

LITERARY ARTS: Poetry, Fiction, Non-Fiction

Jan 9 ~ Odd Month Reading ~ The theme is "New Beginnings & Winter Wishes." Author Jeane Slone, will emcee. Free & open to the public. 2:00-4:00 pm, Rincon Valley Library, 6959 Montecito Blvd, Santa Rosa ~ Linda, 707-484-4153 ~ redwoodwriters.org

Poetry Slam ~ Perform your own work in competition for prizes and advancement to the Grand Slam, July 2010! Doors 6:45, event 7:00 pm. Tiffany, 707-537-0162 x5 ~ sonomalibrary.org/programs/PoetrySlams.html

Jan 15 ~ Petaluma Library, 100 Fairgrounds
Feb 19 ~ Rohnert Park Library, Cotati 6250 Lynne Conde Way

Mar 19 ~ Sonoma Valley Library, 755 West Napa St

Jan 20 ~ Meet the Author ~ "Food Rules: An Eater's Manual," Michael Pollan. Buy a copy of the book and receive 2 tickets. Seating first come, first serve. 6:00 pm, Baker Creek Seed Bank, 199 Petaluma Blvd N, Petaluma ~ 707-509-5171 ~ rareseeds.com ~ copperfieldsbooks.com

Jan 22 ~ Meet the Author ~ "The Retail Revolution: How Wal-Mart Created a Brave New World of Business," Nelson Lichtenstein, Prof. of History, UCSB. 7:00 pm, Copperfield's, 2316 Montgomery Dr, Santa Rosa ~ Contact Marty Bennett, 707-527-4873, mbennett@vom.com

Writing Workshops ~ Lecture & hands-on. \$25 per session, \$70 all three. Members \$22/\$60. 10:00-12:30, Petaluma Novak Center, 211 Novak Dr ~ 707-778-4399 ~ redwoodwriters.org/workshops2010.html

Jan 23 ~ "Write Tight(ly)," Jeanne Miller & Jean Hegland

Jan 30 ~ "Create Tension," Ransom Stephens & Stefanie Freele

Feb 6 ~ "End it Right," Ana Manwaring & Becca Lawton

Jan 27 ~ Readers Theatre ~ "Electric Roses" by David Howard; "Ariel Bright" by Katharine Long; "The Lady of Larkspur Lotion" by Tennessee Williams. 7:00 pm, Guerneville Regional Library, 14107 Armstrong Woods Rd ~ 707-869-9004 ~ sonomalibrary.org

Jan 29 ~ Poet Laureate Reception ~ A reception for the new Sonoma County Poet Laureate for 2010-2011, Gwynn O'Gara. The public is invited. 6:30 pm, Central Library, 211 E St at 3rd, Santa Rosa ~ 707-829-4797 ~ sebarts.org

Feb 4 to 25 ~ Quick Start Writing Workshops ~ Commit to yourself as a writer, to the practice of writing, & to the development of your craft. \$47 general, RP residents \$40. Thursdays, 9:30-11:30 am, Rohnert Park Community Center, 5401 Snyder Ln ~ Registration Required: 707-588-3456 ~ writetoday.net

Feb 15, 22, Mar 1, 8 ~ A Writer's Sampler ~ Bring your notebook & pen to these lively, homework-free sessions! Age 16+. \$15 per session, \$50 for four. 7:00-9:00 pm, Sebastopol Center for the Arts, 6780 Depot St ~ RSVP: 707-829-4797 ~ sebarts.org

Jan 31 Deadline ~ All-Age Writing Contest ~ For poetry or prose. Fee: \$5 per entry, up to three per person. Proceeds support Healdsburg Literary Laureate projects. Inquiries: quill.ink.productions@gmail.com

Feb 12 Deadline ~ Essay & Art Contest ~ Children in grades K-6 are invited to submit a one-page essay or drawing expressing, "Why I Love the Library." 18 cash prizes. ~ sonomalibrary.org

