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Meet The 2018-2020

San Antonio Poet Laureate

Call (210) 621-3666 or email carlaledphreda@gmail.com

3pm-5pm | Voices of Texas Celebration
 San Antonio Art League and Museum: 130 King William Street
 The Voices de la Luna Spring Event, at The Inaugural Voices of Texas Celebration, Honoring Texas Literary Legend Robert Flynn with the participation of Texas Poet Laureate Carol Coffee Reposa. Admission \$55.00.
 Call (210) 621-3666 or email carlaledphreda@gmail.com

Call (830) 772-5934 or email lavhav@gmail.com

For further information about Stone in Stream Writers and Artists committed to the environment. Sol Center: 300 Bushnell
 1pm | Stone in Stream Quarterly Gathering
 Saturday, May 5 (ongoing)

MAY events

EXHIBITS

March 25 – May 27

Every Sunday | Poetry Corner
 San Antonio Express News
 In celebration of NPMSA2018 - HOW'S THINGS? A poem each week from Poems about everyday objects, with a nod to William Carlos Williams and Pablo Neruda.
 Call (830) 772-5934 or email lavhav@gmail.com

April 1 – April 10

6:00pm-12am | This City is a Poem
 Virtual/Internet
 Follow 'This City is A Poem' as it offers a new writing prompt every day during National Poetry Month. Write with us to celebrate everything that makes San Antonio a center of art and expression. Respondents can submit their work for possible inclusion on Facebook, Tumblr, Instagram, and Twitter. Search #thiscityisapoem for posts!
 Call (210) 884-4927 or email thiscityisapoem@gmail.com

April 1 – April 30

Call for Time! Tobin Poet-Tree
 Tobin Library at Oakwell: 4134 Harry Wurzbach Road
 Let's make poet-tree together! We're celebrating National Poetry Month by sharing our favorite poets and poems with each other.
 Write a brief poem (by you or a favorite author) on a paper leaf, add it to the silvery branches of our poet-tree, and enjoy what others have added to the tree already.
 Call (210) 207-2614

April 16 – April 30

Call for Time! Tobin Poet-Tree
 Forest Hills Branch Library: 5245 Ingram Road
 A/V Students from the Business Careers High School present a video featuring Naomi Shihab Nye's poem, *You Know Who You Are*. Many library patrons will read lines from the poem. The various voices and images will then be edited to recreate the poem in its entirety. Many people reading one poem for two weeks on a video loop at the Library. Forest Hills thanks Ms. Naomi Shihab Nye for giving us permission to use her poem and Dr. Diane Johnston and her A/V students for creating this NPM 2018 video project for Forest Hills Branch Library.
 Call (210) 207-9230 or email sandra.griffin@sanantonio.gov

April 23 – April 27

12pm-1pm | Jazz Poetry on the Jazz Break at Noon
 Jazz Poetry on the Jazz Break at Noon Hosted by KRTU 91.7 FM
 Kory Cook and guest co-host NPMSA Coordinator, Jim LaVilla-Havelin Historic, live, local, classic jazz-poetry. Visit Krtu.org
 Call (210) 999-8337 or email kcook@trinity.edu

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Learn more about the City of San Antonio's Poet Laureates at Getcreativeinsanantonio.com.

RSPV by calling (210) 207-1435 or email francis.garner@sanantonio.gov

The official ceremony will take place in City Council Chambers, followed by a tree reception.

In 2012, San Antonio became the first major city in Texas to appoint a poet laureate and a model city for other local governments. Since Inaugural Poet Laureate Dr. Carmen Tafolla's appointment, a greater appreciation and understanding of poetry has resonated throughout San Antonio and has garnered connectivity among local literary organizations, writers, poets and the general public, expanding public awareness about the literary arts and thus promoting literacy. This year, the City of San Antonio and Mayor Ron Nirenberg invite the public to celebrate the appointment of the 2018-2020 Poet Laureate Octavio Quintanilla. Nominations for the City of San Antonio's Poet Laureate occur every two years and are solicited from the San Antonio community.

