## 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 24<sup>th</sup> 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, <u>Privileged</u>
<u>Witness</u>, 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.

#### 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!

#### 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 <u>Buried Evidence</u>, says of <u>Hostile Witness</u>, "...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.

#### -- 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 24<sup>th</sup>, 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 newlyreleased 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

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# 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

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#### 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 <a href="mailto:info@pvartcenter.org">info@pvartcenter.org</a>.



#### Special thanks to contributors-

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



#### Newsletter Online

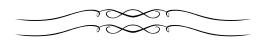
Look for the monthly newsletter online at the Surfwriters website: http://www.palosverdes.com/surfwriters/

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 <a href="kcjohnson@starnetdial.net">kcjohnson@starnetdial.net</a>.

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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