<http://nicenet.org/> Create a free username and password. Log in. Using the left-hand menu, click Join.

Enter Class Key: **Y38Z320F48** Class Name: Feb2018PoemAday. For more info:

<http://poetryexpressberkeley.blogspot.com/p/prompt-day.html>

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Saturday, February 3, 7:00-9:30 PM: POETRY at LA PROMENADE CAFE, 3643 Balboa St. at 38th Ave., San Francisco (Richmond district, across from The Balboa Theatre). 2/3 Featured Poets: TBA, 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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Sunday, February 4, 2:00-4:00 PM: First Sunday Poetry Series at ROSANNA'S EUROPEAN DELIGHTS,

305 First St., Benicia. Hosted by JOHANNA ELY, Benicia Poet Laureate. 2/4 Featured Poet: MARC

ZEGANS. An OPEN MIC follows with 3 minutes per poet. Everyone is welcome! [jelyabc13@yahoo.com](mailto:jelyabc13@yahoo.com)

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Sunday, February 4, 5:00-7:00 PM: POETRY OPEN MIC (every 1st Sunday of the Month) at KAWIKA'S OCEAN BEACH DELI, 734 La Playa St., San Francisco. (415) 221-2031 /

<http://www.oceanbeachdeli.com/events.php>

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Every Monday, 7:00-9:00 PM: POETRY EXPRESS at HIMALAYAN FLAVORS RESTAURANT, 1585 University Ave. (at California St.), Berkeley. February Features: 2/5: RALPH DRANOW; 2/12: ALAMEDA

STUDENTS; 2/19: ANDRENA ZAWINSKI; 2/26: TBA. Hosts: BRUCE BAGNELL, JIM BARNARD, JAN

DEDERICK, and GARY TURCHIN. email: [poetryexpress@gmail.com](mailto:poetryexpress@gmail.com) /

<http://poetryexpressberkeley.blogspot.com/>

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Monday, February 5: 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. 2/5 Features: BOB MCNALLY & GAYLE

ELEANOR -- followed by OPEN MIC. Open mic readers have up to three minutes to read or recite.

Hosted by: SANDRA ANFANG. email: [wrdpnr51@gmail.com](mailto:wrdpnr51@gmail.com) /

<https://www.facebook.com/RivertownPoetsAMuseingMondays>

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Wednesday, February 7, 1:00-4:00 PM: 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. 2/7 Features: SYLVIE CARBERRY, 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.

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Wednesday, February 7, 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. 2/7 Features local poets AMOS WHITE & WANDA SABIR in celebration of BLACK HISTORY MONTH. A break with light refreshments follows, 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/> / <http://www.frankbettecenter.org/alameda-island-poetry-reading.html>

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Wednesday, February 7, 8:00-9:00 PM: PANDEMONIUM PRESS presents WITH LOVE with these four featured writers: ROBERT PESICH, ROSE BLACK, CASSANDRA DALLETT, and RAFAEL JESÚS GONZÁLEZ. 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/1773632196020495/>

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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.

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Thursday, February 8, 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>

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Thursday, February 8, 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>

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Friday, February 9, 7:00-9:00 PM: JULIA VINOGRAD & RICHARD LORANGER will read 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). 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](mailto:djensenpoet@att.net) or [rowepoet@yahoo.com](mailto:rowepoet@yahoo.com)

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Saturday, February 10, 5:00-7:00 PM: *RANDOM ACTS* Open Mic at READERS' BOOKS, 130 E. Napa St., Sonoma, CA - Tel: (707) 939-1779 (Come a little early to Sign Up.)

Random Acts at Sonoma's Readers' Books on 2nd Saturdays was created in order to pay for the expense of creating an outdoor "reading patio" at the rear of the bookstore. This open microphone continues to slowly reduce the "Readers' Patio" bill month by month as well as adding a place at which local writers can voice four and a half minutes' worth of work to an enthused audience.

For the cost of five dollars, a writer or musician is able to listen to the best which her/his contemporaries can deliver as well as being able to deliver to that audience her/his own material.

Random Acts saves a bookstore, creates a lit-space, and warms an audience. For further info, contact: Catherine Sevenau: [RandomActs.Sonoma@gmail.com](mailto:RandomActs.Sonoma@gmail.com)

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Saturday, February 10, 7:00-9:00 PM: POETRY, PROSE & MORE Series (2nd Saturdays) at FRANK BETTE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 1601 Paru St., Alameda. 2/10 Features: JALYCE FAIRLEY & NICHELLE PETE, 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, February 11, 3:00-5:00 PM: VALONA DELI 2ND SUNDAY POETRY SERIES, 1323 Pomona St., Crockett, CA. 2/11 Features: DIANE FRANK & DAVE HOLT with OPEN MIC following after break. Hosted by CONNIE POST. Stay after the reading for live music with the TERRY HENRY JAZZ TRIO. Email for info: [connie@poetrypost.com](mailto:connie@poetrypost.com) / website: <http://poetrypost.com/sunday-feb-10-at-valona-deli/>

