

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

Presents BAPC's MAGGI H. MEYER MEMORIAL CONTEST 39 WINNERS CELEBRATION  
followed by an OPEN POETRY READING

SATURDAY February 2, 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)

Contest Celebration and Open Reading held in the DINING HALL.

CONGRATULATIONS to CONTEST 39 WINNERS:

ELIZABETH ALFORD, LORI LYNNE ARMSTRONG, BRUCE BAGNELL, JANE BLANCHARD,  
CHARLES BYRNE, CHEJA, ANITA ODENA CRUZ, CECILE EARLE, CASEY FITZSIMONS, STEPHEN  
KOPEL, JEANNE LUPTON, EILEEN MALONE, KATHLEEN MCCLUNG, ANN PEDONE, JUAN R.  
SEQUEIRA, ALLEGRA JOSTAD SILBERSTEIN.

Thanks to the Judges: JULIE BLOSS KELSEY, LENNY DELLARocca, LISA STICE

Detailed winners list is posted on the BAPC website, and the winning poems will appear on the website  
February thru April 2019: <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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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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Friday, February 1 & 18, 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-3>

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Saturday, February 2, 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). 2/2 Featured Poet: STEVE ARNSTON 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 3, 5:00-7:00 PM: POETRY INSIDE OUT (First Sunday Poetry Series) at BOOKSHOP BENICIA, 636 First St., Benicia. Hosted by JOHANNA ELY. 2/3 Featured Poet: CASEY FITZSIMONS. An OPEN MIC follows and begins about 6:00 PM. Everyone is welcome! [poetrylover1953@gmail.com](mailto:poetrylover1953@gmail.com)

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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: 2/4: IVAN ARGUELLES & NEELI CHERKOVSKI; 2/11: CARL KOPMAN; 2/18: JAN STECKEL; 2/25: JUDA KALAMKA. Hosts: BRUCE BAGNELL, JIM BARNARD, GARY TURCHIN. email: [poetryexpress@gmail.com](mailto:poetryexpress@gmail.com) / <http://poetryexpressberkeley.blogspot.com/>

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Monday, February 4: 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. 2/4 Features: JUDY BEBELAAR & CLARE MORRIS -- 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 6, 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. 2/6 celebrates BLACK HISTORY MONTH featuring: ISHMAEL REED, TENNESSEE REED, JUANITA MARTIN, and BOUNDLESS GRATITUDE (aka HAUSSAN JONES-BEY). 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.) [nanettedetz@comcast.net](mailto:nanettedetz@comcast.net) / Website: <http://www.alamedaislandpoets.org/> / <https://www.frankbettecenter.org/alameda-island-poets.html>

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Wednesday, February 6, 7:00-9:00 PM: PANDEMONIUM PRESS presents LOVE: EMPATHY with these four featured writers: SANDRA WASSILIE, RAFAEL JESÚS GONZÁLEZ, JESUS MEDINA, PEGGY MORRISON. 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/633021507154255/>

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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. February Features: 2/6: WENDY WOLTERS; 2/13: IVAN ARGUELLES; 2/20: DEE ALLEN; 2/27: PAUL APONTE

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Friday, February 8, 7:00-9:30 PM: MY WORD OPEN MIC at CAFE LEILA, 1724 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 2/8 Features: TBA. 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](mailto:poet.espoken@yahoo.com) /

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Saturday, February 9, 6:30 PM potluck, 7:30 PM show. JAN STECKEL features at WORKS IN PROGRESS WOMEN'S OPEN MIC, a WOMEN-ONLY event. Jan will be reading from her new book *Like Flesh Covers Bone* and remembering JULIA VINOGRAD. With special guest singer ANNA MARIA FLECHERO. 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/186492252254690/>

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Saturday, February 9, 7:00-9:00 PM: POETRY, PROSE & MORE Series (2nd Saturdays) at FRANK BETTE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 1601 Paru St., Alameda. 2/9 Features: JOYCE E. YOUNG 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 10, 3:30-5:00 PM: BRITT-MARIE'S 2ND SUNDAY POETRY SERIES with (3) featured poets: KATE PEPPER, MARGARET STAWOWY, SIAN KILLINGSWORTH. Series curated by BARB REYNOLDS. 1369 Solano Ave., Albany. Reserve dinner afterwards: (510) 527-1314 / <http://brittmariesolano.com/second-sunday-poetry-series/> [barbreynoldswrap5@gmail.com](mailto:barbreynoldswrap5@gmail.com)

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Tuesday, February 12, 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. 2/12 Features: HEATHER FOLSOM & JOEL KATZ. 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, February 13, 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. 2/13 Feature: ESTHER KAMKAR 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, February 14, 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, February 14, 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 15, 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). 2/15 Features: TBA, followed by an OPEN MIC. <http://www.expressionsgallery.org>

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Friday, February 22, 7:00-9:00 PM: NEW poetry reading series FOURTH FRIDAY FORMAL at ST. ALBAN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany. 2/22 Features: GEORGE HIGGINS & CHARLOTTE INNES. 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, February 23, 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 23, 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.) 2/23 Features: TBA. 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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Monday, February 25, 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 February 1st will be considered for Edition #67 on 2/25 in Oakland. Guest Curator: TBA. Submissions received after 2/1, will be considered for the March 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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Wednesday, February 27, 7:00 PM. #WE presents TOM ODEGARD speaking on "Being Intersex" and reading poetry on the subject, and JAN STECKEL speaking on "Bi Babes in the Woods" and reading bi poems from her new book *Like Flesh Covers Bone*. A Q&A will follow. Hosted by RICHARD LORANGER, Octopus Literary Salon, 2101 Webster St., Oakland.

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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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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](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."

email: [creative1@creativeideasforyou.com](mailto:creative1@creativeideasforyou.com)

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NEW BOOKS by BAPC MEMBERS

SANDRA ANFANG's new full-length poetry collection, *Xylem Highway*, is due to be released in March from Main Street Rag Publishing Company. You can order until March 1 for \$8 by placing an advance discount order at the MSR Online Bookstore. Here's a direct link to Sandra's author's page with two reviews of the book plus sample poems: [mainstreetragbookstore.com/product/xylem-highway-sandra-anfang/](http://mainstreetragbookstore.com/product/xylem-highway-sandra-anfang/) The MSR Online Bookstore can be reached at: <http://mainstreetragbookstore.com/> After March 1, the book will be available from Sandra or from Main Street Rag at the list price of \$14.00.

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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 at aol dot 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 will soon be available for order from Zeitgeist Press or Amazon)

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

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