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BISBEE POETRY FESTIVAL

BISBEE POETRY FESTIVAL RETROSPECTIVE

WITH PETER YOUNG & THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA POETRY CENTER

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This presentation offers a close look at the faces, stories, and history of the Bisbee Poetry Festival during the years of its sponsorship by Cochise Fine Arts, 1979–1985. Peter Young will present images of materials from his Bisbee Poetry Festival archives and share first-hand accounts of the history of the Bisbee Poetry Festival. Wendy Burk, librarian at the University of Arizona Poetry Center in Tucson, will share photographs and stories from the Center's LaVerne Harrell Clark Photographic Collection, which includes many portraits of legendary poets during their appearance at the Bisbee Poetry Festival. Discussion will follow.

TUESDAY | MAY 23 | 2017

PRESENTATION | 5:30 PM

PETER YOUNG is a longtime Bisbee resident and a well-known artist, activist, and DJ. Peter was one of the founders of the Bisbee Poetry Festival, bringing leading U.S. poets to perform their work in Bisbee. Peter's presentation is drawn from his extensive archives related to the Bisbee Poetry Festival.

WENDY BURK is the author of a book of poems, *Tree Talks: Southern Arizona*. She is also the University of Arizona Poetry Center's librarian. Wendy has long admired images of the Bisbee Poetry Festival in the Poetry Center's collection, and is excited to share and hear stories from those who were there.

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