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**LAURA LEE WASHBURN TO READ IN SALINA SPRING
POETRY SERIES, TUESDAY, APRIL 16**

(Salina, KS 04-24) The 40th Salina Spring Poetry Series, sponsored and organized by Salina Arts & Humanities, continues on Tuesday, April 16, with a reading by Laura Lee Washburn.

The reading will begin at 7 pm at Red Fern Booksellers (106 S Santa Fe Ave). Admission will be \$5 cash at the door and free for students with ID.



Traci Brimhall, Kansas Poet Laureate, curated this year's series. Brimhall selected poets with a broad range of perspectives who will share their work in Salina this month.

"Laura Lee Washburn is one of the most dedicated advocates for poetry in Kansas. When I was at an artist residency in Arkansas, someone asked me if I knew Laura Lee Washburn because her class at Pittsburg State was the reason they were a writer. That's the kind of passion for language she inspires. Her work always courts the mysterious and the complicated nature of beauty. She spends a great deal of her time advocating for the arts, her students, and her community, and I'm so grateful that she could make the time to come be a part of the series this year," says Brimhall.

Laura Lee Washburn is a University Professor, the Director of Creative Writing at Pittsburg State University in Kansas, the author of *The Book of Stolen Images* (Meadowlark) which was awarded the Nelson Book Award from the Kansas Authors Club, *This Good Warm Place: 10th Anniversary Expanded Edition* (March Street) and *Watching the Contortionists* (Palanquin Chapbook Prize), and the Editor-in-Chief of *Poetry Cooperative/Heartland: Poetry of Love, Resistance, and Solidarity*. Her book *Arteries* is forthcoming this May. *Harbor Review's* Washburn Prize is named in her honor.

For needed accommodations, please call Amanda Morris at Salina Arts & Humanities at 785-309-5770 between 8:00 a.m. - Noon and 1:00 - 5:00 p.m. Every effort will be made to accommodate known disabilities. For material or speech access, please call at least five working days prior to the event.

Salina Arts & Humanities, a department of the City of Salina, has served a unique role as an arts advocate and resource partner since 1966. The Smoky Hill River

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