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### GILLIAN WEGENER TO READ AT FRIENDS OF THE MODESTO LIBRARY ANNUAL MEETING

Local Poet's First Full-Length Book Set for March 1 Release

Gillian Wegener will be reading from her first full-length book, *The Opposite of Clairvoyance*, at the March 5 meeting of the Friends of the Modesto Library (FOML). This will be Wegener's first public reading in support of the new title, published by Sixteen Rivers Press. The reading begins at 7 p.m. in the Modesto Library Auditorium, followed by a book signing and the annual meeting to elect new officers. The public is invited to attend.

*The Opposite of Clairvoyance* delves deeply and tenderly into the territory of the everyday. With an eye tuned to the most delicate of details, Wegener creates a world where the call of an unseen bird is as rich with meaning as the metallic crunch of an auto accident. Set against the background of California's Central Valley, this book of imagistic and thoughtful poems leads us to an often elusive realization: that home can be found in unexpected places.

#### ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Gillian Wegener has published poems in numerous journals, including *Runes*, *English Journal*, *americas review*, and *In the Grove*. A chapbook, *Lifting One Foot, Lifting the Other*, was published by In the Grove Press in 2001, and Wegener was awarded top poetry prizes by the Dorothy Sargent Rosenberg Foundation for 2006 and 2007. She works as a junior high English teacher in California's Central Valley, and lives with her husband and daughter in Modesto. *The Opposite of Clairvoyance* is set for publication on March 1, 2008.

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