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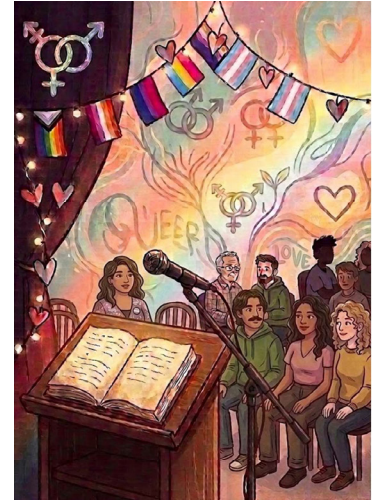


**Celebrating LGBTQ+ identity through the power of poetry.**

- Headlined by celebrated queer poets
- Open mic session: come share your own LGBTQ+ poetry!

**Saturday, April 18th**  
**7:00 pm – 9:30 pm**

**Marin LGBTQ Center**  
709 Fifth Ave., San Rafael  
(corner of Tamalpais and Fifth Ave.)



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## KAREN POPPY

Karen is a Marin-based non-binary poet and attorney whose debut collection, *Diving at the Lip of the Water*, earned praise from Judy Grahn “for its paradox and power.” Her second full-length collection, *A Spring of Resilient Light*, is set for release in August 2026.



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## YEVA JOHNSON

Pushcart Prize nominee Yeva Johnson is the author of *Analog Poet Blues*, a chapbook exploring interlocking caste systems and human co-existence. Her acclaimed poetry has appeared in numerous journals, including *Obsidian* and *Sinister Wisdom*.



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## ANGEL BIDEMA

Angel is a mixed race transmasculine/non-binary Latine poet and non-fiction writer who sometimes dabbles in fiction. His work centers on navigating the nuances of trans identity in a heteronormative gender system. He has been featured in *A Thin Slice of Anxiety* and is former Assistant Fiction Editor of *14 Hills Literary Magazine*.



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## JUDY GRAHN

An internationally renowned foundational voice in the LGBTQ+ and feminist movements, Judy is a Bay Area-based cultural theorist and poet. She is currently revising her classic *Another Mother Tongue: Gay Words, Gay Worlds* and preparing for the release of *Queen of Cups: A Conference of Changes*.



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## ALEXANDRIA GIARDINO

Alexandria is an award-winning bilingual poet, translator, and author of four children’s books. Her work has appeared in *The American Poetry Review* and on KQED. Her most recent poetry was featured in the February 2026 collection *Tender Hearts Club*.



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## SABA HAKIMZADEH-ABIANEH

Saba is a Bay Area artist from Tehran whose work honors her ancestors and homeland through themes of displacement, grief, and transmutation. Holding an MFA from CalArts, her thesis “*Village Gossip*” envisions landscapes of liberation by exploring rituals of intimacy in her ancestral village of Abyaneh, Iran.