Presenting San Antonio Poet Laureate



Octavio Quintanilla, Ph.D

Tuesday, April 3, 2018

6:30pm-8:30pm

San Antonio City Council Chambers: 114 W Commerce Street

2017-2018 New Books

This book list highlights local and regional writers and their published works in 2017-2018. We're sorry if there were any omissions ---to have your poetry book listed in future National Poetry Month calendars, contact Jim LaVilla-Havelin at lavhav@gmail.com

- Bayes, Rohn, *What I want to say to you* (Amazon)
- Boundless Anthology*, annual (Valley International Poetry Festival) Anthology
- Chatham, Carolyn, *Those Bones that Float About* (Barnes & Noble and Amazon)
- Daquin, Candice Louisa, *A Jar For The Jarring* (TPG Press)
The Dark Night Is Gone Child And You Are In For The Dark Illusions Of Existing
Sit In Fever
Pinch the Lock (Finishing Line Press)
- Darnell, Charles, *Water, Tongues, Earth and Blood* (Finishing Line Press)
- DeLaRosa, Erica and LaVilla-Havelin, Jim, editors, *Voices from Inside Reach Outside*
 Poems from students at the Cyndi Taylor Krier Juvenile Correctional Treatment Center (Gemini Ink) Anthology
- Dennis, James, *Correspondence in D Minor* (Annotated) (Audio Book - Material Media (2 disc set) / soon Amazon)
- Falls, Toni Heringer, *Snow in Summer* (The Very Idea)
- Hartman, Michelle, *There Are No Doors* (El Grito del Lobo Press)
- Heger, Lois Olivia, *Under Dragon Wings* (Falling Scales Press) avail at The Twig
- LaVilla-Havelin, Jim, *West, poems of a place* (Wings Press)
- Martin, Wade, and Whipple, Allyson, editors, *Texas Poetry Calendar 2018* (Dos Gatos Press)
- Milligan, Bryce, editor, *Literary San Antonio* (TCU Press) Anthology
- Nye, Naomi Shihab, *Voices in the Air: Poems for Listening* (Greenwillow Books)
- Okaji, Robert, *From Every Moment a Second* (Finishing Line Press)
- Renaud Gonzalez, Barbara *Las Nalgas De J-Lo* (Aztlan Libre Press)
- Rodinsky, Harold, *Many Lives* (Create Space Independent Publishing Platform)
- Trevino, Natalia, *Virgin X* (Finishing Line Press – October 2018)

Young Pegasus Anthology, annual (San Antonio Public Library) Anthology

Local and regional small presses: Aztlan Libre | Kallist Gaia Press | Trinity University Press | Wings Press
 Local and regional magazines and other publishing opportunities: Borderlands | Blue Hole and The Enigmatist (discontinued) | Mutabilis Press - The Ocotillo Review | Poetry Corner, San Antonio Express-News | University Literary Magazines | VIA Poetry on the Move | Voices de la Luna | Young Pegasus

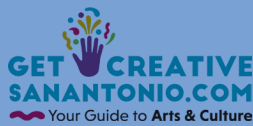
About **NATIONAL** Poetry MONTH ★ CALENDAR
 San Antonio, Texas

The Academy of American Poets recognizes April as National Poetry Month (NPM) in order to increase public awareness about the importance of poetry and its essential place in American culture.

As a part of this initiative, in 2009 the City of San Antonio published its own local NPM calendar in an effort to provide the public with information about poetry readings, workshops, spoken word and slam competitions, panel discussions, and many more poetry related and literacy engaging activities. A commitment to support the literary arts and a validation of San Antonio's rich literary culture, each year the calendar highlights events that take place across the city and in surrounding areas.

Join the effort to connect poets and the public and visit NPMSA.com.

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Poetry

MONTH ★ CALENDAR

San Antonio, Texas

All events listed are free and available for the public unless indicated in the event description. If you have any questions about the calendar email francis.garner@sanantonio.gov. or call (210) 207-1435.

