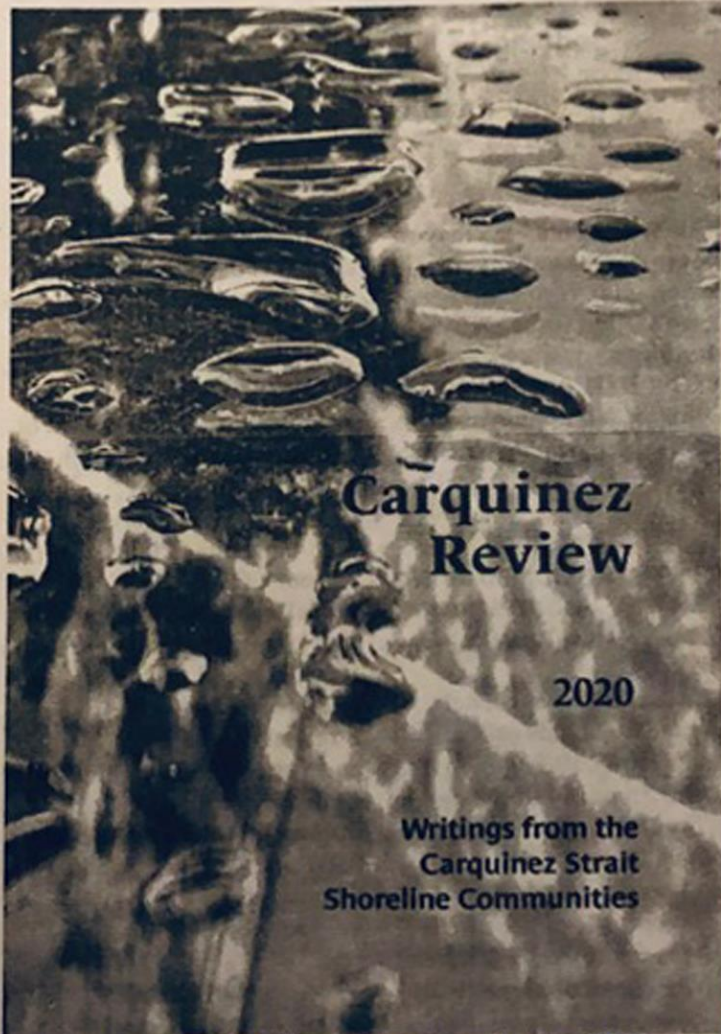


Benicia Literary Arts Publishing Carquinez Review 2020

Writings from the Carquinez Strait Shoreline Communities

BENICIA - Benicia's literary non-profit organization, Benicia Literary Arts, will soon publish an anthology of short prose works, *Carquinez Review 2020*. The selected writers hail from Benicia and throughout the North San Francisco Bay region. Benicia Literary Arts' editor in chief, Mary Eichbauer, describes the collection as "26 introspective pieces set in disparate places, from Vermont and Oklahoma, to Mars and beyond." Books may be pre-ordered on the BLA website, www.benicialiteraryarts.org, and should be ready in time to give as holiday gifts.

The stories were selected by a blind-review process using a panel of six judges who rated the large turnout of submissions from accomplished writers. "Our poets and authors... are familiar names at open mics, in bookstores and at exhibits



throughout the Bay Area," writes project editor Jim White, in the Introduction to

Carquinez Review 2020.

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Comments by early reviewers include, "vivid sensory images," "considerable dramatic tension," and "it kept this reader engaged from the first to the last sentence."

Two talented Benicia artists contributed to the book. The cover photo was the work of Beth Grimm (Beth Grimm Creative Arts). Book designer Jan Malin created the 'feel' of the book with images of

flowing waters that reflect a Bay Area vibe.

The book's title is a nod to an earlier edition, published in 2000 by Dave Badtkewich showcased Benicia and the North Bay region's artists and writers.

To view a list of story titles and authors, and to pre-order books, please visit Carquinez Review 2020 at www.benicialiteraryarts.org. The book may also be pre-ordered on Amazon.

Benicia Literary Arts encourages reading and writing in the community by producing events, creating a community of writers and readers, encouraging their development, and publishing works of high quality in all genres. Previous Benicia Literary Arts publications include, The Book of Joel, Late Harvest Green, poetry anthologies and collections by Benicia poets. Benicia Literary Arts is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization.