

OPA 2026 70th Celebration Schedule (version 7/9/26)

THU AUG 27 Special Reading/Open Mic – The Salem Poetry Project – open to the public

FRI Aug 28		
Time	Activity	
2:00	Attendee Sign In. Book drop.	
3:30-4:45 PM	Workshop w/ Carol Barrett Making Art from Rare Experience	Workshop w/ Sue Fagalde Lick Poetry 1, 2, 3
5:00 – 5:45 PM	Reception (light bites)	
5:45 – 7:00 PM	Free Time	
7:00 – 10:00 PM	Community Open Mic Including OPA Contest Winners	

SAT Aug 29		
Time	Activity	Location
7:00 – 8:00 AM	Continental Breakfast (buffet)	
8:10 – 8:45 AM	Intro & Opening Keynote Armin Tolentino	

Workshops			
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	Rm - TBA	Rm - TBA	Rm - TBA
9:00 – 10:15 AM	Allie Marini Tarot For Poets	Christine Delea Celebrating 70 Years of OPA! Prompt Party & Playing with Forms	Concepción Sámano Braided Voices: Writing a Bilingual Poem
10:30 – 11:45 AM	Carol Barrett Making Art from Rare Experience	Doug Cox The Power and Craft Behind Brief Poems	Ximena Keogh Serrano Cartografías del sentir
12:00 – 1:30 PM	Lunch (buffet) - Ballroom		
	Annual General Meeting (AGM) and Banta Award		
1:45 – 3:00 PM	Sue Fagalde Lick Poetry 1, 2, 3	Colette Tennant Making Peace (and Poetry) with your Obsessions & Fascinations	Efraín Díaz-Horna Apuntes para empezar una aventura literaria
3:15 – 4:30 PM	Jamae Ann Sabangan Excavating the Bones: Starting Points for Poetic Practice	Christine Delea Celebrating 70 Years of OPA! Prompt Party & Playing with Forms	Denise Diamond Poetry as Dialogue

Time	Activity	Location
4:45 PM	Closing Open Mic	
6:25 – 6:30 PM	Closing Remarks David Goodrum (President)	
Various times throughout the event	Book Sales	