

Presenting the 4th Annual Lummis Day Library Series

VIVA POETRY!

During the first three Saturdays in May from 2-5pm hear live poetry from Los Angeles poets and learn to write or improve your own poetry. All events are free and open to the public.

Saturday, May 7, 2-4pm @ Autry National Center / 4700 Western Heritage Way, Los Angeles, 90027. *Poetry in a Golden Nutshell* by Austin Strauss. Most of what you need to know about contemporary poetry in 7 minutes! To be followed by short reading by this iconic LA poet. **FREE WORKSHOP** with Brendan Constantine, suitable for beginners to advanced poets. Special appearance by Autry docent, **SKIP GILLETTE**, will present two classic traditional poems.

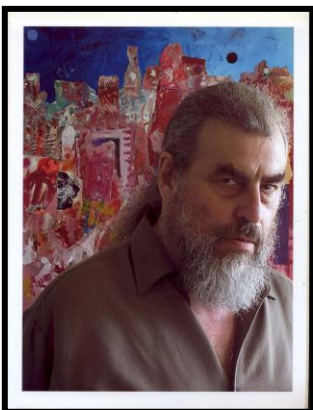
May 14, 2-4pm @ The Eagle Rock Library / 5027 Caspar Avenue, Los Angeles, 90041. **SUZANNE LUMMIS** presents best-loved poems of the Eagle Rock branch library and a **FREE WORKSHOP** with **JESSICA GOODHEART**, suitable for beginners to advanced poets.

May 21 @ 2-4pm, Arroyo Seco Regional Branch / 6145 N. Figueroa Street, Los Angeles, 90042. **OPEN READING** Be a part of the line-up or just come to listen to emerging and established poets in the Northeast Los Angeles area. This event will wrap-up the Lummis Day Library Series and kick-off the 6th Annual Lummis Day Festival on Sunday June 5. **POETRY SIGN-UP'S AT 1:30.**



Brendan Constantine's work has appeared in *Ploughshares*, *The Cortland Review*, *The Malpais Review* and *RUNES*. New work is forthcoming in *Field*, *Rattle*, *Redivider*, and *PANK*. His collection, *Letters To Guns*, was released in 2009 from Red Hen Press. He is currently poet-in-residence at The Windward School and Loyola Marymount University Extension.

Jessica Goodheart's work has appeared in *The Best American Poetry*, *The Antioch Review*, *Blue Arc West: An Anthology of California Poets*, *Mudfish*, *Salamander*, *Cider Press Review*, *Pearl* and other journals. She was featured in the Newer Poets reading, sponsored by the Los Angeles Poetry Festival. Her first book, entitled *Earthquake Season*, was published by Word Press in 2010.



Austin Straus is a poet/visual artist. He was host of *The Poetry Connexion* on Pacifica Radio. He's worked for human rights with Amnesty International and other groups. He taught English, art, poetry workshops and philosophy. He creates unique artists books, paintings, collages and prints. Publications include *Drunk with Light* (2002) and *Intensifications* (2010) from Red Hen Press. He has been married to poet/writer Wanda Coleman for 30 years. The painting in the background is titled "Ruined City." Photo Credit: Steven Oshatz

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