

Beach Bards Poetry & Prose Reading Series Presents

Local Poets Marya Small Parral & Katherine Givens

Monday August 21, 2017 at 6 p.m.

Sea Isle City Library 4800 Central Avenue Sea Isle City, NJ 08243



Marya Small Parral A relatively new member of

the South Jersey writing community, Marya left her work as a nurse in 2010 when her oldest child, who has autism, transitioned from school to the world of adulthood. She discovered the Jersey Cape Writers shortly after that, and today she feels very privileged to help facilitate the group's meeting. She is also involved with several other events for local writers, including Ocean City High School's annual Poetry Please! Day and a day of poetry that she hosted at the Schiavo Library, Strathmere, NJ. Her poetry has appeared in *Poetry Quarterly*, *The Sandy River Review*, and *Friends Journal*. She lives with her family in Ocean City, NJ.



Katherine Givens

Now working toward an M.S. in Library Sciences from Drexel University, Katherine has published in numerous print and online magazines, including *WestWard Quarterly*, *Tipton Poetry Journal*, *The Copperfield Review*, *Nazar Look*, and *From the Depths*. Her poems have appeared in two collective chapbooks, *Whistling Shade Press* and *Unwrapped: The Bareback Anthology*. Her first poetry collection, *Passages of Love: A Collection of Poems* was published in 2015. She lives in Cape May Court House.

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