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A NEVADA COLLECTION: POETRY AND ART
ON VIEW AT THE NEVADA HUMANITIES PROGRAM GALLERY

Las Vegas, NV – Nevada Humanities presents the exhibition *A Nevada Collection: Poetry and Art*, featuring artwork, poetry, and a selection of images created in celebration of the 14th annual Vegas Valley Book Festival, October 15 - 17. *A Nevada Collection*, on view October 1 through November 25 at the Nevada Humanities Program Gallery, is comprised of a variety of artworks, poetry, and works created expressly for an art stamp project, by more than 20 artists and poets. Throughout the exhibition and Festival dates, attendees can collect special trading cards featuring the poetry and artwork.

A Nevada Collection features works by **eleven poets**: Becky Bosshart, Keith Brantley, James Joseph Brown, Shaun Christensen, Harry Fagel, Jeffery Bennington Grindley, Andrew Clark Hall, Shaun Leonard, Joan Robinson, Vogue Robinson, and Elizabeth Quiñones-Zaldaña; and **twelve artists**: Diane Bush, JW Caldwell, Gig Depio, Susanne Forestieri, Stewart Freshwater, Yobi Graciano, Anne Hoff, Kim Johnson, Sylvester Collier/Left of Center Gallery, Su Limbert, Gary Mar, and Ron Maras.

“We hope this exhibition, combined with the stamp project, will give an opportunity for poets and artists included to share a small hand-made print of their work with the community that will inspire the beginning of many wonderful *Nevada Collections*. Encouraging the collection, patronage, and enjoyment of poetry and art for a wide audience is an exciting venture,” said Christina Barr, Nevada Humanities Executive Director.

ARTIST RECEPTION & CUSTOM STAMP PRINTING

Thursday, October 1 / 5 – 9 pm

Friday, October 2 / 5 – 9 pm

Nevada Humanities Program Gallery, 1017 S. First Street, #190, Las Vegas

STAMP PRINTING IN THE POETRY COURTYARD during VEGAS VALLEY BOOK FESTIVAL

Saturday, October 17 / 12 – 4 pm (while supplies last)

Historic Fifth Street School, 401 S. Fourth Street, Las Vegas, NV 89101

Attendees are invited to bring a blank book to be stamped by the artists themselves

The Vegas Valley Book Festival brings together a wide variety of literary genres and cultural programs across three days, including “**The Voice of the Mojave: Nevada Humanities Presents Claire Vaye Watkins**”, on Saturday, October 17 from 3 – 4 pm. For a complete list of events, and additional information, visit www.vegasvalleybookfestival.org

A Nevada Collection: Poetry and Art, is part of Nevada Humanities’ bi-monthly exhibition series, which showcases the work of Nevada artists, writers, photographers, and other creative thinkers who explore and articulate a sense of place in the Silver State. The Nevada Humanities Program Gallery is located at 1017 S. First Street, #190, Las Vegas, in the Art Square Garden Courtyard downtown within the 18b Arts District. The Program Gallery is open Monday through Friday, from 1 – 5 p.m., and open late until 9 p.m. on Preview Thursdays and the first Friday of each month for First Friday events. For more information about Nevada Humanities call 702-800-4760 or visit nevadahumanities.org.

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