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Poetry on the Devil's Slide Ride: *Park your car, pick up a poem!*

The City of Pacifica is pleased to announce the fifth poem selected to appear on the Devil's Slide Ride Shuttle. The poem "Edge of Night", written by Ellaraine Lockie of Sunnyvale, CA, will be available on board the shuttle bus during the weekends starting November 28, 2015, and can also be seen on the City of Pacifica's Parks, Beaches and Recreation website under special events.

Offering poetry on the local shuttle is the brainchild of the City's Poet Laureate, Dorsetta Hale. Poetry submissions chosen for the program will be printed and available on a monthly basis as a "take away" for riders of the shuttle.

"This program has created an opportunity to enhance participants' experience by linking public transportation to the art of poetry," said City of Pacifica, Parks, Beaches and Recreation Director Michael Perez. "We are very happy with the response we've received to this program started by our Poet Laureate, Dorsetta Hale, and are excited to present our fifth poem."

The Devil's Slide Ride is a free shuttle program that provides weekend transportation to our community and visitors. The shuttle operates from 8 am to 5 pm on weekends – schedule and stop information can be found on the City's website at www.cityofpacifica.org.

Funding for the shuttle is provided through a public/private partnership between the City of Pacifica, San Mateo County Transportation Authority, the City/County Association of Governments of San Mateo County, Recology of the Coast, the Pacifica Chamber of Commerce and the Pacifica Hotel Business Improvement District.

Ellaraine Lockie is a widely published and awarded author of poetry, nonfiction books and essays. Her eleventh chapbook, *Where the Meadowlark Sings*, won the 2014 Encircle Publication's Chapbook Contest. She also won Best Individual Collection from *Purple Patch* magazine in England for *Stroking David's Leg*, winner of the San Gabriel Poetry Festival Chapbook Contest for *Red for the Funeral* and *The Aurorean's* Chapbook Spring Pick for *Wild as in Familiar*. Ellaraine teaches poetry workshops and serves as Poetry Editor for the lifestyles magazine, *Lilipoh*.

For more information about the Poetry on Devil's Slide Ride program, please contact Dorsetta Hale at pacificapoetlaureate@ci.pacificaca.us.

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