

Kari Ann Martindale

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Poet & Spoken Word Artist working in free form, haiku, and ekphrasis

SELECT FEATURES

Group

- White House Office of Public Engagement “*Celebrating Women Veterans through Art*,” White House (2024) with Armed Services Arts Partnership
- *Opening Event*, National Association for Poetry Therapy annual conference (2024) with EC Poetry & Prose
- *Brain to Bookshelf* annual open mic hosted by Kari Martindale (2022, 2023, 2024)
- “*Juneteenth Celebration*,” Sky Stage (2024), Frederick, MD, with Out40
- “*Ekphrasis*,” Delaplaine Arts Center (2023), Frederick, MD, with Maryland Writers’ Association Frederick Chapter; paired with juried mixed-media exhibition
- “*Black History is All Our History*” poetry panel, Bird in Hand Café & Bookstore, Baltimore, MD, with EC Poetry & Prose (2023)
- *Poetry & Emcee* by EC Poetry & Prose, Write Women Book Fest, Prince George’s County, MD (2021, 2022, 2023)
- “*Ekphrasis*,” Delaplaine Arts Center (2022), Frederick, MD, with Maryland Writers’ Association Frederick Chapter; paired with juried photography exhibition
- Guinness Arts & Drafts “*Poetry with EC Poetry & Prose*,” main stage (2022) with EC Poetry & Prose, Halethorpe, MD
- “*Reflections*” with EC Poetry & Prose, paired with solo exhibition by Elaine Weiner-Reed, Montpelier Arts Center (2022), Prince George’s County, MD
- “*Portraits of Life*” with EC Poetry & Prose, paired with Elaine Weiner-Reed and April M. Rimpo’s exhibition (2021), Baltimore County Arts Guild
- *Berks Bard Fest* (2021)
- *Sky Stage Literature Night* (2019-2023), Frederick, MD, with Maryland Writers’ Association Frederick Chapter

Solo

- Feature Poet, First Fridays, Maryland Writers’ Association (2024)
- Feature Poet, Manor Mill, Monkton, Maryland (2023)

VISUAL ART: EXHIBITIONS

2025 Group Exhibition, *Veterans Show*, Delaplaine Arts Center, Frederick, MD (Photograph “Searching for Grandpa”)

VISUAL ART: PUBLICATIONS

2026 *Pen in Hand* cover, January 2026 (Cover image, photograph)

2025 *Pen in Hand* cover, January 2025 (Cover image, photograph)

2024 *Pen in Hand* cover, January 2024 (Cover image, photograph)

RELEVANT SERVICE

Board

- Management Team, EC Poetry & Prose (2022-2024, 2026-)
- Board, Maryland Writers' Association (2019-2025)

Judging & Selection

- Maryland State Arts Council Independent Artist Awards, Judge (2021)
- League of Utah Writers Olive Woolley Burt Awards for Creative Writing (2025, 2026)
- Armed Services Arts Partnership 2024 Anthology, Selection Committee (2024)
- Poetry Out Loud regional and state competitions, Judge (2023)
- Maryland Writers' Association Poetry Contest, Judge & Co-Editor (2023)
- Scholarship Committee for a nonprofit organization, Judging Essays, Judging Yes/No rounds (2017-2023)

Editorial

- Co-Editor, Pen in Hand (2023-2024)
- Co-Editor, Emerging Voices (2025, 2022, 2020)

AWARDS & NOMINATIONS

- Honorable Mention, Writer's Digest Annual Writing Competition, Non-Rhyming Poetry category, for "The Beaches of *Normandie*" (2024)
- Honorable Mention, HoCoPoLitSo Ellen Conroy Kennedy Prize, for "The Beaches of *Normandie*" (2024)
- Finalist, Joy Bale Boone Poetry Prize, for "Hoff Street II" (2024)
- Nomination, Best of the Net, for "Defining Whiteness" (2024)
- Nomination, Pushcart Prize, for "Dream Catcher" (2022)
- Finalist, Colonel Darren L. Wright Award, Line of Advance, for "The List" (2022)

GRANTS

- Maryland State Arts Council Individual Artist Grant (2024)
- The Denis Diderot Grant (2023)

RESIDENCIES

Château d'Orquevaux, France (January 2024)

COLLECTIONS

Château d'Orquevaux, Orquevaux, France

PUBLICATIONS

Poetry has appeared in over a dozen literary journals, including *Heartland Review*, *Plainsongs*, *Blue Unicorn*, *Maryland Bards Annual Poetry Review*, *Pen in Hand*, *Yellow Arrow Journal*, *Line of Advance*, *Collateral*, *45 Magazine*, and others, and is forthcoming in the anthology "Our Best War Stories" (Middle West Press, 2025)

Frederick News Post, freelance, 2022-present, including “The Art of Midwifery,” “‘Judicial Soup’ by Emmitsburg author highlights the need for justice reform,” “Fun-filled, exhausting, invaluable, bonding experiences: The mother-daughter roadtrip,” and other Arts & Entertainment
Urbana Town Courier, freelance, 2019-2020, local interest including “Chief Nightwalker Shares the Story of the Palouse Tribe”
The Flash Series children’s books (2017)

SELECT TEACHING/PRESENTING

2026 Alaska Writers Conference presentation: “Ekphrasis”
2026 Poetry Out Loud mentor (Maryland, virtual)
2025 Alaska Writers Conference intensive workshop: “From Prose to Poetry”
2025 Armed Services Arts Partnership (virtual): “6 Weeks of Poetry,” “How We Say It”
2025 Wounded Warrior with Armed Services Arts Partnership (virtual): “Writing Prompts” for women veterans with TBIs
2025 Maryland Writers’ Association Frederick Chapter (virtual): “Bios & Artist CVs & Artist’s Statements, Oh, My!”
2024 Armed Services Arts Partnership with Delaplaine Arts Center: “Ekphrasis”
2024 Woodlands at Urbana: “Planning a Roadtrip”
2024 Brain to Bookshelf conference: “From Prose to Poetry”
2024 Maryland Writers’ Association North Baltimore chapter: “Poetry 101”
2023 Brain to Bookshelf conference: “What to Consider When Creating a Language for Your World”
2023 Armed Services Arts Partnership (virtual) “From Prose to Poetry,” “Turning Your Journaling into Poetry”
2023 Maryland Writers’ Association Teen Writing Club guest mentor (2019-2021, 2023)
2022 Wounded Warrior with Armed Services Arts Partnership (virtual): “Poetry 101” for women veterans
2022 Brain to Bookshelf conference: “Considerations for Indie Authors: A Facilitated Discussion”
2021 Frederick County Public Library: “Journaling with Kari Martindale”
2020 MWA Webinar Series: “How to Get the Most Out of Your MWA Membership”
2019 Maryland Writers’ Association Frederick Chapter: “Critiques: How to Give and Receive, and Hopefully Not Cry”
2017-
2019 Adjunct Faculty, English as a Second Language, Frederick Community College

EDUCATION

MASTER OF ARTS | 2010 | GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY
Major: Linguistics

CERTIFICATIONS

Mental Health First Aid for Military, Veterans, and their Families
National Council for Mental Wellbeing (expires 2029)

AFFILIATIONS

49 Writers (2025-present)
Alaska Writers’ Guild (2025-present)
EC Poetry & Prose (2022-present)
Maryland Writers’ Association (2019-present)

LANGUAGES

English, Spanish, German, Arabic

Traveled to over 40 Countries, all 50 States