MARCH

Tuesday, March 27- Tuesday, May 1 (ongoing)

7 pm | Jazz Poets of San Antonio: Write On Sabinas Coffee House: 2303 W Commerce St. Every Tuesday Jazz Poets begins with you creating a new poem during the writing workshop, guided by Eduardo C. Garza. Followed by an open mic session. The Jazz Poetry Band improvises music behind your poetry. The blend of music and words form something truly unique, brand new. Let yourself be heard. Also, ask Eduardo about the first ever Jazz Poets chapbook. Every Tuesday Jazz Poets meet at the Sabinas Coffee House. Event is upstairs in the main building. Call (210) 573-5115 or email eduardo_cavazos_garza@yahoo.com

Wednesday, March 28 (ongoing)

6:30pm to 8:30pm | Sun Poet's Society Open-Mic Poetry Readings Sabinas Coffee House, 2303 W. Commerce San Antonio's longest running weekly open-mic poetry reading, all are welcome. Call (210) 325-8122 or email rodcarlosrodriguez@yahoo.com

Thursday, March 29

6 pm - 8 pm | VIA 9th Annual Poetry on the Move Winners Celebration VIA Metro Center: 1021 San Pedro Avenue Celebrate the winners and listen to their poems along with selected Young Pegasus poets. A bus will be on display with all the winning poems and artwork. Call (210) 362-2381 or email jerriann.jones@viainfo.net

APRIL

Sunday, April 1

ALL DAY | Slam the Town Virtual/internet Annual DIY Poetry Distribution/Sharing Event with your favorite poem/poems which inspire, amuse, touch. Circulate poems to friends, families, colleagues, strangers, customers by hand, email, text, Facebook, tweet. Tweet @ #NPMSA Call (830) 772-5934 or email lavhav@gmail.com

11am -12:15pm | Voices, Vibes and Visions

SAY Si: 1518 S. Alamo Street Voices, Vibes and Visions: Poems Written and Read by Thom the World Poet. Thom the World Poet reads his poems as part of a lively, interfaith celebration of Easter and April Fools Day. Call (210) 534-3737 or email rudi@celebrationcircle.org

Monday, April 2

1pm -9pm | Mega Corazon Poetry Marathon Urban-15 Studios 2500 S. Prese In March 2014, San Antonio's Inaugural Poet Laureate Carmen Tafolla staged a production entitled "San Antonio, Mi Pueblo" at the Guadalupe Cultural Arts Center, the culminating event in her poet laureate signature series. As part of this production, she commissioned local composer and percussionist George Cisneros of URBAN-15 to write a soundtrack that would allow her to weave her original works alongside those of the collaborating poets.

The 13 performers who participated became the backbone of URBAN-15's Mega Corazon, a now-annual performance featuring the best in South Texas-based spoken word. Curated by Tafolla, Mega Corazon celebrates a hybrid poetic tradition that combines street, classical, and slam performance styles for a production that is frontal, improvisational, at times painful, and choreographed for a highly visual impact.

For those unable to attend or outside San Antonio, URBAN-15 also streams Mega Corazon live, online, and in real time at <http://urban15.org/live-stream/>. Call (210) 736-1500 or email events@urban15.org

6pm -7:45pm | PoeTree Club

Igo Branch Library: 13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy The PoeTree Club, a gathering of people who read and write poetry, will meet to share and discuss their work. Writers at all levels of experience are welcome. Call (210) 207-2614 or email marcie.hernandez@sanantonio.gov

Tuesday, April 3

6pm -8:30pm | Poetry and the Engaged Citizen St. Mary's Amphitheatre: One Camino Santa Maria St. Mary's University Community reads original and classic poems to celebrate poetry's power to engage, express, heal, and celebrate the human spirit. Call (210) 436-3107 or email dberland@stmarytx.edu

Tuesday, April 3

6:30pm | Poet Laureate Investiture Municipal Plaza: 114 W Commerce Street

Mayor Ron Nirenberg and the City of San Antonio invite the public to celebrate the appointment of the 2018-2020 Poet Laureate Octavio Quintanilla. The official ceremony will take place in City Council Chambers, followed by a reception. To RSVP call (210) 207-1435 or email francis.garner@sanantonio.gov

Wednesday, April 4 (ongoing)

1pm-2pm & 2pm-3pm | Writing Our Lives Senior Workshop San Antonio Library Bazan Branch: 2200 W. Commerce Interested in writing? We all have a story. It is the "who, what, where, when, and why." The answer to this question is different for each of us. And therein lies your story. Each answer will give us opportunities to collect, write, share, our unique story. Come find yours. This is a weekly event. Call (210) 621-3686 or carlaleedpineda@gmail.com

