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Island Voices reminds you of the Martha's Vineyard Writers Residency readings at the West Tisbury library at 5 pm on Wednesdays in October. Here's a sample from Sweta Vikram:

## A Note to Daffodils (Epigraph)

*A host, of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*

Wipe away that condescending smug!  
You are not the sole messenger of glee,  
you pompous, glamorous, bulbous plant.

In the game, of life, you were fortunate  
to be noticed by William Wordsworth,  
a man obsessed with the beauty of ink  
dipped in nature. He expressed his bias  
under the warmth of the azure blanket.

I became the progeny of an illicit love affair.  
A union between the icon of misfortune,  
Van Gogh, and tragedy bleeding from  
his paint brush. I am the slum dog Sunflower.

Aha, the similarity in our difference!  
Our color is the same, but it's all in the name.  
When the wind bellows,  
you are revered as the Daffodils ;  
I am chastised as the Sunflower.

Today, I have the courage to fight injustice.  
This has to stop. I dare you to meet me  
alone in never-ever land where  
the mountains and the birds are the judges  
of our charisma. Not another human,  
with misplaced emotions. I can sense it  
the true feud is about to commence.

-- Sweta Srivastava Vikram

# CALENDAR

◀ November 2009 ▶

Today is: **Sun, Nov 1, 2009**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 •Featherstone Poetry Workshop	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 •Featherstone Poetry Workshop	12	13	14
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Martha's Vineyard resident Fanny Howe is the recipient of the 2009 Ruth Lilly Prize, presented annually by the Poetry Foundation to a living U.S. poet whose lifetime accomplishments warrant extraordinary recognition. She is a sister of Susan Howe also a distinguished poet.

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