

# CALENDAR OF POETIC EVENTS

## New Mexico State Poetry Society

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### September 2011

#### Friday, September 2: Rio Grande Theater, Las Cruces – Open Mic

Friday, September 2, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Rio Grande Theater, 211 N Downtown Mall, Las Cruces, <http://www.riograndetheatre.com>

Open Mic for poets and prose writers. Bring 3 poems or five minutes of prose. Ellen Young will be MC.

#### Saturday, September 3: NMSPS Rio Grande Valencia (RGV) Poets

First Saturday of the month, 12:15 p.m. – 2:45 p.m. The **RIO GRANDE VALENCIA (RGV) POETS** meet at Joann's Kitchen on HWY 47 in the Tierra del Sol Shopping Center (1/2 mile south of Reinken), in Belen. Contact Chair Annmarie Pearson at [altbalance@q.com](mailto:altbalance@q.com) or call (505) 865-5605.

#### Saturday, September 10: NMSPS Albuquerque Chapter

Second Saturday of the month, September through April, 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. The **ABQ CHAPTER** meets at Manzano del Sol Good Samaritan Village, 5201 Roma Ave. NE (one block south of Lomas and one block west of San Mateo), in Albuquerque.

Welcome back poets! The ABQ Chapter of the New Mexico State Poetry Society will reconvene on Saturday, September 10, 2011. Park on the street. Phone – (505) 262-2311.

Coffee and tea will be provided. Come prepared to write. And, of course, bring poetry to share during our round robin reading. For further information: Elaine Schwartz (505) 255-1742 or [delschwartz@juno.com](mailto:delschwartz@juno.com).

#### Sunday, September 11, Black Cat Books and Coffee, T or C

Sunday, September 11, 1:00 p.m. Open Reading, hosted alternately by Terry Blanchard and Jeff Luftus.

#### Sunday, September 11: Duende Poetry Series – Alvaro Cardona-Hine, Amalio Madueno of Embudo

Sunday, September 11, 3:00 p.m. Anasazi Fields Winery, Placitas Village

The third reading of 2011 sponsored by the Duende Poetry Series of Placitas will be Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 3 p.m., at the local Anasazi Fields Winery. The featured poets will be two of New Mexico's major writers: Alvaro Cardona-Hine of Truchas and Amalio Madueno of Embudo.

For all Duende Poetry Series readings, wine and free snacks and non-alcoholic drinks are available to the audience. The event is free, though we encourage donations for the poets. For more information about the event, contact Jim Fish at the winery at 867-3062, on-line at [www.anasazifieldswinery.com](http://www.anasazifieldswinery.com), or by e-mail at [fish@anasazifieldswinery.com](mailto:fish@anasazifieldswinery.com).

The **Duende Poetry Series** of Placitas sponsors four readings a year and the last reading of this year will be held in October (details forthcoming at a later date). To reach the winery, turn onto Camino de los Pueblitos from Highway 165 in the old village of Placitas, across from the Presbyterian Church, drive past two stop signs, and then turn left into the winery parking lot. From outside Placitas, take I-25 to Exit 242, drive six miles to Placitas, and follow Camino de los Pueblitos through two stop signs to the winery.

**Tuesday, September 13: NMSPS Corrales Chapter – Organizational Meeting**

Tuesday, September 13, 6:00 p.m. Corrales Library, 84 West Entrada, Corrales  
Organizational Meeting, Corrales Chapter, New Mexico State Poetry Society.  
For Information: Susan Paquet, [paquetadoption@sbcglobal.net](mailto:paquetadoption@sbcglobal.net), (817) 597-9539

**Tuesday, September 13: Adobe Walls, Albuquerque: Open Mic and Featured Reader Richard Boucher**

Tuesday, September 13, 7:00 p.m. Open-mic sign-up begins 6:45 p.m. Page One Bookstore, 11018  
Montgomery Blvd. NE (southwest corner of Juan Tabo and Montgomery), Albuquerque,  
[www.page1book.com](http://www.page1book.com)

Come join us for Open Mic Night, hosted by Kenneth P. Gurney and the diverse local poets of New Mexico! Thirty minutes of open mic will be followed by a poetry reading by the featured poet of the evening.

**Saturday, September 17: NMSPS High Prairie Poets, Roswell Chapter**

Third Saturday of the month, 2:00 p.m. The **HIGH PRAIRIE POETS, ROSWELL CHAPTER** meet on the third Saturday of every month, from September through April only, at 2:00 p.m. at the Roswell Museum and Arts Center (11th and North Main), in Roswell. Contact Chair Ann H. Applegarth at [aapple@plateautel.net](mailto:aapple@plateautel.net) or call (575) 627-6014.

**Saturday, September 17: Alamosa Books, Albuquerque – Bonnie Rucobo**

Saturday, September 17, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Alamosa Books, 8810 Holly Ave. NE, Ste. D (northwest corner of Paseo del Norte and Ventura Street), Albuquerque, (505) 797-7101, [alamosabooks.com](http://alamosabooks.com)  
Booksigning: *King Pachuco and Princess Marisol*, by Bonnie K Rucobo (recommended for ages 8-12).  
As an employee of the City of Albuquerque Human Rights Office, Ms. Rucobo wrote three books of reflections on heritage that have been published in the Bernalillo County Library and school libraries throughout the city. She has published a number of poems and has served as President of the New Mexico State Poetry Society. Ms. Rucobo lives in Albuquerque, New Mexico, with the “real Pachuco,” a Lilac-headed Amazon parrot.