Wednesday, April 4

7pm-10pm | Barrio Barista's Open Mic Hosted by Victoria Garcia-Zapata Barrio Barista: 3735 Culebra Rd Barrio Barista's Open Mic celebrates three years of hosting an open mic on the West Side. All ages, everyone welcome. Call (210) 689-0893 or lapoeta.victoria@gmail.com

Friday, April 6 & Saturday, April 7

2018 Viva Poesia: Palabra, Musica, y Cultura "La Battle Royal"

Mission Marquee Plaza: 3100 Roosevelt Ave. This two-day art happening will focus on the revelation of self-authenticity through explorations of concealed or masked cultural identity issues. Performances and activities this year will be staged collectively as "La Battle Royal," an exciting fusion of two beloved cultural traditions – the literary art of spoken-word and the colorful, well-known styling of the popular Mexican variety of wrestling. Set inside an actual regulation-sized ring, head-to-head battles between participating poets are sure to thrill the crowd in a truly unique community celebration of words and metaphorical play.

In between matches, attendees can enjoy workshops and interactive art take-aways, and much more!

Live music by DJ Plata, Los Callejeros de San Anto, Los Nahuatlats, The Indigenauts and Los de Esta Noche. Food trucks and beverages will be available to purchase. Join us at this free fun-filled and family-friendly event!

Friday, April 6, 2018 (6 – 10 p.m.)

The two day event kicks off with a welcoming and celebration of local poets, featuring opening remarks from District 3 City Councilwoman Rebecca Viagran and other special guests, as well as a showcase of spoken-word, musical, and dance performances that will set the stage for the following day's MAIN EVENT.

Saturday, April 7, 2018 (6-11 p.m.)

The MAIN EVENT festivities kick off with a community poetry open-mic and, in a tribute to last year's big-hit competition, a mini Banzai Haiku Battle, in which a maximum of 15 poets will take to the ring at the same time and verbally wrestle for a cash prize determined by audience response! The night culminates with a world-class, 10-round epic and poetic slug-fest between two of San Antonio's most celebrated spoken-word artists!!! Call (210) 418-9120 or anthonythepoet@gmail.com.

Friday, April 6

1pm-9pm | The Moth Majestic Theatre: 224 E. Houston St. The San Antonio Book Festival brings The Moth mainstage back to San Antonio. Stories are important—whether they're told in books, like those presented at the Book Festival, or in the age-old tradition of true stories told live. Stories are what unite us. Come join us at the Majestic Theatre for a memorable night of storytelling. The Moth is an international storytelling show that features five storytellers on stage, without notes, sharing a true and authentic story from their personal experiences. Moth shows are renowned for the great range of human experience they showcase. Each show starts with a theme, and the storytellers explore it, often in unexpected ways. The shows dance between documentary and theater, creating a unique, intimate, and often enlightening experience for the audience. General Seating: \$25-\$45 VIP Seating: \$100 (includes premier seating + admission to VIP party) Call (210) 602-8089 or jamie.niland@saplf.org

Saturday, April 7

9am-5pm | 6th Annual San Antonio Book Festival

Central Library: 600 Soledad The San Antonio Book Festival celebrates national and local authors and their contributions to the culture of literacy, ideas, and imagination. The free, daylong event is a gift to visitors and the citizens of San Antonio, bringing books to life through author presentations, innovative panel discussions, and book sales and signings.

Also included in this fun day of literary entertainment are family activities such as children's theater performances, a technology area, interactive play and art stations, and a selection of the city's famous food trucks. SABF, which generates more than \$1 million for the city's economy, is the signature program of the San Antonio Public Library Foundation. Visit Saplf.org Call (210) 225-4728 or lilly.gonzalez@saplf.org

Sunday, April 8

11am -12:15pm | Voices, Vibes and Visions SAY Si: 1518 S. Alamo Street The Art of the Sacred Texas Springs exhibit, Stone in Stream / Roca en le Rio and Kalpulli Aneyaltoral Tejatlzan, Poets and Indigenous voices read and sing. Call (210) 829-3852 or email info@headwaters-iw.org

4:30pm-6:30pm | Voices of the Waters

The Blue Hole at UIW: 4301 Broadway St. Voices, Vibes and Visions: Poems Written and Read by Thom the World Poet. Naomi Shihab Nye reads her poems, interspersed with live music, meditation at this lively, interfaith celebration. Call (210) 534-3737 or email rudi@celebrationcircle.org

Wednesday, April 11

St. Anthony's Lost & Found Exhibit Culture Commons Gallery: 115 Plaza de Armas 10am-3pm Student Receptions

Teachers and Students who submitted their post cards as part of the workshops are invited to meet with Jenny Browne.