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Tuesday, February 13, 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. Featured readers start at 7 PM. 2/13 Features: TERRY ADAMS and the current Poet Laureate of San Mateo, LISA ROSENBERG. An OPEN MIC will follow with 10 readers (up to 5 minutes each, poetry only 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](mailto:dianeleemoomey@coastsidepoetry.org) or [stevelong@coastsidepoetry.org](mailto:stevelong@coastsidepoetry.org) / website: <http://www.coastsidepoetry.org/>

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Wednesday, February 14, 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. 2/14 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](mailto:dalymuse@sonic.net)

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Friday, February 16, 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). 2/16 Features: TBA followed by an OPEN MIC. <http://www.expressionsgallery.org>

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Saturday, February 17, 2:00-4:00 PM: GEARBOX POETRY. Open mic sign-up starts at 1:30. 2/17 Features: CLARA HSU. At GEARBOX GALLERY, 770 W Grand Ave., Oakland. Host: DAVID ZELTZER [dzeltzer@acm.org](mailto:dzeltzer@acm.org) / <https://www.facebook.com/events/163926354385479/>

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Saturday, February 24, 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. Featured reading/program followed by OPEN MIC for ICC members and guests, then refreshments and social. [www.coolpoetry.org](http://www.coolpoetry.org)

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Saturday, February 24, 3:00-5:00 PM: Join us this month on the 2nd Saturday (series is usually held 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.) 2/24 Features: AYODELE NZINGA aka THE WORD SLANGER (Poet/Playwright/Actress), MARIJO (Storyteller extraordinaire), J.D. DesBOINE (Poet/Storyteller), AKINYELE SADIQ (Musician/Poet), ROBERT WOODS (Poet/Educator), ABDUL KENYATTA (Storyteller/Spoken Word Artist). 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 [www.Avotcja.org](http://www.Avotcja.org)

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Saturday, February 24, 7:30-9:30 PM: The POETRY SERIES (last Saturday of the month, typically) at FLOREY'S BOOK COMPANY, 2120 Palmetto Ave., Pacifica. Program begins with Featured Poets: KAREN LLAGAS & FLORENCIA MILITO followed by a break with light refreshments, then OPEN MIC. Series coordinated and hosted by SHERRI ROSE-WALKER: [sherrirose-walker@hotmail.com](mailto:sherrirose-walker@hotmail.com)

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Monday, February 26, Doors open 7 PM; show begins at 7:30 PM: BAY AREA GENERATIONS presents an intergenerational 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 February 1st will be considered for Edition #54 on 1/26 at the BELLEVUE CLUB in Oakland. Submissions received after 2/1, will be considered for the March 2018 show in San Francisco. Please note that returning performers are welcome. Submit as often as you like: <https://bayareagenerations.com/how-to-submit/guidelines/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/events/149075262458950/>

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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)  
[http://www.creativeideasforyou.com/OPG\\_Cal\\_List.pdf](http://www.creativeideasforyou.com/OPG_Cal_List.pdf)  
<http://www.avotcja.org/ongoing-poetry-readings.html>  
[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)

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 upcoming new book in 2018, that promotes peace through poetry, writing and visual art.  
<http://www.sfpeaceandhope.com/>

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SOME INTERNET RADIO PROGRAMS FOR POETS AND WRITERS:  
<https://sites.google.com/site/bayareapoetscoalition/Home/internet-radio-poetry-programs>

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NEW BOOKS by BAPC MEMBERS

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*The Self-Evolution Spa* – a poetry collection by BRUCE BAGNELL (Sugartown Publishing) has recently been released: [http://sugartownpublishing.com/catalogue\\_ordering\\_with\\_paypal](http://sugartownpublishing.com/catalogue_ordering_with_paypal)

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*Road Worrier: Poems of the Inner and Outer Landscape* is SANDRA ANFANG's second poetry chapbook from Finishing Line Press. The book is due to be released in March 2018, and the pre-order period is underway: <https://www.finishinglinepress.com/product/road-worrier-poems-of-the-inner-and-outer-landscape-by-sandra-anfang/>

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*Free as a Bird in a Roomy Cage* – a perfect bound chapbook of poems by ELANA LEVY (wildblue chair press, 2017). For info on purchasing, contact: [wildbluechairpress@hotmail.com](mailto:wildbluechairpress@hotmail.com)

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*Brief Immensity* – WINNER of the Finishing Line Press 2016 Open Chapbook Competition – by JEANINE STEVENS. For more info and to purchase: <https://www.finishinglinepress.com/product/brief-immensity-winner-2016-open-contest-by-jeanine-stevens/>

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[ Members, email your book info to [poetalk@aol.com](mailto:poetalk@aol.com) ]

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