**Sunday, September 18: Alamosa Books, Albuquerque – NM Poets Read from The Malpaís Review**

Sunday, September 18, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. Alamosa Books, 8810 Holly Ave. NE, Ste. D (northwest corner of Paseo del Norte and Ventura Street), Albuquerque, (505) 797-7101, [alamosabooks.com](http://alamosabooks.com)  
Edited by Gary Brower, *The Malpaís Review* seeks to expand upon New Mexico's rich and diverse cultural heritage by bringing together poetry, poetry translation, and essays on aspects of poetry from writers around the state, the USA and beyond. New Mexico poets will gather to read their published work that has appeared in the poetry journal over the last year.

**Tuesday, September 20: NMSPS Rio Abajo Poets, Socorro Chapter**

Third Tuesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. **RIO ABAJO POETS, SOCORRO CHAPTER** meets in the library at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, 801 Leroy Place, in Socorro. Contact Chair Barbara DuBois at [brdubois@sdci.org](mailto:brdubois@sdci.org) or call (575) 835-3437.

**Tuesday, September 20: Palacio's Bar, Mesilla – Open Mic**

Tuesday, September 20, 8:00 p.m. Palacio Bar, 2600 Avenida de Mesilla, (575) 525-2910, Mesilla  
SPLAT Open Mic, hosted by Michael Mandel. Sign up begins at 7:30 p.m., readings begin at 8:00 p.m.  
Three poems or five minutes of prose.

**Wednesday, September 21: NM Poetry Alliance, Albuquerque**

The NM Poetry Alliance meets on the third Wednesday of every month, from **7:00 p.m.** to 9:00 p.m. at

the Central United Methodist Church on 201 University Blvd. NE. (between Central and Martin Luther King Blvd, on the 2nd floor) in Albuquerque. Some NMSPS members read at this meeting.

**Thursday, September 22: Fixed and Free, Albuquerque: Open Mic, Featured Reader Shirley Blackwell**

Thursday, September 22, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Open-mic sign-up begins 6:30 p.m. The Source, 1111 Carlisle Blvd SE (southwest corner of Carlisle and Anderson), Albuquerque

Fixed and Free poetry readings feature an invited poet and an open mic period. Billy Brown hosts Fixed and Free on the fourth Thursday of the month, in the Garden Room at The Source, in Albuquerque. Free to the public—donations to help defray a \$20 fee for using The Source and to help pay the featured poet are appreciated.

Rules: Open Mic sign-up begins at 6:30 p.m.; 5-minute limit on the open “mic” (there is no mic).

**Saturday, September 24: NMSPS Poets’ Picnic and Open Mic in Tijeras**

A global movement called 100 Thousand Poets for Change has challenged poets in some 400 cities in 90 countries to raise awareness of the part poets play in society and culture by participating in a day of awareness scheduled for Saturday, September 24.

The NMSPS will observe the day by hosting a Poets' Picnic and Open Mic at the Fine Arts Center in Tijeras, just a few miles east of Albuquerque, off I-40 (directions below). This is the first of what may become an annual NMSPS Fall Festival, so come out and help kick it off.

The festivities begin at **10:30 a.m.** with live music from the Free Verse in Reverse Band and sign-up for the first open mic, which starts at noon. From 12:30 until 2:00 p.m., NMSPS member Stewart Warren will emcee presentations by feature poets, including (in alphabetical order) Tani Arness, Rich Boucher, and Yasmeen Najmi. Following the feature poets, the open mic and more live music will round out the afternoon.

The poetry event will be in conjunction with an arts fair. Vendors will have booths around the perimeter of the open-air stage and performance space. Bring your lawn chairs or a blanket. Pack a lunch or buy one from several nearby sandwich shops (Subway is in walking distance; Pinkie's, Greenside Cafe, and Cedar Crest Grill are two miles away north on Hwy 14). Ana King, who is providing us this venue free of charge, offers gourmet coffees in her Just Imagine art gallery and coffee shop next door.

Our host has advised us that the audience may contain young children. As NMSPS supports bringing appropriate poetry to the children and youth of New Mexico, poets are asked to use discretion in selecting poems for the open mic.

Directions: Go east on I-40 to Exit 175 (a very few miles from Juan Tabo Blvd). When the ramp forks, turn right and right again to get on the old highway heading back toward Albuquerque. Look for the Just Imagine Gallery on your left less than 100 yards along the old road. The space is clearly marked.

**Saturday, September 24, Anywhere: 100 Thousand Poets for Change**

100 THOUSAND POETS FOR CHANGE: A Global event in, as of August 29, 2011, 400 cities, 95 countries. Zachary Kluckman is organizing numerous events in Albuquerque. Donna Snyder is organizing in El Paso. For information go to [www.bigbridge.org/100thousandpoetsforchange](http://www.bigbridge.org/100thousandpoetsforchange).

**Saturday, September 24: Alamosa Books, Albuquerque – Sheila Black and Lisa Gill**

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Beauty is a Verb: The New Poetry of Disability, Reading by Sheila Black and Lisa Gill. *Beauty is a Verb* is the first of its kind: a high-quality anthology of poetry by American poets with physical disabilities.

Poems and essays alike consider how poetry, coupled with the experience of disability, speaks to the poetics of each poet included.

## Ongoing Events

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### **Sundays: Church of Beethoven, Albuquerque**

The Church of Beethoven, at The Kosmos, 1715 Fifth Street NW, in Albuquerque, every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. performs classical music and poetry. For more information, see [www.churchofbeethoven.org](http://www.churchofbeethoven.org).

### **First Wednesday of Every Month: Poetry and Beer, Albuquerque – Slam Poetry**

Poetry and Beer is a gathering on the first Wednesday of every month, with Slam Poetry and beer at the Blackbird Buvette, 509 Central Avenue in Albuquerque. For more information, see [www.abqslams.org](http://www.abqslams.org).

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