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OBJECTIVE

To help people find the poetry in their lives.

EXPERIENCE

2015-present

Western Slope Poet Laureate

- Promote poetry and poets in Colorado's Western Slope
- Host Heard of Poets, an interactive online poetry map

1997-Present

Writing Instructor/Workshop Leader

- Co-host Talking Gourds Poetry Club: monthly poetry performances
- Artist in Residence for Think 360
- Artist in Residence for annual Wellspring of the Imagination, Ohio
- Poet Advisor and Guest Poet for Colorado Online Poetry Club (2 years)
- Lead self-discovery writing workshops and retreats for hospice, 12-Step programs, mothers, meditation, women, etc.
- Lead bi-annual poetry discussion series at Telluride Public Library
- Teach frequent creative writing classes for Weehawken Arts and Ah Haa School of Arts
- Teach writing workshops for K-12 and adults nationally
- Teach as a visiting professor, Colorado College (2002)

1997-Present

Telluride, CO

Freelance Magazine/Newspaper Writer

- Write freelance articles for consumer magazines, including *Natural Home*, *Herb Home Companion*, *Mountain Living*, *Log Home Living*, *Backpacker*, *Shelter*
- Write award-winning newspaper column on language use (10 years)
- Write online columns for parentingsquad.com and virtualteahouse.com (3 years)

1997-present **Word Woman**

Telluride, CO

Inspirational Speaking/Performance

- Deliver poetic inspirational keynotes & seminars on self-discovery, creativity, voice. Clients include USDA, TEDx, Colorado Women's Foundation, Business & Professional Women, American Business Women's Network, Whole Life Institute, Spirit Fest, Women Writing the West, Unitarian Universalists, Hospice, Mesa State University, Mesa County Public Library, Telluride Mushroom Festival, etc.
- Performance poetry: Telluride Literary Burlesque, Taos Poetry Festival

1998-2008 **Telluride Writers Guild** Telluride, CO
Executive Director

- Conceived of and executed monthly readings, two annual contests, two annual literary conferences and monthly writers-in-the-schools program
- Wrote grants, coordinated PR, marketed regionally

1997-2000 **Telluride Publishing** Telluride, CO
Editor

- Coordinated issue content for quarterly magazine & bi-annual visitor's guide; Responsible for copy editing, proofreading and fact checking
- Assigned, wrote and edited articles and sidebars

1995-1997 *Telluride Times-Journal* Telluride, CO
Arts & Entertainment Editor

- Planned content, assigned stories to staff and freelance writers
- Wrote headlines and cutlines, designed pages, assigned photos

EDUCATION

1992-1994 University of Wisconsin—Madison Madison, WI
■ M.A., English Language & Literature
■ High Pass, Emphasis in Composition Theory

1988-1992 The Colorado College Colorado Springs, CO
■ B.A., English
■ *magna cum laude*, Phi Beta Kappa, Distinction in English

1992 The University of Denver Publishing Inst. Denver, CO

PUBLICATIONS

Books, authored:

- *Even Now* (Lithic Press, 2016)
- *The Less I Hold* (Turkey Buzzard Press, 2012)
- *The Miracle Already Happening: Everyday Life with Rumi* (Liquid Light Press, 2011)
- *Intimate Landscape: The Four Corners in Poetry & Photography* (Durango Herald Small Press, 2009)
- *Holding Three Things at Once* (Turkey Buzzard Press, 2008)
- *The Christmas Angel Book* (Red Rock Press, 2007)
- *The Christmas Candle Book with Poems of Light* (Red Rock Press, 2004)
- *Insatiable: Poems* (Sisu Press, 2004)
- *Telluride's Victorian Vernacular: A Historic Architecture Walking Tour* (Telluride Historic Museum, 2001)
- *If You Listen: Poems & Photographs of the San Juan Mountains* (Western

Reflections Press, 2000)

- *Lunaria: Poems* (Sisu Press, 1999)

Books, edited:

- *Charity: True Stories of Giving & Receiving* (Red Rock Press, 2001)
- *Conversations at 9,000 Feet: Oral Histories from Telluride, Colorado* (Western Reflections Press, 2000)