6pm Poetry Readings

Poetry readings in response to the exhibition and narratives featuring performances by Poets from the San Antonio Community.

Thursday, April 12

8:30am-5:30pm | LATINA POETRY ACROSS THE AMERICAS-A SYMPOSIUM Trinity University, William Knox Holt Center: 1 06 Oakmont Ct. To recognize the long line of poetic production by women poets in the Americas and to mark National Poetry Month, Trinity University will host a One-Day Symposium. Featured poets include Latina poets from Venezuela, Ecuador, Chile, Mexico, and from throughout Texas--the Rio Grande Valley, Austin, Houston, and San Antonio. Each of the 9 poets will speak about her own process of writing poetry and read some of her work. The culmination of the event will be an evening reception honoring three Chicana poets: Rosemary Catacalos, CarmenTafolla, and Lucha Corpi for their contributions to the Chicana literary heritage and their indefatigable work in support of Latina writers. Please register to attend by emailing Laura Rodriguez, mrodrig7@trinity.edu. Call (210) 999-837 or email mrodrig7@trinity.edu

6:30pm-8:30pm | Literary Cafe: Poetry

Publishing Today Gemini Ink: 1111 Navarro Street Want to gain practical tips on getting your literary work out into the world? Are you ready to learn more about the glories and challenges of contemporary poetry publishing? Join poets

Sheila Black, Alexandra van de Kamp, Octavio Quintanilla and Laura Van Prooyen as they discuss the world of poetry publishing today. Call (512) 822-2947 or email courtney@geminiink.org

Thursday, April 12

6:30pm-3am | Pen to Paper to Performance Palo Alto College Ozuna Library (2nd Floor): 1400 W. Villaret The San Antonio Poetry Archive at Palo Alto College is hosting its 3rd Annual National Poetry Month celebration. Join us for slam poetry performances and light refreshment and be entertained by Anthony the Poet, Andrea 'Vocab' Sanderson, and Shaggy. Call (210) 486-3575 or email sschmidt33@alamo.edu

7pm-9pm | Sun Poet's Society Writers Workshop Barnes and Noble Bookstore, 321 N.W. Loop 410, Suite 104 All levels of writers are welcome. Bring 10-15 copies of one original work to be critiqued. We also have a writing exercise at the beginning of the workshop. Call (210) 325-8122 or email rodcarlosrodriguez@yahoo.com

Saturday, April 14

10am-6pm | Blackout Poetry Cody Branch Library: 11441 Vance Jackson Road Sometimes it's what you remove that makes the difference. Come and use some of our discarded book pages to blackout a poetic masterpiece. Call (210) 207-2614 or email marcie.hernandez@sanantonio.gov

11am-3pm | Our Power is Our Words Deco Pizzeria: 1815 Fredericksburg Rd Voces Cosmicas presents San Antonio Poets sharing their souls. Expected to participate Fernando Esteban Flores, Tom Keen, Marilyn Keen, Victoria Garza Zapata, Dr Tomas Porter, San Juana Guillermo, Barbara Renaud Gonzales, Eddie Vega, Jacinto Jesus Cardona, Suzanne Green, Liz Vera, Clair Harris, Alicia Zavala Galvan, Susana Nevarez-Marquez, Stephanie Velasquez, Andrea Greimel and Edward Guadalupe Acuna Lucio Cody Jr. The San Antonio Jazz Poets led by Eduardo C. Garza will provide the jazz backing. Call (210) 573-5375 or email eacpg@gmail.com

Sunday, April 15

10am-12pm | Writing about Nature Mitchell Lake Audubon Center: 10750 Pleasanton Road Join this workshop that focuses on Writing About Nature. Call (210) 628-1639 or email mlac@audubon.org

