

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

Presents an OPEN POETRY READING

SATURDAY January 5, 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/>

Note: BAPC Board of Directors Business Meeting will precede the Open Reading, from 2:00-3:00 PM.

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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CONGRATULATIONS to BAPC's 39th ANNUAL CONTEST 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>

Everyone is invited to attend CONTEST 39 WINNERS CELEBRATION to be held in conjunction with BAPC's monthly open reading on Saturday, February 2, 3:00-5:00 PM at Strawberry Creek Lodge.

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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/>

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Wednesday, January 2, 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. 1/2 launches *The Art of Awe 2; The Power of Your Creative Spirit*, compiled by NATICA & RICHARD ANGILLY. This reading will feature poets reading their poems included in the book, and is dedicated to and a fundraiser for MARIA ROSALES & POETS OF PARADISE. 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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Friday, January 4 & 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-2>

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Saturday, January 5, 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). 1/5 Featured Poet: JEANNE LUPTON 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, January 6, 1:30-5:00 PM: MEMORIAL GATHERING for Berkeley Poet and the Bubble Lady of Telegraph Avenue JULIA VINOGRAD (December 11, 1943 – December 5, 2018) at CHAPTER 510 & THE DEPT. OF MAKE BELIEVE, 2301 Telegraph Ave., Oakland. The gathering will include a potluck and a microphone for folks to speak briefly or read a poem. <https://www.facebook.com/events/306993273290616/>

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Sunday, January 6, 5:00-7:00 PM: POETRY INSIDE OUT (First Sunday Poetry Series) at BOOKSHOP BENICIA, 636 First St., Benicia. Hosted by JOHANNA ELY. 1/6 Featured Poet: KYRAH AYERS. 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. January Features: 1/7: ADELE MENDELSON; 1/14: DIANE FRANK; 1/21: SHARON COLEMAN & LISA ROSENBERG; 1/28: ROSE MARK & LARRY BERESFORD. Hosts: BRUCE BAGNELL, JIM BARNARD, GARY TURCHIN. email: [poetryexpress@gmail.com](mailto:poetryexpress@gmail.com) / <http://poetryexpressberkeley.blogspot.com/>

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Monday, January 7: 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. 1/7 Features: WILLIAM O'DALY & KATHLEEN MCCLUNG -- 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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Tuesday, January 8, 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. 1/8 Features: KATHLEEN MCCLUNG & TANU WAKEFIELD. 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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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. January Features: 1/2: Holiday Break: 1/9: SALLY LOVE SAUNDERS; 1/16: KAREN MELLANDER MAGOON; 1/23: JANE RADES; 1/30: E.K. KEITH

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Wednesday, January 9, 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. 1/9 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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Thursday, January 10, 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, January 10, 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, January 11, 7:00-9:00 PM: IVAN ARGUELLES & NEELI CHERKOVSKI will read their poetry at NEFELI Caffe, 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](mailto:djensenpoet@att.net) or [rowepoet@yahoo.com](mailto:rowepoet@yahoo.com) / <https://www.facebook.com/events/2190717131192685/>

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Friday, January 11, 7:00-9:30 PM: MY WORD OPEN MIC at CAFE LEILA, 1724 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 1/11 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, January 12, 7:00-9:00 PM: POETRY, PROSE & MORE Series (2nd Saturdays) at FRANK BETTE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 1601 Paru St., Alameda. 1/12 Features: LUCILLE LANG DAY, ALISON HART, LINDA NOEL, DAVE HOLT, NANETTE BRADLEY DEETZ 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, January 13, 3:30-5:00 PM: BRITT-MARIE'S 2ND SUNDAY POETRY SERIES with (3) featured poets: JOHANNA ELY, DAVID ROSENTHAL, BONNIE MCMANIS. 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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Friday, January 18, 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). 1/18 Features: TBA, followed by an OPEN MIC. <http://www.expressionsgallery.org>

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Saturday, January 19, 7:00 PM: JAN STECKEL reads at the launch for her new poetry book *Like Flesh Covers Bone* (Zeitgeist Press), hosted by JEANNE LUPTON. Plus OPEN MIC, snacks & drinks. FRANK BETTE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 1601 Paru Street, Alameda. <https://www.facebook.com/events/2456658717895026/>

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Saturday, January 26, 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, January 26, 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.) 1/26 Features: JUDY JUANITA (Writer/Educator), JOE NAVARRO (Poeta), KAYLAH MARIN (Poet/Vocalist/Guitar), RICHARD SANDERELL & FRIENDS (Poet & Musicians). 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, January 28, 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 January 2<sup>nd</sup> will be considered for Edition #66 on 1/28 in San Francisco. Guest Curator: TBA. Submissions received after 1/2, will be considered for the February 2019 show in Oakland. 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/270846646924377/>

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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

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. 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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