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## Local writers will share their work at Tapestry Café

The Tapestry Café will be hosting a featured reading with local poets John J. Trause, Diana Tuorto, and Randi Clarcken on Saturday, February 10 from 1 to 4pm. Immediately following the featured readers will be an open mic for fellow poets.

John J. Trause has been writing and reciting his poetry for 25 years. Trause's poetry, translations, and visual work have appeared in such diverse journals as Sensations Magazine, Cover, The North River Review, The Troubadour, Global City Review, The Rilt, Parse, Radix, as well as the online journals Pedestal and Siderality. His work is also forthcoming in Xavier Review and Now Culture.

Trause's performance poem *Ishitar Redux* was staged in Spring 2001 at the Loews Theatre in Jersey City. His *Latter-Day Litany* and *Other Pseudo-Hagiographica* has had a number of revivals after its New York debut in 1998, most recently in Autumn 2004 at the Bickford Theatre at the Morris Museum, in Morristown.

Diana Tuorto has been writing fiction and poetry since the age of ten. In March 2006, Tuorto self-published her first collection of poems, entitled *Let The Horses Die: Poems of Longing, Love, and Loss* from 1997-2005. To date, this collection has sold over 450 copies, and proceeds directly benefit Mylestone Equine Rescue, a non-profit horse rescue located in Phillipsburg. Tuorto's poetry has also appeared in such journals as *Möbius*, *Goldfinch*, and *Open Stage Poetry Zine*.

In 2008, Tuorto will be releasing her first children's novel, *My Desert Sun*. Formerly a self-pub-



Local poet and novelist Diana Tuorto will be among those reading from their works at Tapestry Café.

lished release *My Desert Sun* will be available in bookstores nationwide through *Writer's Lair Books* in Maryland. The story of a captured mustang struggling to regain his freedom, *My Desert Sun's* proceeds will also benefit three American horse rescues—*Lifesavers* in California, *The Institute of Range and the American Mustang* in South Dakota, and *Fair Dinkum Equine Rescue* in Wyoming. More information on Tuorto's work can be found online at [cayuse.8k.com](http://cayuse.8k.com).

Randi Clarcken is a New Jersey writer, photographer and graphic artist. Her work has been published in *Möbius*, *Asinine Poetry*, *USA Today Online*, *Wingspan Quarterly*, and numerous oth-

ers. Clarcken is the 2007 Editor of *Goldfinch*, the literary journal of *Women Who Write*, a Madison-based writers' group, and she is currently at work on a young adult fantasy novel, along with her first book of poetry.

There is no cover charge for the readings or to participate in the open mic. For more information, please email Diana Tuorto at [lunar\\_aradia@yahoo.com](mailto:lunar_aradia@yahoo.com).

More information on The Tapestry Café can be found on their website at <http://tapesstrycafe.8k.com>. Tapestry Café is located at 6A Route 183 South/Ledgewood Avenue across from the Growing Stage Theatre, in Netcong.