Sunday Poetry at the South Brunswick Library

Nancy Mercado and Deborah LaVeglia on Sept. 13
ADMISSION: Donation of a nonperishable food item
Date: Sunday, September 13, 2009
Time: 2:00pm - 5:00pm
Location: South Brunswick Public Library, New Jersey
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Monmouth Junction, NJ

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Description

South Brunswick, NJ – Poets Nancy Mercado, whose work has appeared in literary magazines such as Columbia University’s City Magazine, and Deborah LaVeglia, director of PoetsWednesday, the longest-running (30 years) poetry series in New Jersey, s offered at the Barron Arts Center in Woodbridge, will be the guest readers. The program, sponsored by the South Brunswick Arts Commission, in cooperation with the South Brunswick Public Library.

Mercado has presented her work throughout the US, Europe and in Canada as a featured poet and conference panelist. She is the author of It Concerns the Madness (Long Shot Productions) and the forthcoming Rooms for the Living: New York Poems, featuring an introduction written by Ishmael Reed. Her work has been anthologized in Powwow, American Short Fiction from Then to Now (Perseus Books Group); Kiss the Sky: Starring Jimi Hendrix (Paycock Press); From Totems to Hip-Hop: A Multicultural Anthology of Poetry Across the Americas, 1900-2002 (Thunder’s Mouth Press) and Poetry After 911: An Anthology of New York Poets (Melville House Publishers). She served as an editor of Long Shot (1993–2004) and as the publication’s editor-in-chief for one of those years.

LaVeglia’s work has been published in poetry journals including Negative Capability, Lips, Paterson Literary Review, American Poetry Journal, Exit 13, and Edison Literary Review. She was a featured guest on National Public Radio in 2008, and a featured poet at various readings in New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. Her essay publications include “Diving In and College English Notes.” Her first chapbook, The Vigil, was published in 2000. She runs poetry workshops at grade schools, high schools and colleges. LaVeglia was an adjunct English teacher at Middlesex County College. She was the previous poetry editor of Black Swan Review. Currently, she is director of the PoetsWednesday Poetry Series and she created the website “PoetsWednesday & More,” which lists poetry events and venues in Central New Jersey.
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