

WORDSPROUTS: CRAVING CALIFORNIA CUISINE?

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Come join us on Wednesday, May 28, 2025 for our next WordSprouts event, in partnership with the Old Stone House, featuring poet and author Betsy Andrews.

Betsy will present her new book, *Coastal: 130 Recipes from a California Road Trip* (Chronicle). Co-authored with Chef Scott Clark and photographer Cheyenne Ellis, *Coastal* is a visual feast of free-spirited Californian cooking and living set against the surf, peaks, curving roads and sunsets of the Golden State.

WordSprouts is the recently revived long-running PSFC author series, where Coop authors share thoughts about their works and writing process. To get updates about WordSprouts events, check the *Linewaiters' Gazette* or sign up for the WordSprouts mailing list at psfcwordsprouts@gmail.com.

When: Wednesday, May 28, 2025 – doors open at 6:45pm, event begins at 7pm

Where: Old Stone House, 336 3rd Street, Brooklyn, NY 11215

RSVP: [Click here to RSVP on Eventbrite.com](#)

Coastal was named a Best Cookbook of Spring 2025 by *Eater* and *Epicurious* and a *Book Riot* Most Anticipated Cookbook of 2025.

This inspired collection of crave-worthy recipes, gorgeous photographs and vivid stories takes us on a road trip beginning at Chef Scott Clark's beloved sandwich-and-pie shop *Dad's Luncheonette*, in Half Moon Bay and ending in Ventura County. Along the way, it visits the fishermen, crabbers, farmers, winemakers and foragers who stretch along the Pacific Coast Highway between San Francisco and Los Angeles.

Clark's accessible seasonal recipes deliver the adventure of the coast in smart, creative, unfussy and delicious ways. They express the breadth of California cooking and its regional and cultural influences, organized into thematic chapters, including:

- Road Trip Snacks (Furikake Popcorn, CA Muddy Buddies, Perfect Meyer Lemonade)
- Fishing and Foraging on the Coast (Dungeness Crab Rice, Lingcod Ceviche, Fries with Eyes)
- Lunch in the Vineyard (Smoked Mackerel with Lemon-Dill Relish, Deviled Quail Eggs, Barley and Wine Grape Salad)
- Back Home with the Kid (Fish Stick Hand Roll Bar, Matcha Mochi Waffles, Watermelon Aqua Fresca)

Coastal is more than your average California cookbook; it brings the Californian table, lifestyle and state of mind to home cooks and armchair travelers anywhere.

A longtime Coop member, Betsy Andrews has spent more than two decades covering food, drink and travel as a journalist. She is a James Beard, International Association of Culinary Professionals and Society of American Travel Writers award-winning journalist. Betsy lives in Brooklyn, but she's been traveling California's Central Coast and staying with family there since childhood. She is a contributing editor at *Food & Wine*, *SevenFifty Daily*, and *Imbibe*, and writes for many other publications. She is also a prizewinning poet; her books are *New Jersey* (University of Wisconsin Press), *The Bottom* (42 Miles Press), and *Crowded* (Nauset Press).

Betsy's favorite Coop item is Meyer lemons, which are the basis of many of the recipes in *Coastal*. Her favorite workslot is cashier.

Books will be available for purchase at the event and via [Bookshop.org](https://www.bookshop.org).

WordSprouts' squad leader is Sarah Schenck and squad members are Susan Horwich and Ruthie Nachmany.