

Poems of Witness: Speaking the Truth, Going to the Heart

WITH JOHN FOX, CPT

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*Poetry allows one to speak with a power
that is not granted by our culture.*

~ Linda McCarriston

This coming year of 2017 asks us to speak up and speak out, and by doing this, strengthen a community of conscience and caring.

Yet, within our country and living on this fragile planet, it is a challenge in the midst of heart-breaking social and political realities to express and give shape to YOUR unique voice; your poetic voice that is

- humane and beautiful
- fierce, courageous and noble
- creative and compassionate

*You see, we cannot
ignore history.
History doesn't go
away. The past
isn't back there, the
past is here too.*

~ Lucille Clifton



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Your voice is necessary now and needed more than ever to bear witness to what you care about in this life. What is at risk for you? What do you care about?

Rather than write the polemical, we will explore a voice that leans into the cathartic and generative.

Our retreat will draw upon the poetry of Thomas Merton, William Stafford, Adrienne Rich, Edward Abbey, Naomi Shihab Nye, Lucille Clifton, Joy Harjo, Thich Nhat Hanh, Mary Oliver, Joanna Macy, Jimmy Santiago Baca, Diane di Prima, Ray Young Bear, Maya Angelou, Yusef Komunyakaa and the poetry of children.

My intention and purpose is to encourage a poem-making that speaks truth, treasures beauty and empowers us to recognize our common ground.

Beginning and experienced poets/writers are welcome. It will be valuable and safe for anyone with a desire to express their truth and creativity.

Public Talk/Mini-Workshop

Friday, October 27, 7 - 9:30pm

Friends Meeting House

4312 Southeast Stark St, Portland

Weekend Retreat

Saturday, October 28, 10am - 5pm

Sunday, October 29, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Peg Edera's Summerlin House

Fee: \$220 (Talk/Retreat); \$25 (Talk only)

A portion of proceeds from Friday evening will be tithed to Write Around Portland.

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REGISTRATION FORM

Reserve your place for *Poems of Witness* by mailing this registration form and a check for \$220 for Friday evening through Sunday morning (\$25 for Friday only), payable to The Institute for Earth Regenerative Studies, to Marna Hauk, PO Box 14194, Portland, OR 97293.

The Friday event is open to all. The weekend retreat is limited to 16.

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