



Memoir Workshop Announced for June 3rd by Benicia Literary Arts

Deborah Weiss and Lois Requist, who've both written and taught memoir writing, will share their knowledge and experience at a workshop on Saturday, June 3rd at 2:30 pm, at the Parish Hall at St. Paul's Church, 120 E. J Street in Benicia. The public is invited.

Weiss is the author of *Available As Is*, a memoir of early widowhood and subsequent dating. She received an MFA in creative writing from Saint Mary's College and had essays published in The New York Times "Modern Love," section, the Huffington Post, Woman's Day, and Reader's Digest

President of Benicia Literary Arts, Lois Requist was Poet Laureate of Benicia from 2012-2014, has a BA and MA in Creative Writing from San Francisco State College, and has published poetry, fiction, and nonfiction extensively. Her latest book, which received critical acclaim is *Late Harvest Green*, set in Idaho where she grew up. She's taught memoir writing for Benicia Literary Arts and Carquinez Village and continues in a memoir writing group that has been meeting for eight years.

"Many people want to share their life experiences but don't know how or where to start," Requist said. "The process of putting our life on paper enables us to clarify our thoughts and give voice to the important events we want to share, whether with our family or a larger audience."

Participants are encouraged to take notes, make observations, and ask questions. For further information about Benicia Literary Arts go to the website, benicialiteraryarts.org or send an email to LiteraryArtsBenicia@gmail.com. You may also comment at the blog attached to the website.