



Benicia Literary Arts Announces Book Launch Party for Carquinez Review 2024 at Arts Benicia

On Saturday, June 15th from 2 to 4 p.m., Benicia Literary Arts will reveal their new anthology, *Carquinez Review 2024*. Mary Eichbauer, Editor-in-Chief for BLA led the team to produce the book. Jan Malin did the design and cover. It includes prose and poetry plus art work by ten artists whose work was chosen by Arts Benicia. Some of the poets and writers whose work is in the book will read from their contribution. The public is invited. Artists and writers whose work is in the book will receive one free copy of the anthology. Copies will also be for sale.

Inside this third volume of *Carquinez Review*, there is prose, visual art, and poetry reflecting today's world, with its anxieties, remembrances, hopes, and dreams. Immigrant stories, speculative fiction about AI, poignant family memories, and inspiring poems about the natural world abound in these pages.

Writers and poets whose work is in the book are Peter Bray, Suzanne Bruce, Johanna Ely, Tamar Enoch, Stacy Gardner, Mary Susan Gast, Beth Grimm, Evie Groch, Nancy Haskett, Linda Hastings, Kathleen Hermann, Rick Hocker, Sandy King, Ramona Lappier, Karen Marker, Michael MacDonald, Louise Moises, Deborah Morrison, Rob Rogers, Jane Russell, Alyza Lee Salomon, Deborah Schmidt, Woodrow Shiftlett, Sandra Simmer, Tom Stanton, Nancy Tolin, Johnathan Watson, Gail Wasserman, and Linda Wright. Artists in the book include Steve Barbaria, whose piece *Still Life, Ukraine Winter* is the cover art. Other artists are Annette Laurel Batchelor, Diana Krevsky, Lori Larks, Jennifer Lothrigel, Kim Smith, Morrie Warshawski, Claudia Waters, Ken Weichel, and Sabina Yates.

“We are pleased to have so many local poets and writers published in this volume. It is a good illustration of the art and writing produced in this community,” said Lois Requist, President of Benicia Literary Arts. For more, visit benicialiteraryarts.org or contact Lois Requist, lois@requist.com 707.280.0588