

## **Bardi Rosman Koodrin, MA**

Bardi has been a storyteller since the age of five; since she didn't know how to read or write, she drew her stories and narrated them to anyone who would listen. Following her artistic side, she was trained as a graphic designer and later, earned a masters degree in Art Therapy from Notre Dame De Namur University. Having pursued her love of writing for over twenty-five years as well as promoting other writers on the Literary Stage in the Fine Arts Galleria at the San Mateo County Fair, she considers herself to be a Public Communicator.

Since 2009, Koodrin has worked to give writers a presence and a voice on the literary stage in the Fine Arts Galleria at the San Mateo County Fair [www.sanmateocountyfair.com](http://www.sanmateocountyfair.com). She originated "events within the event," for members of the SF/Peninsula branch of the CWC to give free workshops and author presentations to fairgoers. Her literary entries doubled in one year, and she procured an annual \$20,000 Creative Writing Scholarship from Notre Dame De Namur University [www.ndnu.edu](http://www.ndnu.edu) for a deserving high school student and/or a full-time student of any age.

Her dream of publishing all the literary contest entries became a reality in 2012 with Carry the Light, Stories, Poems and Essays from the San Mateo County Fair [www.amazon.com/Carry-Light-Stories-Essays-County](http://www.amazon.com/Carry-Light-Stories-Essays-County) published by Sand Hill Review Press [www.sandhillreviewpress.com](http://www.sandhillreviewpress.com)

Koodrin earned the 2012 Peninsula Arts Council's Diamond Awards, Special Recognition category, for developing the anthology and creating literary stage events [www.peninsulaartscouncil.org](http://www.peninsulaartscouncil.org), and is a member of the San Mateo County Arts Hall of Fame.

In 2013, she received the Jack London Award for "outstanding service to the California Writers Club" for promoting the craft of writing.

She was also given the 2011 Local Heroes Award from the Midpeninsula Community Media Center for sharing her inspiring stories of living well with chronic health issues. The full interview is on [youtube.com/watch?v=cIP-VwznHBI](http://youtube.com/watch?v=cIP-VwznHBI).

Koodrin serves on the board of directors for the San Francisco/Peninsula Writers Club, a branch of the CWC [www.cwc-peninsula.org](http://www.cwc-peninsula.org), where she co-created the *Jack London Media Clinic*, a public speaking, and on-camera training package designed to help writers promote themselves.

From 2008-10, she volunteered as an on-camera interviewer for *Senior Moments*, a thirty minute San Bruno cable TV program focusing on people over the age of fifty. She also wrote *The Healing Chronicles*, a series of health and wellness columns for <http://sanbruno.patch.com/columns/the-healing-chronicles>. Appointed to the San Bruno Culture & Arts Commission in 2008, she has served as both the Chair and Vice Chair.

She has written numerous short stories, articles (*American Journal of Art Therapy*), personal experiences (*Journey to the Light*), illustrated two book covers, and her short story, *Luscious Lola*, was published in the 2011 edition of *The Sand Hill Review, Volume XII*, and was included in *The Best of Sand Hill Review*. She is the author of three novels, *Journey to the Other Side*; *Bruja*; and *The Mud-Eater's Apprentice*. The first three chapters of her novel in progress, *Killing the Kid* (now renamed *Novelmania*), were published in the 2010-2013 *Fault Zone* anthologies.

She is married to the artist/muralist Boris Koodrin [www.boriskoodrin.com](http://www.boriskoodrin.com), the director of the fair's Fine Arts Galleria. They welcomed their first grandchild a day before the 2013 San Mateo County Fair. Gael Alexander is a true fair baby, destined to carry on the Carry the Light tradition!