

Surfwriters Newsletter

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--The Surfwriters Monthly Speaker Series --

Q&A with Novelist Rebecca Forster

Join Surfwriters at the Palos Verdes Art Center on February 24th at 11:00 a.m. when best-selling author **Rebecca Forster** presents a Q&A session.

Writers, would-be writers, and mystery fans can learn more about plotting, characterization, where to plant the hidden clues, even how to secure an agent. And what about those all-important twists---or anything else you've always wanted to know about writing a novel?

Forster writes legal thrillers that offer the reader courtroom drama with a twist. "It's the human factor that fascinates me," she says.

Forster's latest in her *Witness* series, *Privileged Witness*, stars volleyball-playing South Bay attorney Josie Baylor-Bates.

In addition to being a successful novelist, Forster is a seasoned writing coach, anchor instructor, and a popular featured speaker at professional conferences, conventions, and book festivals. She is a strong advocate for motivating writers of all ages.

What others say:

Peter Johnson of USA Today writes, "Forster has a sharp eye for detail and a keen ear for dialogue..."

Nancy Taylor Rosenberg, author of *Buried Evidence*, says of *Hostile Witness*, "...an enthralling read, with colorful, well-developed characters and the unique atmosphere of the California beach communities."

We look forward to hearing from outstanding local author and friend of Surfwriters, Rebecca Forster. Call Program Chairman **Julia Foster** at 541-8802 for more information.

Mark your calendar!

**Our next meeting will
take place at 10:00 a.m.,
February 24,
Palos Verdes Art Center,
5404 W. Crestridge Road,
Rancho Palos Verdes, 90275.**

**Rebecca Forster
will speak at 11:00 a.m.**

Guests are welcome!

-- **Announcements** --

Exhibition

"Bling!" celebrates African-American History Month. This free exhibit features work by eight emerging artists from the Los Angeles area.

Daily 1-4 p.m. through March 30 at the Art Center

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Look for Virginia Twohy's journal piece on artist-poet **Anne Wittels** entitled "The Many Angles of Art" in the **March** issue of **Peninsula People**.

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Art Jam Night!

Free to the public

Friday, February 24th, 7-9 p.m.

**Summer Studios Arts Academy
25004 Narbonne Ave.
Lomita**

-Art, Poetry, Music-
-Refreshments-
-Conversation-

January's Art Jam was a great success!

Call (310) 325-8801 for information.

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Poetry and Music in the Gallery

will take place **April 29**, rather than April 8, as previously planned.

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New Magazine

Debbie Paul displayed a copy of newly-released **South Bay** magazine at the January meeting, explaining that Editor/Publisher David Hunt currently writes most of the material himself. Eventually he will accept travel articles from writers who work with public relations companies and resorts. Patterned after the style, content and quality of **Orange Coast** magazine, **South Bay** is an impressive publication!

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Anthology

Ildy Lee shared the results of her research on self-publishing with members at January's meeting.

After discussion, it was decided to release the anthology in the fall rather than rushing to publish in April.

Ildy, Deb, KC and new member **Pauline Falstrom** volunteered to form a subcommittee that would work on anthology details between regular monthly meetings. **Anne Wittels** offered to provide advice from the visual perspective, as needed.

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Welcome, New Members!

Beth Eichel

Pauline Falstrom

Ginger Clark



Club Books

for the Benefit of Members
*Thanks for making books available
to other members!*

Due for Return February 24

- Writer's Market
- Novel & Short Story Writer's Market

Available to Members February 24

- Palos Verdes Peninsula Artists



Reminder:

Is it time to renew your membership?
If you're not certain, please check with
the Art Center at (310) 541-2479 or
e-mail info@pvcartcenter.org.



Special thanks to contributors-

- Rebecca Forster
- Virginia Twohy
- Julia Foster
- Deborah Paul

Newsletter Online

Look for the monthly newsletter online at
the Surfwriters website:

<http://www.palosverdes.com/surfwriters/>

If you'd prefer to read the newsletter
online and not receive the print edition,
please let me know. (See address below.)

Future Announcements

Please send your announcements for
future newsletters to

kcjohnson@starnetdial.net.

Happy writing!

KC

Looking Ahead:

Our **March** meeting
will take place on the 24th at the Art Center.

"Most people are on some kind of pilgrimage, whether or not they recognize it as such. If you put your writing in the form of a quest you will make a connection with your readers that will surprise you with its power."

-William Zinsser



See you on February 24.

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