

THE BODY LIVES ITS UNDOING

Exploring Autoimmune Disease Through Poetry and Visual Art

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what didn't kill me, left me

**drained as bleached coral,
spongiform, a holy mess**

in unmapped reefs.

-Suzanne Edison

"The Body Lives its Undoing" is a reflection in poetry and visual art about autoimmune disease and the effects it reaps on those living with these diseases. This is a collaboration between poet Suzanne Edison, 10 artists, most of whom work at Benaroya Research Institute, and 28 individuals who provided poignant perspectives on what autoimmunity means to them.

Included among the interviewees were those living with these lifelong diseases, family members supporting them, physicians treating these diseases, and scientific researchers working to find preventative treatments and cures. This process has resulted in 16 breathtakingly honest poems complemented by curated artwork.

These poems and artwork will be shared through events to be held throughout Seattle and King County in 2018 and 2019. This initiative was made possible through grants awarded to Suzanne Edison from 4Culture of King County, the Seattle Office of Arts and Culture, and Artist Trust, and the generous support of Benaroya Research Institute at Virginia Mason.

Nov. 10, 2018 11am-12pm
Free and open to the public

Merrill Gardens at Burien

15020 5th Ave SW | Burien, WA 98166

**Join us for poetry reading by
Suzanne Edison, discussion of
the artwork and conversation
with contributors.**

OTHER EVENTS:

Dec. 4 7-8:30 pm Seattle Pacific Science Center

March 27 7:30-9pm Seattle Town Hall



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