

Festival



Board

Juliet Velarde Betita...

has been promoting diversity dialogues in the community as an educator, workshop facilitator and psychotherapist. She has started an Asian literature book club called "Asian Writings and the Asian Women Who Love Them".

Jaime Fior...

developed a passion for reading and literacy as an elementary school teacher. She now continues to share diverse literature with her students at Santa Barbara City College.

Judy Guillermo-Newton...

is a Santa Barbara native who has recently retired from careers in both education and the financial industry. She is now following her heart and promoting diversity dialogues in the community as an educator, workshop facilitator and consultant. She is an avid reader and is happy to be serving on the WLF committee.

Sharon Hoshida...

is long time Santa Barbara resident and community organizer. Active in politics, peace, women's rights and social justice, she believes in the power of words to change the world.

Sonia Zuniga-Lomeli...

has lived in Santa Barbara for 40 years and has recently retired from a teaching career at SBCC. She believes that language, whether spoken or written, should not be taken for granted and should be cultivated to achieve productive and effective communication.

Elizabeth (Liz) Martinez...

has volunteered on various non-profit, professional, and political boards, committees, and programs for over 16 years. As an avid reader and book club member, Liz is happy to serve WLF as its treasurer.

Clara Oropeza...

Clara believes the power of literature can effect change and be used to advocate for an equitable world. Her work as an educator and writer examines the narratives that we tell in hopes of harmonizing a sense of self, community and who we are in relationship to the earth. She teaches, writes and plays in Santa Barbara.

Brenda Bernu Reheem...

is a UCSB retired graphic artist. She designs the promotional materials for the Women's Literary Festival. Her passion for reading many genres drew her into attending WLF festivals for many years, and joining the board in 2016.

Elizabeth Robinson...

has been a community media activist and advocate for over 30 years at the local, national and international levels. Her work as a broadcast journalist is guided by Article 19 of the Human Rights Charter, the right to communicate.

kynita stringer-stanback...

is sixth generation North Carolina Native and an information activist. kynita loves to read and learn about new cultures and perspectives.

Magdalena Torres...

is a retired Santa Barbara City College American Ethnic Studies instructor and Student Program Advisor. Magda has been a board member of WLF, since the beginning. A Santa Barbara descendent, she is an active community volunteer who enjoys giving back to her Santa Barbara.

Lauren Trujillo...

works for the Santa Barbara Historical Museum and is a Master of Library and Information Science candidate at UCLA. She studied at UCSB for her undergraduate degree and has a passion for history and the Santa Barbara community.