

The Monterey Bay Poetry Consortium Presents:

**John Dotson
&
David Sullivan**



**Tuesday, February 8, 7:00 p.m.
East Village Coffee Lounge,
498 Washington Street, Monterey
\$5.00 Admission**

John Dotson has been widely involved in the Monterey Bay poetry community since locating here in 1974. He was the first and only poet-in-residence of the Robinson Jeffers Tor House Foundation, and a long-term trustee. He details that experience in his book *The Enduring Voice, A Tor House Journal*. For over twenty years on KAZU, John hosted *Ars Poetica?*, a weekly program featuring local poets. His book *Rivulets of Light: Poems of Point Lobos and Carmel Bay*, spanning a 35-year period, was published in 2008. John has presented poetry, performance, and educational events from Santa Cruz to Big Sur, including teaching for many years at Santa Catalina School and UC Santa Cruz, Extension. His work has been published internationally and translated into Czech, Russian, Romanian, and Japanese, and in recent years, John has performed in New York, elsewhere in the US, and in Wales. His book *Love For Ever Meridian; Finding Dylan Thomas in the 21st Century*, will be published this year.

David Sullivan was first alerted to the power of poetry when his mom taught him Ogden Nash's "Isabel, Isabel, met a bear..." The line "cruel and cavernous" chilled and thrilled him, and he's still working on exorcizing bogeymen and exercising his imagination by dipping into the word hoard. His first book, *Strong-Armed Angels*, was published by Hummingbird Press, and two of its poems were read by Garrison Keillor on *The Writer's Almanac*. He has recently finished two manuscripts: *Devils Messenger*, a multi-voiced manuscript responding to what's occurring in Iraq, and *What Remains*, a series of poems about his father's Alzheimers. He teaches at Cabrillo College, where he edits the *Porter Gulch Review*, and lives in Santa Cruz with his love, the historian Cherie Barkey, and their two children, Jules and Amina Barivan.

Upcoming Events:

Mar.8---Ed Jarvis and Joanna Martin
April 12---Dan Linehan and Illia Thompson

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