



**CALIFORNIA  
WRITERS CLUB  
BERKELEY BRANCH**

**Sunday,  
April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2016  
12-4 p.m.**

**ConneXion@JLP  
520 Third St. #109  
(buzz for entry)  
Oakland**

*Entrances on both Third and  
Fourth Streets. ADA accessible  
entrance on Fourth.*

*Use City Center BART, or there is  
parking on the street and in the  
garage by the movie theater.*



**Our monthly meetings open to  
the public. Each month we  
feature our spotlight members as  
well as industry experts. Find  
out more about our meetings,  
contests, workshops, writing  
groups, and more at  
[cwc-berkeley.org](http://cwc-berkeley.org)**

*The CALIFORNIA WRITERS CLUB is a  
501(c) (3) educational nonprofit  
dedicated to educating members and  
the public-at-large in the craft of  
writing and in the marketing of their  
work.*

**Honor a CWC founder during the  
Jack London Legacy Celebration  
2016. Find writing events at the  
CWC calendar online.**

*"You can't wait for inspiration, you have to go after it with a club."  
- Jack London -*

**A CWC Event**  
**INA COOLBRITH**  
**AND THE SAVING GRACE OF POETRY**

*Ina Coolbrith: The Bittersweet Song  
of California's First Poet Laureate*  
captures the life and times of a  
pioneer poet, Oakland's first public  
librarian, and the most popular  
literary ambassador in the early  
American West. Bret Harte called  
her the "sweetest note in California  
literature." Jack London and  
Isadora Duncan considered her their  
literary godmother. Hers is the story  
of adolescent California; of a  
female poet who slipped into the  
male-dominated literary world of  
post-Gold Rush San Francisco; and  
of a woman whose unrequited love  
for poetry (and a handsome young  
protégé named Carl) drove her to  
Roaring Twenties New York in her  
eighties.



Journalist and independent  
scholar Aleta George writes  
about nature and culture in  
California. Her work has been  
published in Smithsonian.com,  
the San Francisco Chronicle, Bay  
Nature, and several travel  
anthologies.

Aleta, author of "Ina Coolbrith:  
The Bittersweet Song of  
California's First Poet Laureate,"  
will speak about Coolbrith's love  
of poetry, and how the act of  
writing it brought meaning and  
grace to her challenging life.

Visit here for more information:

[www.aletageorge.com](http://www.aletageorge.com)

**MEETING SCHEDULE:**

12-1 p.m. - Author Support Group  
1-2 p.m. - Marketing Group  
*Simultaneously:*  
12:30 - 2 p.m. - Social Hour  
  
2 - 2:30 p.m. - Break, Book Sale  
2:30 - 3 p.m. - Announcements  
3 - 3:15 - CWC Featured Member  
3:15 - 4 p.m. - CWC Speaker  
Program

**FEES:**

**All CWC Members: \$5  
Non-Members - \$10**

**Next Meeting: May 15<sup>th</sup> - Brian Schwartz!**