

## POETS RESPOND TO PRINTS

January 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m., Channing Peake Gallery, Santa Barbara, CA

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### Still Water

Old pond, old friend,  
rare host deep in the woods  
off track and trail, we hear

pulsing through centuries,  
the frog in Basho's haiku splash,  
ripple your fragile heart. Whir

of dragonfly. Hushed  
silence we long for your gift,  
our mirror. Kingfisher

from curve of dead branch  
and heron on stilt legs, unsettle  
dark waters, divine fish.

Wide-eyed turtle waits  
for turn behind reeds. Old pond,  
as your edge recedes

do you weep? Spider clings  
to her web waiting to catch  
our attention.



Pond by Karen Schroeder