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FOURTH ANNUAL CAMBER PRESS POETRY CHAPBOOK AWARD WINNER ANNOUNCED

Bronxville, NY, November 10, 2008 — Camber Press is proud to announce the winner of the fourth annual Camber Press Poetry Chapbook Award. Sally Albiso's entry entitled *Newsworthy* was chosen by final judge Steve Orlen from among a group of unidentified submissions.

Albiso, a resident of Port Angeles, Washington, looks to news headlines for the subjects of the poems in this manuscript. The titles and epigraphs she chooses range from the absurd, *Window washer falls 47 stories and lives*, the paranormal, "*Researchers probe ghost sightings on whaling ship*" and the all too familiar times and dates, "*Nagasaki, 1945.*" Albiso does not dismiss these headlines with a cursory glance. She immerses herself in the subject. She is able to uncover truth where others may have just found idle coffee chatter.

Poet and final judge Steve Orlen writes of this collection:

"From simple facts, bare profiles garnered from newspapers, these quietly eloquent poems enter the essence of human frailty, transgression, and otherness. They are less about the individuals than about the correlations between their lives and ours — that is, the themes are what shine out, line after line."

Along with publication, Ms. Albiso also receives an award of \$1,000 and ten copies of her book. With a scheduled release date of May, these poems blur the line between the factual and the abstract. The humans depicted in these poems are not judged, they are explored with reverence. Albiso's poems also serve as a startling reminder that "newsworthy" events are never regional and never are reported without reason.

SALLY ALBISO is a Pushcart Prize nominee, a William Stafford Award honorable mention, winner of the 2007 Jeanne Lohmann Poetry Prize, and The Comstock Review's 2007 Muriel Craft Bailey Memorial Award. Her poems have appeared in *Blood Orange Review*, *Cascade*, *Crab Creek Review*, *Pontoon: An Anthology of Washington State Poets #7, 8, and 10*, *Rattle*, *Tidepools*, and *The Comstock Review*.

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