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Nationally Known Poet Glenna Luschei to be Featured Reader at Cal Poly Winter Celebration Reading Jan. 23

SAN LUIS OBISPO -- Glenna Luschei, the editor of nationally known Solo Café magazine, will be the featured reader at the Cal Poly English Department's first Winter Celebration Reading at 7 p.m. Friday, Jan. 23, in Room 123 in the Agricultural Engineering Building.

In addition to Luschei, five members of The Plein Air Poets of San Luis Obispo and selected local poets from the current issue of Solo Café will read during this inaugural event.

Luschei was named Poet Laureate of San Luis Obispo City and County for the year 2000. She is founder and publisher of the poetry journals Café Solo, Solo and Solo Café, and is the author of many chapbooks, special editions and trade books. Her recent works include "Seedpods," published by Presa Press in 2006, and "Libido Dreams," released by Artamo Press in 2007. She also published an artist book of her translation of "Sor Juana Inés de la Cruz's Enigmas."

Seven environmentally committed local writers make up The Plein Air poets of San Luis Obispo. In their book, the poets describe themselves as a "painter, biologist, jazz musician, urban planner, university professor, community activist, English teacher, educational psychologist, writer and midwife."

Five of the Plein Air poets will be reading, including Jane Elsdon of Atascadero, who was Poet Laureate of San Luis Obispo in 2005.

The reading is free and open to the public. It is hosted by Cal Poly Professor and poet Kevin Clark. Two volumes, "Poems for Endangered Places" by the Plein Air Poets and "Solo Café 4 & 5," will be for sale at the reading. For more information, contact Clark at 756-2506 or kclark@calpoly.edu.

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