Feb 19 Deadline ~ Personal Essay Contest ~ Tiny Lights' 16th Annual! Guidelines: tiny-lights.com/contest.php

ONGOING

1st Mondays ~ UUCSR Writers ~ Open to all levels. Membership with Congregation not required. Monthly except Sept, 4:00-6:00 pm, 'Green Room,' Unitarian Universalist Congregation Santa Rosa, 547 Mendocino Ave ~ 707-568-5381, ggdeb@aol.com ~ uucsrwriters.blogspot.com

2nd Tuesdays ~ Center Literary Café ~ Featured speaker, followed by open mic. Bring prose or poetry to share. By donation. 7:00-9:00 pm, Healdsburg Senior Ctr, 133 Matheson St ~ Cynthia Helen, 707-696-1111, centerliterarycafe@gmail.com

Thursdays ~ Many Rivers Books & Tea ~ Tools for Spiritual Practice. \$5 by donation. 7:30 pm, 130 S. Main St, Ste 101, Sebastopol ~ 707-829-8871 ~ manyriversbooks.com

2nd Thursdays ~ Book Discussion Group ~ Bring a brown bag lunch, book, & banter. 12:30-1:30 pm, Guerneville Library, 14107 Armstrong Woods Rd ~ 707-869-9004 ~ sonomalibrary.org/bookgroup/Guerneville_bk.html

3rd Thursdays ~ Writer's Forum ~ Explore the craft and business of writing. \$15 at the door. 7:00-9:00 pm (except Dec & Jan), Petaluma Community Center at Luchessi Park, 320 No. McDowell Blvd ~ theWriteSpot.us

Alternate Fridays ~ Writing Group for Adults ~ All writing levels invited to polish your prose with Chester Aaron. Fees \$10-\$20; donated to Occidental Center for the Arts. Alternate Fridays, 1:00-3:00 pm at private home in Occidental. RSVP: 707-874-9392 or chgarlic@comcast.net

1st & 3rd Saturdays ~ Finding your Voice ~ A women's writing workshop. Writing exercises, sharing works, & feedback. \$15 each; 11:00-1:00. Contact Lee Meryl Senior, 707-869-2407, lms@neteze.com

2nd Sundays ~ Redwood Writers Club ~ Join us for our monthly meeting. Jan 10: Sheldon Siegel. \$3 members/\$5 non-members. Light refreshments. 3:00-5:00 pm at Copperfield's Books, 2316 Montgomery Drive, Santa Rosa ~ 707-578-8938 ~ redwoodwriters.org

2nd Sundays ~ Westword ~ Second Sunday Salon with facilitator Gor Yaswen. \$1.00 donation. 4:00 pm, Sebastopol Center for the Arts, 6780 Depot St, Sebastopol ~ 707-829-1549 ~ sebarts.org

3rd Sundays ~ Healdsburg Literary Guild Salon ~ Featured speaker, followed by open mic. Free & open to the public. 2:00-4:00 pm, City Hall, 401 Grove St at North, Healdsburg ~ Vilma Ginzberg, 433-7119 or healdsburgliteraryguild@gmail.com

3rd Sundays ~ Poetry Reading & Open Mic ~ Featured reader, followed by open mic. Hosted by poet Sher Christian, with John Christian, piano. \$1-\$10 by donation. 12:30-1:30 pm, Coffee Catz, 6761 Sebastopol Ave, Sebastopol ~ 707 829-6600 ~ lusciouspoetry.typepad.com

Monthly ~ Searchlights & Signal Flares ~ Let a flash of your own light be seen & shared! Your response to questions will be published on the website (no fuss, muss or editing). Selections appear in print. Full details ~ tiny-lights.com/searchlights.php

Copperfield's Books Author Events ~ Every week, every month, every year, authors appear at Copperfield's Books to read and discuss their work. We invite you to attend our free author events at any of our stores. ~ copperfieldsbooks.com

