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BENICIA LITERARY ARTS BOOK WINS PRESTIGIOUS AWARD



Benicia Literary Arts is pleased to announce the anthology, Carquinez Review 2024, has won The Next Generation Indie Book Award for "Best Overall Design in the Fiction Category." The Next Generation Indie awards is the largest international book awards program for independent publishers and self-published authors and is now in its 17th year.

Carquinez Review 2024 features works of art, prose and poetry by 39 contributors from communities located around and near the Carquinez Strait. The award notes the talented Benicia residents who played key roles in the book's design: Editor, Mary Eichbauer, Project Manager, Lois Requist, and Book Designer, Jan Malin.

The cover art, titled *Still, Life. Ukraine, Winter 2022*, is the work of artist Steve Barbaria. A panel of judges from Arts Benicia selected the visual artworks placed throughout the book to augment the writing.

Benicia Literary Arts (BLA) is Benicia's nonprofit literary organization, supporting writing and reading programs and publishing works of literary merit. Carquinez Review 2024 may be purchased at your local bookshop, including Bookshop Benicia and Alibi Books in Vallejo, or online at <https://www.benicialiteraryarts.org/store>.

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