



LASTING MEMORIES RADIANT HOPE

*An exploration in poetry and story
of the memories and hopes that light our way
through the darkest December nights.*

Sunday, December 12, 3-5 p.m.

Usually, as the year draws to a close, cultural celebrations, family traditions, and religious observances converge in warmth, joy, and gift-giving. People get together to ward off the chill and the fast-falling night.

Last year the pandemic quashed plans for family meals and gatherings of friends, yet we were sustained by the warmth of memories and the light of hope. This year the pandemic lingers and we harbor well-founded fears. It may be, as Albert Schweitzer has noted, that “At times our own light goes out and is rekindled by a spark from another person. Each of us has cause to think with deep gratitude of those who have lighted the flame within us.” We remember. We find hope. We light the way for one another.

You are invited to take part in “Lasting Memories, Radiant Hope.”

Sign up to present poems or stories that draw upon memories and hopes that sustain you.

Email poetlaureatebenicia@gmail.com

The first 20 to respond will be designated to present for up to three minutes.

Everyone is welcome to attend and partake of the poetry and stories of memory and hope.

No need to RSVP. Contact poetlaureatebenicia@gmail.com for Zoom information.

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