Project Censored ~ The news that didn't make the news. ~ projectcensored.org

EVENTS of Interest

U.S. Census 2010 ~ Census takers are needed in every community! For information & to register for the Census test ~ 707-237-6260 ~ 2010censusjobs.gov

Jan 9 ~ Copenhagen Report-Back: What Now? ~ with Evelina Molina, Kevin Danaher & Norman Solomon. \$5-\$15 donation requested. No one turned away for lack of funds. 2:00-4:00, Finley Community Center, 2060 W College Ave, Santa Rosa ~ 707-829-3460 ~ globalexchange.org

Jan 14 ~ Tour Sonoma County Landfill ~ Citizens of Sonoma County, you rallied to keep our landfill! So, what are the next steps? Limited to 30 people. Rain cancels. Carpool departs at 9:00 am. RSVP by Jan 11: carolvrsr@sonic.net

Jan 16 & 17 ~ Winter Wineland ~ \$40 both days, \$30 Sun only. 11:00-4:00 at over 100 Wineries & 50 Lodgings. ~ 707-433-4335 ~ wineroad.com

Jan 17 ~ Country Breakfast ~ Serving eggs, sausage, hash browns, biscuits & gravy, fresh fruit, & tasty beverages! 9:00-Noon, Hollydale Community Club, 10250 Field Ln, Forestville (Old River Road at Frank St) ~ 887-0330 ~ hollydaleclub.org

Jan 17 ~ MLK Birthday Celebration ~ FREE Community Event. 5:00-8:00 pm, Wells Fargo Center for the Arts, 50 Mark West Springs Rd, Santa Rosa ~ Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration Committee, 707-546-0744

Jan 18 ~ A day ON, not a day off ~ Community Awareness day. 10:00-4:00, Community Baptist Church, 1620 Sonoma Ave, Santa Rosa ~ Martin Luther King Birthday Celebration Committee, 546-0744

ONGOING

Wednesdays ~ Square Dancing ~ Learn to dance with the Singles & Pairs Square Dance Club. Partners not required. Dress is casual. All ages! \$5 per week. 7:00-8:45 pm, Monroe Hall, 1400 W College Ave, Santa Rosa ~ Carroll Albertson, 707-538-1929, singles-pairs@sbcglobal.net

Thursdays ~ Dance Fusion Brazil ~ Live music melding Brazilian, African, Jazz, Silvestre Technique & creative movement expression. \$12. 7:30, Sebastopol Community Center, 390 Morris St, Sebastopol ~ Leah Weiss, 707-874-2782 or leahsue@gmail.com ~ artsguaracyana.com

Thursdays ~ Santa Rosa Folk Dancers ~ New & aspiring dancers are always welcome for a fun afternoon of favorites & instruction. 1:15-3:15 pm, Willowside Hall, 5299 Hall Rd, Santa Rosa ~ For schedule: 707-546-8877, bacherelsa@comcast.net

2nd Saturdays ~ Bingo ~ Hosted by the Russian River Sisters of Perpetual Indulgence. Refreshments avail. Seating first come, first served. Ages 18+. One card \$15, two for \$20. Proceeds benefit local non-profit organizations. 6:00 pm doors; 7:00 pm start at Odd Fellows Hall, 16219 First St, Guerneville ~ rrsisters.org

Last Saturdays ~ Sebastopol Walks ~ See what you've been missing from the driver's seat! Get out & explore Sebastopol on foot. A Chamber and iWalk event. Meet 9:00 am in Sebastopol Plaza ~ 707-823-3032 ~ sebastopol.org

3rd Sat-Sun ~ Climb Aboard! ~ View & inspect the cockpit of featured aircraft. \$5 general, 12-under Free. 10:00-4:00 at Pacific Coast Air Museum, 2230 Becker Blvd at Laughlin, Santa Rosa ~ 707-575-7900 ~ pacificcoastairmuseum.org

iWALK ~ A campaign to increase the number of people who walk regularly. It's free & easy - just put on your shoes & go! Join a walking group or start one in your neighborhood. ~ 707-565-6680 ~ iwalksonoma.org