

BAY AREA POETS COALITION (est. 1974)
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Presents an OPEN POETRY READING

SATURDAY May 6, 2017 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.

Every Monday, 7:00-9:00 PM: POETRY EXPRESS at HIMALAYAN FLAVORS RESTAURANT, 1585 University Ave. (at California St.), Berkeley. May features: 5/1: SELENE STEESE; 5/8: JUAN SEQUEIRA & SON; 5/15: JOYCE E. YOUNG; 5/22: JEREMY CANTOR; 5/29: CHALLENGE: -- use the following opening line: "It's Very Strange..." bring your completion of this into a poem. Hosts: BRUCE BAGNELL, JIM BARNARD, JAN DEDERICK, JEANNETTE DESBOINE (J.D.). email: poetryexpress@gmail.com / <http://poetryexpressberkeley.blogspot.com/>

Monday, May 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. 5/1 Features: Sonoma County poets KATHERINE HASTINGS & PAUL GREENBERG -- followed by OPEN MIC. Open mic readers have up to three minutes to read or recite. Hosted by: SANDRA ANFANG. email: wrdpntr51@gmail.com / <https://www.facebook.com/RivertownPoetsAMuseingMondays>

Wednesday, May 3, 1:15-4:00 PM: ELDER VOICES PERFORMANCE & OPEN MIC SERIES (this series happens every 1st Wednesday of the month) at NORTH BERKELEY SENIOR CENTER, Multi-purpose Room, 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. OPEN MIC in your own style and form: music, prose, poetry, dance, politics, comedy, memoirs, slice of life comments and anything else we can think up or conjure up, scripted or spontaneous. Program may be filmed/archived. Contact SANDRA GEY, Coordinator: (510) 524-4080 for more info.

Wednesday, May 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. 5/3 features: local student poetry club, THE MIGHTY PENS, from ALAMEDA COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER, reading from their 2017 student anthology, *Wandering Minds, Dancing Words* (which will be on sale for \$5). 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 / NANETTE DEETZ (AIP Vice-Pres.) nanettedeetz@comcast.net / Website: <http://www.alamedaislandpoets.org/> / <http://www.frankbettecenter.org/alameda-island-poetry-reading.html>

Also, AIP is planning a memorial and open reading for VINCE STORTI, who passed away last month. The memorial will be Saturday, June 10, 1:30-3:30 PM, at the ALAMEDA FREE LIBRARY, 1550 Oak St. From CATHY DANA: "We invite you to share stories about Vince, read poems by Vince, or read poems about Vince. Some of his art will be on display. We will let you know more details soon."

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.

Thursday, May 4, 8:00-10:00 P.M.: The BERKELEY SYMPHONY is offering BAPC members and friends discounted tickets to the 5/4 concert: REMEMBRANCE * at Zellerbach Hall. The special discount code will be 20% off any regular priced ticket. Access this discount by using the code "BAPC20" at checkout when buying online. Here is the link to purchase tickets: <https://tickets.berkeleysymphony.org/TheatreManager/1/online?performance=386> For assistance over the phone, contact Samantha at 510-841-2800 x1.

* SHOSTAKOVICH's choral masterpiece Symphony No. 13, "Babi Yar" is a memorial setting of YEVGENY YEVTUSHENKO's poetry commemorating the World War II massacre of more than 30,000 Jews in Kiev in 1941. The Symphony's powerful musical denunciation of anti-Semitism and message that hope overcomes despair still resonates today.

Saturday, May 6, 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). 5/6 Features: KIT KENNEDY, followed by an OPEN MIC. For further info, contact STEPHANIE MANNING: (510) 295-8498. Website: <http://www.lapromenadecafe.com/events.html>

Saturday, May 6, 7:00-9:00 PM: Classical pianist STEVE ARNTSON in Concert for the Homeless, at NORTHBRAE COMMUNITY CHURCH, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Steve will perform pieces by Mozart, Beethoven, and Chopin, and perhaps more, in a benefit for the homeless. Steve is known as a powerful writer and performer of poetry, but if you've never seen him play piano, you're missing out on half of his impressive talent. Please join us for a good cause and beautiful sounds. The concert is free of charge, and donations will be requested but not required. <https://www.facebook.com/events/286017068511178/>

Sunday, May 7, 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. 5/7 Features: SUZANNE BRUCE (poet) & JANET MANALO (artist) www.ekphrasticexpressions.com. An OPEN MIC follows with 3 minutes per poet. Everyone is welcome! jelyabc13@yahoo.com

Sunday, May 7, 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>

Wednesday, May 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. 5/10 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, May 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-0>

Thursday, May 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.) 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 / <http://www.frankbettecenter.org/alameda-poetry-writers-workshop.html>

Friday, May 12, 7:00-9:00 PM: ADELE MENDELSON & LEAH STEINBERG will read their poetry & prose 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). 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. rowepoet@yahoo.com /

Saturday, May 13, 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

Saturday, May 13, 7:00-9:00 PM: POETRY, PROSE & MORE Series (2nd Saturdays) at FRANK BETTE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 1601 Paru St., Alameda. 5/13 Features: JENNIFER BARONE & INGRID KEIR followed by OPEN MIC. Hosted by JEANNE LUPTON & DEBORAH MEDVICK. Donations welcome. For more info, email: jeany98@aol.com / website: <http://www.frankbettecenter.org/poetry-at-the-bette.html>

No May meeting (*Happy Mother's Day!*) for the VALONA DELI 2ND SUNDAY POETRY SERIES, 1323 Pomona St., Crockett, CA. Series resumes on June 14 with Features & 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 / website: <http://poetrypost.com/valona-deli-events/>

Monday, May 15, 6:00-9:00 PM: CLARION MUSIC CENTER is the home of SAN FRANCISCO POETRY OPEN MIKE PODCAST TV SHOW, produced by JOHN RHODES. The show is co-hosted by CLARA HSU since 2009. Each show has two featured poets – 5/15: TBA -- and the show is taped the 3rd Monday of each month to be aired on Channel 29.

