



Rivertown Poets & Aqus Café
Donna Emerson & Steve Trenam
Monday, February 2 – 6:00 p.m. PDT
LIVE AT THE AQUS CAFÉ
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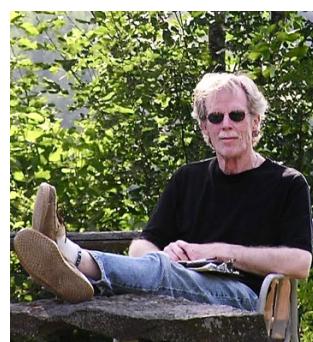


Donna Emerson has published four chapbooks and is introducing her third full-length poetry collection, *Daphne Lifts Up*, at Aqus Cafe. A Petaluma poet, she has twice been nominated for a Pushcart, once for Best of the Net, and twice for the California Book Award. She has won awards from the national Allen Ginsberg contest and from Redwood Writers, Persimmon Tree, and the Naugatuck Literary Review and has been a featured poet in many literary journals. Donna served two years as Events Chair at the Marin Poetry Center and as a member of the Board. She taught poetry in Petaluma elementary schools as well as at Santa Rosa Junior College. She volunteered at a memory care facility in Marin, leading patients in writing individual and group poems. Her background includes a forty-year private practice in clinical social work and as a school and medical social worker in the San Francisco Bay Area. She has also worked as a professional photographer. Her seven poetry book covers feature her photographs.

Steve Trenam teaches poetry for Santa Rosa Junior College. Blue Light Press published his *An Affront to Gravity* in 2021. His work appears in *Pandemic Puzzle Poems* and in the ekphrastic poetry book, *Canyon, River, Stone and Light*. He is a founding member of Poetic License Sonoma. Other poems appear in the Redwood Writers' poetry anthologies of 2022 and 2023, California Writers' Club Literary Review, *Moonlight and Reflections*, *Nine Sonoma Poets*, (Valley of the Moon Press, 2022), Larry Robinson's poetry lovers' mailing list, and Reverberations III, an ekphrastic art exhibit at the Sebastopol Center for the Arts. He has been a judge for the 2024 California Writers' Club poetry/short story contest. In early 2026, three of Steve's poems will be published in *Psychological Perspectives Journal*.



Donna Emerson



Steve Trenam

Aqus Café is located at 189 H Street, off Petaluma Blvd. South
Sign up for open mic at the café: 3 minutes/one poem per reader.