

Instructions for poets and writers from Kathy Monroe, Benicia Poet Laureate.

1. Visit the Gallery and choose your favorite art pieces to inspire your written work. Wed-Sat 11-4 and Sun 10-3. [Main Street Arts](#) 613 Main Street Martinez
2. The sign-up sheet will ask for your name, phone, email (to receive last minute instructions) and the name of the artist and the name of the piece. There will be 20 places for writers.
3. Look over the signup sheet to make sure your first-choice art piece is not already signed up for. Since this gallery is a small collective, we would like to ensure that every artist has something written to at least one of their pieces, and that each piece has only one written work. If your first favorite art piece is already taken, please submit the name of another art piece that inspires you.
4. If you would like to write to 2 art pieces which are not already signed up for, please list your first choice and then put your second choice on an additional list. We will try to accommodate your reading both pieces according to the above provisions, or at the least, put it in the binder and provide the artist with your copyrighted work.
5. The Lamorinda Arts Alliance wall is not part of this Ekphrastic, but if you are moved to write to one of their pieces, we will ensure that the artist receives it. There are no limitations on these written works. Simply bring a copy to the Reading on Oct. 12.
6. For the Ekphrastic event, poetry maximum length is 40 lines counting line breaks and prose is 400 words. That means your piece can be read in a maximum of 3 minutes. Please submit using 12 point font in a standard text in Word or pdf. What you send will be printed out and placed in a binder. You do not have to submit a picture of the art piece!
7. Please send your piece to poetlaureatebenicia@gmail.com, checking that it will print out the way you want it to.
8. The submission deadline is October 5. If you cannot send in a piece for whatever reason, please let us know when you know, so that we can reopen that piece to someone else's choice.
9. Then come and enjoy the marriage of visual and literary art on **October 12, 3:30 to 5:30 pm!** [Main Street Arts](#) 613 Main Street Martinez