SPECIAL EDITION with STEPHEN KOPEL & JOAN GELFAND: Stephen & Joan discover and feature many known and hidden talents in the Bay Area. Their segments are presented on youtube.

Bring a poem and join our OPEN MIKE. It will also be seen on youtube.

<http://clarionmusic.com/poetry/>

Also, please consider making a donation to Clarion's fundraiser for live theater stage lighting:

<https://www.gofundme.com/live-theatre-stage-lighting>

Tuesday, May 16, 6:30-9:00 PM: (3rd Tuesday each month) COASTSIDE POETRY READING AND OPEN MIC NIGHT at CAFE SOCIETY in HALF MOON BAY. Doors open at 6:30 PM, with featured readers starting at 7 PM. 5/16 Features: TBA. Cafe Society, 522 Main St., Half Moon Bay. For more info, contact: RYAN WARREN r_p_warren@yahoo.com / <https://www.facebook.com/coastsidepoetry>

Friday, May 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). Features: T.B.A. followed by an OPEN MIC. <http://www.expressionsgallery.org>

Saturday, May 20, 2:00-4:00 PM: THE INA COOLBRITH CIRCLE (meets monthly, Saturdays, September through May) at Lafayette / Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Dr., Lafayette. Featured reading/program followed by OPEN MIC for ICC members and guests, then refreshments and social. www.coolpoetry.org

Sunday, May 21, 2017, 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM: 4TH ANNUAL HILLSIDE FESTIVAL. Check out the complete festival schedule on the website (see link below). Poetry plays a part: 11 AM – Noon: A POETRY HIKE FOR ALL AGES. Poetry is hidden all over El Cerrito! Join JENNY HAMMER for a literary treasure hunt as we ramble through nature and search for some of these hidden poems. Noontime is for relaxing with a light lunch. We will have snacks. Bring your own sandwiches – while listening to poet and performer KIRK LUMPKIN celebrate the city's open spaces, and musicians KEN HAYES & TOM CLINE, who perform superb renditions of roots and Americana tunes. FREE. Hillside Natural Area. Festival Reception Area, end of Schmidt Lane near Recycling Center. <http://ectrailtrekkers.org/hillside-festival/>

Monday, May 22, 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. Announcing New Rolling Submissions Guidelines: Bay Area Generations now accepts submissions at any time for possible inclusion in the next month's show. For the upcoming show, all submissions received no later than May 1st will be considered for Edition #45 on 5/22 at HOTEL REX in San Francisco. Submissions received after 5/1, will be considered for the June show at THE BELLEVUE CLUB, Oakland. Please note that returning performers are welcome. Submit as often as you like: <https://bayareagenerations.com/how-to-submit/guidelines/>

Saturday, May 27, 3:00-5:00 PM: Join us 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.) 5/27 Features: KWAMA THOMPSON (Ghanaian Singer/Poet), MO SATI (Palestinian Poet), SUSANA PRAVER-PEREZ (Poeta Boricua) & PABLO ROSALES (Poetic Smooth Grooves). 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/la-palabra-musical-music-word> or www.Avotcja.org

Saturday, May 27, 7:30-9:30 PM: The POETRY SERIES (last Saturday of the month, typically) at FLOREY'S BOOK COMPANY, 2120 Palmetto Ave., Pacifica. 5/27 features: WALKER BRENTS, III & MARVIN R. HIEMSTRA. Followed by a break with refreshments, then OPEN MIC. Series coordinated and hosted by SHERRI ROSE-WALKER: sherrirose-walker@hotmail.com

SAN FRANCISCO PEACE AND HOPE is an online publication, along with an award-winning inaugural book in 2015, that promotes peace through poetry, writing and visual art. SFP&H #5 is now live online (as of September 2016). <http://www.sfpeaceandhope.com/>

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

Links to Bay Area calendars of poetry/literary events:
<http://litseen.com/bay-area-literary-calendar/>
www.sfheart.com/ArtPoetryEvents.html
http://www.creativeideasforyou.com/OPG_Cal_List.pdf
<http://www.avotcja.org/ongoing-poetry-readings.html>
www.poetryflash.org/calendar/

NEW BOOKS by BAPC MEMBERS
(announcements posted for 3 consecutive months; 1 listing per member per year):

Tripping With the Top Down by ELLARAINÉ LOCKIE: a hand-stitched 44-page chapbook of poems, set to be released by FootHills Publishing on 5/8/17. Free shipping if ordered by 5/7.
<http://www.foothillspublishing.com/2017/lockie.html>

What We Claim...What We Are by political and human nature satirist GARRETT MURPHY. In this collection of works, Murphy explores and lays bare one's perceptions, ideals and realities in the never-ending dispute between the American (and World) dream, its perceived reality and its true reality. \$10.95 (\$10.00 at readings). Available through Amazon.com or by the link www.createpace.com/6865890

Raised in the Shadow of the Bomb by D. LEAH STEINBERG is available at Pegasus Bookstores in downtown Berkeley and Oakland and at Sleepy Cat Books in Orinda. Also check out her webpage for more info about the book and to order online: <http://www.raisedintheshadowofthebomb.com>

[Members, email your book info to poetalk@aol.com]

SOME INTERNET RADIO PROGRAMS FOR POETS AND WRITERS:

<https://sites.google.com/site/bayareapoetscoalition/Home/internet-radio-poetry-programs>

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