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## Distinguished women showed the poetic side of Pasadena

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April is National Poetry Month. Here are some local poets, all deceased, that appealed to us.

Jean Burden of Altadena was poetry editor of "Yankee" magazine for many years. She wrote "Journey Toward Poetry" and was mentor to other poets.

California State University, Los Angeles, hosts the annual Jean Burden Poetry Reading.

Hildegard Flanner lived in Altadena surrounded by her beloved plants, until she and her artist husband, Frederick Monhoff, moved to Calistoga.

Her book of poems, "In Native Light," is illustrated with her husband's engravings.



Poet, artist and biochemist Paula Randall of Sierra Madre, then 87, is shown here in a photo from the collection in the Pasadena Museum of History, taken by Walt Mancini, Pasadena Star-News.

Celeste Turner Wright grew up on North Los Robles Avenue and began writing poetry when at Pasadena High School.

She became the first tenured woman professor at UC Davis where The Celeste Turner Wright Poetry Prize, sponsored by the Academy of American Poets, is awarded each year.

Pictured here in a photo by staff photographer Walt Mancini from the Pasadena Star-News collection at the Pasadena Museum of History is Paula Randall of Sierra Madre at 87. Trained as a biochemist, Randall ran a cancer research laboratory in Pasadena.

After retirement she studied art and produced prizewinning sculptures and metal jewelry.

Paula Randall joined a Jean Burden poetry workshop and published her poems. Composer Thomas Yeakle wrote a choral song piece around her poems called "The Greening

of Will." Here is one of them, called "Small Ritual."

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morning shadows shuttling  
across clearings in my eyes.  
Bird flight loops  
from branch to branch.  
Clouds tumble gently through  
each other's ballooning tufts.  
How easy this dawn  
to choose not to die.  
I catch fire.  
I break bread  
with a new day,  
giving no quarter to time.  
This is the greening of will  
the budding of trees.*

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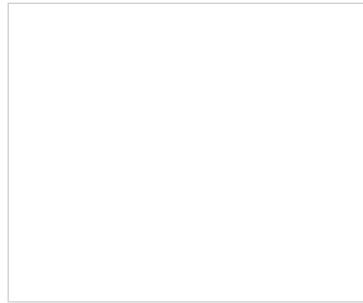
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The 28th Annual Jean Burden Poetry Reading will be held Thu., May 9, 6:30 p.m., at the Golden Eagle Ballroom on the Cal State L.A. campus.

Speaker: Wanda Coleman is recognized as "the unofficial poet laureate of Los Angeles." Ms. Coleman's most recent awards are The George Drury Smith Award from Beyond Baroque Literary Center (2012) and The Shelley Memorial Award from The Poetry Society of America (2012).

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