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**Her-Story Month Book Signing at The Morris Graves Museum of Art
First Saturday Arts Alive!
March 1, 2008 from 6-9pm**

In honor of Women's Her-Story Month the Morris Graves Museum of Art Gift Shop will have a book signing with local poet and publisher Christa Laririt. Women's Her-Story month celebrates a woman's contribution to society, to her community, family, and friends. Join us at First Saturday Arts Alive for this special book signing with Christa Laririt and learn more about her publications and company.

About Christa~ Bringing influence from Oregon, Boston, and Santa Barbara, Christa Laririt currently resides in Eureka. Almost four years ago, she chose to move to Humboldt for its natural coastal beauty, population size, and artistic culture. Here she has found a partner, friends who like to talk philosophy, a home, and a garden. Through poetry, she works to blend introspection, nature, and timelessness. These are qualities she admires in great writers such as Kahlil Gibran, Hafiz, and Mary Oliver. Christa received a Bachelor of Arts in Literature at Simmons College in Boston then wrote her first book, *Rose's Collage*, while working at a domestic violence shelter.

Calliope Books publishing company was created in 2003 in order to present poetry most true to the way she envisioned. Calliope means "the Greek muse of heroic poetry." The most recent publishing adventure is a book by Paul Guthrie, *Reflections on Blood Games: Impact Poems from the Ricochets of Life*, about surfing and surviving cancer. Since April is National Poetry Month, Paul will be visiting for an author tour to read at Morris Graves Museum on Sunday, April 13th. Questions on poetry and publishing are welcome.

A Poem by Christa Laririt

Her Story: Part I

She stands with hands
On hips and head high.
One foot is on a stack of books.
Lives and letters of others
Help her on her journey.
Her breasts point across land,
Climb mountains,
Grace
Across waters and seas.
She is a black silhouette.
Her feet are shaped into question marks.
There is so much
She wants to unravel.
Where
Will she go next?

In addition to her poetry books, blank handmade journals can also be found at the Morris Graves Museum of Art Gift Shop. The Morris Graves Museum of Art is located at 636 F Street, in Eureka, and is open Wednesday through Sunday from 12-5pm. **For more information contact Rebecca Cacciari at (707) 442-0278 ext. 201.**