

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 here and should be ready in time to give as holiday gifts. You will be contacted when your pre-order is ready to pick up at [Bookshop Benicia](#).

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.

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 Badtke which 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: click here.](#)

The price is \$16.20 with tax included.