1pm | 10th Words For Birds

Mitchell Lake Audubon Center: 10750 Pleasanton Road Annual NPMSA reading poems in celebration of our avian friends readers include: Mobi Warren, Darby Riley, Janice Campbell, Jim LaVilla Havelin, Toni Heringer Falls, Marisol Cortez, Carol Coffee Reposa, Laurel Bodinus, Jeanie Sanders. Call (210) 628-1639 or email mlac@audubon.org

11am -12:15pm | Voices, Vibes and Visions

SAY Si: 1518 S. Alamo Street Voices, Vibes and Visions: Poems Written and Read by Thom the World Poet. Lahab Assef Al-Jundi reads his poems, interspersed with live music, meditation at this lively, interfaith celebration. Call (210) 534-3737 or email rudi@celebrationcircle.org

2pm-6pm | The City Is A Poem Poetry Reading

Landa Branch Library: 233 Bushnell Avenue Join This City Is A Poem in an open mic gathering. Bring poems generated by the prompts featured on <http://thiscityisapoem.tumblr.com> or respond to "This City Is A Poem". All poets, all levels, welcome! This event is co-sponsored by Landa Library. Call (210) 884-4927 or email thiscityisapoem@gmail.com

Monday, April 16

6pm-7:45pm | PoeTree Club Igo Branch Library: 13330 Kyle Seale Pkwy The PoeTree Club, a gathering of people who read and write poetry, will meet to discuss their work. Writers at all levels of experience are welcome. Call (210) 207-2614 or email marcie.hernandez@sanantonio.gov

Tuesday, April 17

6pm-8pm | Poetry Workshop with Lou Taylor Tobin Library at Oakwell: 4134 Harry Wurzbach Road Join us for a poetry writing workshop and open mic with Voices de la Luna volunteer and poet, Lou Taylor. Lou is a native Texan who lived in "temporary exile" in Louisiana for 30 years. Since retiring she has discovered a passion for poetry which she has pursued by reading and writing poetry at every opportunity, working with Voices de la Luna and attending and conducting poetry readings and workshops. She is convinced "there is a poet in everyone" is committed to bringing that poet to life. Call (210) 621-3686 or email carlaleedpineda@gmail.com

Tuesday, April 17

6:30pm| The Poetry Group Reading Señor Veggie: 620 South Presa Street Come see our featured readers: Bryce Milligan, Carmen Tafolla, Natalia Trevino, Jim LaVilla-Havelin, Ignacio Magaloni, and guest readers. Call (210) 228-0073

Thursday, April 19

6:00pm-9pm | A Box of Poetry Cereal Carmens de la Calle: 320 North Flores At some point in our lives, we are all exposed to the poetry of both well-known and obscure poets. These poets inspire, encourage and comfort readers. They also excite and energize the new poets both literary and spoken word. So as a reminder, we will canvas people from all walks of life and ask them to share the titles of their favorite poems and why. We will collect the titles and put them in a cereal box to be poured out into the bowl of participating poets to read as part of our monthly jazz and poetry event. Call (210) 621-3686 or email carlaleedpineda@gmail.com

6:00pm-7pm | Latina Poetry Across the Americas

Holt Center: 106 Oakmont Court As Part of Trinity University's 2018 Alvarez Seminar series: Latina Poetry Across the Americas, Analicia Sotelo, Trinity alum '08, poet and author, will present, "Virgin Territory: Latinidad, Feminity & Artistic Practic." Call (210) 999-8826 or email emembren@trinity.edu

6:00pm-9pm | Voices de la Luna Monthly

Literary Event St. Mark's Episcopal Church: 315 E. Pecan Our literary evening this month is a reading by our featured poet, Harold Rodinsky, from his newly published book of poetry, Many Lives. Harold studied at the University of Oregon, and DePaul University where he received his Doctorate. His poetry has been published in the anthologies: Quirk, and Boundless, as well as in the poetry journals, Spillwords (Europe), Voices de la Luna, The Blue Hole, and San Antonio's Express News. Call (210) 621-3686 or email carlaleedpineda@gmail.com

6:30pm-7:30pm | Laurie Ann Guerrero: National

Poetry Month Lecture Auditorium A&M University-San Antonio: One University Way In Honor of National Poetry Month, Texas A&M-San Antonio and the College of Arts and Sciences present: The Writer's Lecture Series featuring Laurie Ann Guerrero, Writer-in-Residence. Free Parking. Persons with disabilities requiring accommodations should contact Martha Saenz. Call (210) 784-2225 or martha.saenz@tamusa.edu

6:30pm-8pm | 2nd Verse: Renaissance Revealed

McNay Art Museum: 6000 N. New Braunfels Spoken word artists activate McNay Art Museum gallery spaces with poetry and performance. In celebration of National Poetry Month and current exhibitions featuring the work of African American artists on view, this performance features the powerful voices of Ebony Stewart, Christopher Michael, Andrea "Vocab" Sanderson, Glo, and Aminah Dece. Performance is free with museum admission. Call (210) 805-1764 or email kate.carey@mcnayart.org

Friday, April 20

6:30pm-8:30pm | Gemini Ink at Viva Tacoland: San Antonio Myth, Mystery and Madness Viva Tacoland: 103 W Grayson Street Calling all poets! Come and share your poems, stories and other musings on all that is quintessentially San Antonio. Five-minute spots per performer offered on a first-come, first-serve basis. Open mic to follow. Call (512) 822-2947 or email courtney@geminiink.org

Saturday, April 21 (ongoing)

2pm | Teen Open Writing Workshop San Antonio Library Bazan Branch: 2200 W. Commerce Join us on the 3rd Saturday of each month for the Teen Open Writing Workshop. Call (210) 207-9160 or email georgina.salinas@sanantonio.gov

Sunday, April 22

11am -12:15pm | Voices, Vibes and Visions SAY Si: 1518 S. Alamo Street Voices, Vibes and Visions: Poems Written and Read by Thom the World Poet. Glo Armmer reads her poems, interspersed with live music, meditation at this lively, interfaith celebration. Call (210) 534-3737 or email rudi@celebrationcircle.org

Monday, April 23

6pm -2am | P. W. Covington Twig Book Store: 306 Pearl Parkway, Ste. 106 Voices, Vibes and Visions: Poems Written and Read by Thom the World Poet. Glo Armmer reads her poems, interspersed with live music, meditation at this lively, interfaith celebration. Call (210) 826-6411 or email nancy.thetwig@yahoo.com

Thursday, April 26

6:30pm-7:30pm | National Poetry Month-Open Mic Readings Memorial Branch Library: 3222 Culebra Road Do you write poems? Are you comfortable reading them out loud? If so, please join us for our open mic night for National Poetry Month. Please contact us or sign-up and more details. Call (210) 207-9140 or email rdavila@sanantonio.gov

Saturday, April 28

2pm-4pm | Trafficking in Words/Traficando en la Palabra Collins Garden Library: 200 N Park Come celebrate "Trafficking in Words" for National Poetry Month at Collins Garden Branch Library with Voces Cósmicas poets: Fernando Esteban Flores, Jacinto Jesus Cardona, Alicia Galvan, Suzanne Green, Ed Cody, Liz Vera, Stephanie Velasquez and others. Call (210) 605-7951 or email Festflo@yahoo.com

Sunday, April 29

11am -12:15pm | Voices, Vibes and Visions SAY Si: 1518 S. Alamo Street Voices, Vibes and Visions: Poems Written and Read by Martha Grant. Martha Grant reads her poems, interspersed with live music, meditation at this lively, interfaith celebration. Call (210) 534-3737 or email rudi@celebrationcircle.org

Monday, April 30

6:30pm-8:30pm | Open Writers Lab Gemini Ink: 1111 Navarro Street On the last Monday of each month, Gemini Ink hosts a peer-driven workshop where writers of all levels can have their work critiqued. It is facilitated by Gemini Ink volunteers Dario Beniquez and John McLennon. Writers should bring several copies of their work, which should be no more than 4-5 pages long. Call (210) 734-9673 or email courtney@geminiink.org



A Lie That Daddy Told Me

Feet pounding on unyielding earth
Breath comes in ragged bursts
Foot catching briefly on a rock
A most unpleasant lurch
Stop and sway
And clutch my head
I hurt so much I must be dead
I know you said it would be fun
But why did I agree to run?

By Juliana Sol Martinez
TMI - The Episcopal School of Texas
Young Pegasus 2017



Artwork by Béla Siptak
6th Grade, SAY Si

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