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EKPHRASIS COLLABORATIVE EXHIBIT 2023

Prospectus

CALL FOR ARTISTS & AUTHORS

Who Collaborate, Create, Respond, Create

Artists Inspire Authors; Authors Inspire Artists.

(We use the terms Author & Writer interchangeably for this exhibit.

An LAC Arts Partner need not be a published author to participate.)

Introduction

Curators from the **California Writers Club, Diablo Branch (CWC)**, the **Lamorinda Arts Alliance (LAA)** and the **Lamorinda Arts Council (LAC)** collaborated to develop this creative ekphrastic exhibit. **This Prospectus only applies to Arts Partners from the Lamorinda Arts Council who want to participate.** The culmination of this exhibit is an exhibit of fine visual artwork that inspires literary works, and literary works that inspire fine visual artwork to be enjoyed by the public, fellow art and literary enthusiasts.

Exhibition of Ekphrasis works takes place **May 1 through June 2, 2023** in the Art Gallery at the Orinda Library, 26 Orinda Way, Orinda. A reception honoring participant Artists and Authors takes place on **Saturday May 6, 2023 from 3 – 5:00 p.m.** A projection of visual artwork will be shown in the Orinda Library Auditorium on a large screen paired with a spoken word reading related to the artwork. This presentation will be videoed and displayed on CWC, LAA and LAC websites, various social media, and YouTube channels.

What is “Ekphrasis?” What Does it Mean for Creative People?

Ekphrasis is a Greek word defined as using a detailed description of a work of visual art as a literary device. Our intention, although not new, is to expand that definition into other directions. For example, visual Artists may respond in many creative ways with relevant existing or new visual artwork inspired by a literary work. An Author may respond to a visual artwork that inspires their imagination, emotions, and thoughts with relevant existing or new writing.

Curators **Donna Arganbright** and **Ruth Stanton** from **Lamorinda Arts Alliance**, **Linda Hartmann** from **California Writers Club, Mt. Diablo**, and **Bill Carmel** from **Lamorinda Arts Council** invite you to:

TRY SOMETHING NEW, ACCEPT A CHALLENGE AND GO FOR IT!

Workshops, planned and yet to be planned, are available to inform you and answer questions. For calendar information access the detailed **Summary of Events** at lamorindaarts.org/ekphrasis, contact LAC Ekphrasis curator Bill Carmel at ekphrasis@lamorindaarts.org or call **925.359.9940**.

This Prospectus concerns **only LAC Arts Partner (AP) participants**. However, Ekphrasis participation is open to members in good standing from each organization.

Sequence of Events for LAC AP Participants

- LAC Arts Partner (AP) Initiators can be visual Artists or Authors.
- LAC AP Initiator visual Artists submit one new or existing visual artwork to the Ekphrasis Committee.
- LAC AP Initiator Authors submit one new or existing creative writing to the Ekphrasis Committee.
- The Ekphrasis Committee posts anonymous creative writings and visual artwork submissions on the LAC website for review by LAC AP Responders.
- LAC Arts Partner (AP) Responders can be visual Artists or Authors.
- Each LAC AP participant is allowed a single submission and a second one if space allows.
- LAC AP visual Artist Responders review online anonymous Initiator writings and choose three writings to respond to, ranking them in order of preference. They will be paired on a first come, first served basis with one such writing by the Ekphrasis Committee. Visual artists respond to one writing with one relevant existing or new artwork.
- LAC AP Author Responders review online anonymous Initiator visual artworks and choose three visual artworks to respond to, ranking them in order of preference. They will be paired on a first come, first served basis with one such visual artwork by the Ekphrasis Committee. Authors respond to one visual artwork with one relevant existing or new creative writing.
- The Ekphrasis Committee pairs Initiator and Responder submissions on a first come, first served basis with one of the three choices they have submitted and informs each participant of their pairing.
- The related visual Artworks and Author writings are displayed next to each other as a paired piece for a 30 day exhibit in the Art Gallery at the Orinda Library (May 1 to June 2, 2023).
 - **Example 1:** An LAC AP visual Artist Responder chooses three Author writings to respond to, ranked by preference. The Ekphrasis Committee pairs one of the writings with the Responder's visual Artwork. If possible, the visual Artist's first choice writing preference is paired.

- The Ekphrasis Committee informs the LAC AP visual Artist Responder which writing they are paired with.
 - The LAC AP visual Artist accepts the challenge to respond to the written work with one of their own new or relevant existing visual artworks.
 - The LAC AP visual Artist Responder then prepares their one relevant existing or new visual artwork and submits same to the Ekphrasis Committee for the exhibition..
- **Example 2:** An LAC AP Author Responder chooses three visual Artworks to respond to, ranked by preference. The Ekphrasis Committee pairs one of the visual Artworks with the Responder Author. If possible, the Author's first choice preference is paired.
- The Ekphrasis Committee informs the LAC AP Author Responder which visual Artwork they are paired with.
 - The LAC AP Author Responder accepts the challenge to respond with one of their own new or relevant creative writings.
 - The LAC AP Author Responder then prepares their one relevant existing or new creative writing and submits same to the Ekphrasis Committee.

Eligibility

Membership in one of the three collaborating organizations is mandatory. **However, this Prospectus applies only to Arts Partners from the Lamorinda Arts Council who want to participate.**

The Registration fee for the Ekphrasis exhibit is \$20 for one submission and \$30 for two submissions for all three organizations. The Registration fee is in addition to the membership fee for each organization. The Registration fee is used to print Author submissions for display at the exhibit; rental fees for the auditorium, AV usage, podium with mic; and AV assistance. Each LAC AP participant is allowed a single submission and a second one if space permits. The one-year LAC Arts Partner membership fee is \$25. Scholarships are available upon request. To request a scholarship for all or part of the fees, email ekphrasis@lamorindaarts.org or call **925.359.9940**.

If you are interested in learning more about **California Writers Club Mt. Diablo Branch** participation in Ekphrasis visit: <http://www.cwcmtdiablo.org/ekphrasis/>. To learn more about **Lamorinda Arts Alliance** participation in Ekphrasis visit: <https://laa4art.org/calls-for-artists/>.

Collection of Fees

The LAC collects the Arts Partner Fee (if any) and exhibit Registration fee at the same time for Ekphrasis. If you are not a current LAC Arts Partner (within one year of your initial membership) the LAC Arts Partner fee for one year is \$25. The Initial Ekphrasis Registration fee is \$20; if you submit a second submission the fee is an additional \$10 for a total of \$30. Go [HERE](#) to complete the Ekphrasis Registration form and pay online. No personal information will be shared, but we may need to get in contact with you for various reasons related to your participation in the Ekphrasis exhibit.

A scholarship fund is available for your use upon request. The LAC's policy is that no one shall be barred from participating in Ekphrasis due to lack of funds. Contact ekphrasis@lamorindaarts.org or call 925.359.9940 to request scholarship funds.

Categories

LAC AP Artists and Authors may participate in one of four categories as

- Initiator Artists,
- Initiator Authors,
- Responder Authors, or
- Responder Artists.

**WE INVITE YOU TO JOIN US BY PARTICIPATING
IN THIS CREATIVE VENTURE OF
ART INSPIRING AUTHORS AND AUTHORS
INSPIRING ART!**

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