



# Ekphrastic Expressions:



## The Merging of Art and Poetry

### Bird of Paradise

Passion succinctly peeks  
through overgrown coy,  
foliage of dreams reach up,  
ravenous to be meaningful.

Look inside to find the Truth,  
shadows do not hide,  
they protect infant desires  
longing to grow.

No longer silent buds,  
tightly entwined blossoms emerge,  
vibrant crimson and magenta of joy  
scream freedom.

I do not need a picture to see,  
authentic beauty lives in a thought,  
ecstasy bursts  
as my Secret Garden thrives.

Wednesday, April 8, 7pm

St. Helena Public Library

1492 Library Lane

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for more information.



Janet Manalo, a mixed-media artist, and Suzanne Bruce, a poet, create unusual and stunning pieces of art that combine both painting and words. Come to see and hear—and enjoy—these works of art, and learn what the strange word ekphrasticism is all about.

Join Janet and Suzanne at 6:30 pm for an opening reception of the gallery exhibit, on display at the library during April.

To RSVP for this event, go to [www.shpl.org/rsvp.htm](http://www.shpl.org/rsvp.htm)

or ask library staff to add your name.

