

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

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

Presents an OPEN POETRY READING

SATURDAY May 5, 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/>

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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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Wednesday, May 2, 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. 5/2 Features: PARADISE, 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, May 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. 5/2 Features: The MIGHTY PENS (Student poetry club from Alameda Community Learning Center). 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/> / <https://www.frankbettecenter.org/alameda-island-poets.html>

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Wednesday, May 2, 7:00 PM: PANDEMONIUM PRESS presents WORK AND WORKERS MAY DAY EVENT featuring BARBARA WEST, JAN STECKEL, DENNIS BERNSTEIN, TERRY LUCAS and more!. 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/1596394203824586/>

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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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Saturday, May 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 Theatre). 5/5 Featured Poet: 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, May 6, 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. 5/6 Featured Poet: JEFF KINGMAN. An OPEN MIC follows with 3 minutes per poet. Everyone is welcome! [jelyabc13@yahoo.com](mailto:jelyabc13@yahoo.com)

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Sunday, May 6, 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. May Features: 5/7: RICHARD LORANGER; 5/14: MARILYN FLOWER; 5/21: MARTY WILLIAMS; 5/28: Memorial Day – No P.E. 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, May 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. 5/7 Features: Book release party with poets SANDRA ANFANG and TERRY EHRET and stand-up bassist STEVE SHAIN -- 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, May 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. Featured readers start at 7 PM. 5/8 Features: JAMES CAGNEY & BRUCE BAGNELL. 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, May 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. 5/9 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, May 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, May 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, May 11, 7:00-9:00 PM: RAMSAY BELL BRESLIN & TOBEY HILLER 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 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/1780071162048991/>

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Friday, May 11, 7:00-9:30 PM: MY WORD OPEN MIC at CAFE LEILA, 1724 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 5/11 Features: GENE BRICE & JEREMY CANTOR. 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, May 12, 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, May 12, 7:00-9:00 PM: POETRY, PROSE & MORE Series (2nd Saturdays) at FRANK BETTE CENTER FOR THE ARTS, 1601 Paru St., Alameda. 5/12 Features: LYNNE BARNES & KERRY TEPPERMAN CAMPBELL 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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Friday, May 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). 5/18 Features: TBA, followed by an OPEN MIC. <http://www.expressionsgallery.org>

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Saturday, May 19, 2:00 PM: THE INA COOLBRITH CIRCLE (meets monthly, Saturdays, September through May) at Lafayette / Orinda Presbyterian Church, 49 Knox Dr., Lafayette (upstairs room 201). 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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Sunday, May 20, 1:30-5:00 PM: SPRING POETRY & PLACE -- EL CERRITO with feature readings by RAFAEL JESÚS GONZÁLEZ, poet laureate of Berkeley, INDIGO MOOR, poet laureate of Sacramento, KIM SHUCK, poet laureate of San Francisco, and MAW SHEIN WIN, poet laureate of El Cerrito. Music by DAN PLONSEY, ETHAN PORT, and THOMAS SCANDURA in their debut as MOESER. Plus an all-ages OPEN MIC -- bring a poem. In addition, there will be tables for local authors, presses and organizations. <https://www.facebook.com/events/155754105130147/>

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Saturday, May 26, 2:00-4:00 PM: GEARBOX POETRY. OPEN MIC sign-up starts at 1:30. Featuring: TBA. At GEARBOX GALLERY, 770 W Grand Ave., Oakland.  
Host: DAVID ZELTZER [dzeltzer@acm.org](mailto:dzeltzer@acm.org) /

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Saturday, May 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.) 5/26 Features: IRMAN ARCIBAL, SHIZUE SEIGEL, THOMAS ROBERT SIMPSON, ANAHITA MILLER, KEVIN NORTH.. 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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Saturday, May 26, 7:30-9:30 PM: The POETRY SERIES (last Saturday of the month, typically) at FLOREY'S BOOK COMPANY, 2120 Palmetto Ave., Pacifica. 5/26 Program begins with Features: TONY PRESS & JACKI RIGONI, 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, May 28, 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 May 1st will be considered for Edition #57 on 5/21 in San Francisco. Submissions received after 5/1, will be considered for the June 2018 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/1795624873821786/>

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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 Typists Play Monopoly* (Kelsay Books) by KATHLEEN McCLUNG is available now on Amazon:  
<https://www.amazon.com/Typists-Play-Monopoly-Kathleen-McClung/dp/1947465600/>

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*Road Worrier: Poems of the Inner and Outer Landscape* is SANDRA ANFANG's second poetry chapbook from Finishing Line Press: <https://www.finishinglinepress.com/product/road-worrier-poems-of-the-inner-and-outer-landscape-by-sandra-anfang/>

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

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