Anthologies, featured in:

- *MycroEpithalamia: Mushroom Wedding Poems* (2016)
- *Circe's Lament* (Accents Publishing, 2015)
- *Where Journey's Meet: The Voice of Women's Poetry* (Golden Dragonfly Press, 2015)
- *Journey of the Heart: An Anthology of Spiritual Poetry by Women* (Golden Dragonfly Press, 2014)
- *A Ritual to Read Together: Poems in Conversation with William Stafford* (Woodley Press, 2013)
- *Take Five: Best Contemporary Tanka 2011* (Keibooks, 2012)
- *Cradle Songs: An Anthology on Motherhood* (Quill & Parchment Press, 2012)
- *Bigger Than They Appear: Anthology of Very Short Poems* (Accents Publishing, 2011)
- *An Elevated View: Colorado Writers on Writing* (Seven Oaks Publishing 2011)
- *Poems of Awakening: An International Anthology of Spiritual Poetry* (Outskirts Press, 2011)
- *Red Thread, Gold Thread: The Poet's Voice* (Alan Cohen, 2009)
- *Come Together: Imagine Peace* (Bottom Dog Press, 2008)
- *Improv: An Anthology of Colorado Poets* (Green Fuse Press, 2007, 2008, 2009)
- *What Wildness Is This: Women Write About the Southwest* (University of Texas Press, 2007)
- *Crazy Woman Creek: Women Rewrite the American West* (H. Mifflin, 2004)
- *Hope: True Stories of Answered Prayers* (Red Rock Press, 2003)
- *To Love One Another: Poems Celebrating Marriage* (Grayson Books, 2002)
- *Fortitude: True Stories of True Grit* (Red Rock Press, 2000)
- *The Geography of Hope: Poets of Colorado's Western Slope* (Conundrum, 1998)

Audio CDs:

- *Suitcase of Yeses* (Sisu Press, 2007)
- *The Nature Of Love: Poems* (ARPIPE Records, 2002)

Journals:

Rattle.com (2016), *Dogwood* (2016) *Into the Teeth of the Wind* (2015, 16), *Kind of a Hurricane Press* (2015. 16), *Spectrum* (2015), *A Year of Being Here* (2015),

Silver Birch Press (2015), Medical Literary Messenger (2015), Journey Into the Heart (2013, 14, 15) New Verse News (2013, 14, 15, 16), Sugar Mule (2014), Clover (2014), Fungi (2014), Fruita Pulp (2014), New Mexico Mercury (2013), Grand Valley Magazine (2013), Ribbons (2012-2011), Atlas Poetica (2012), Western Colorado Journeys (2012), In Posse Review (2012), Snake Nation Review (No. 24), Grand Valley Magazine (2011, 2015), Mountain Gazette (2011), Ribbons (2011), Snakeskin (2011) Atlas Poetical (2011), Pilgrimage (2011), Heavy Bear (2010), Oprah Magazine (2010), Western Colorado Journeys (2011), Pinyon (Spring, 2010), Sugar Mule (Feb. 2010), Terrain (Fall, 2009) HerMark (2008), (Ginosko (No. 4), Santa Fe Poetry Broadside (#47), Arts Perspective (Issues 6 & 11), Pilgrimage (Vol. 30, Issue 3), Matter (Issue 7), Mad Blood (Vol. 1 Issue 1), Pinyon (Issue 13), Pilgrimage (Vol. 29, Issue 2), Potpourri (Vol. 14 No. 1), Silverton Mountain Journal (March 2002), California Quarterly (Vol. 27, No. 3), Many Mountains Moving (Vol. V, No. 1), Mountain Gazette (issues 79, 80, 127, 140), Switched-on Gutenberg (Vol. 4 Issue 2), Survivor Magazine (Vol. 1 Issue 2), Amelia (1998), Buffalo Bones (Vol. IV, No. 3), Pinyon Poetry (Fall 1997), American Tanka (Issue 2, Spring 1997)

PROFESSIONAL HONORS

- 2 x Winner, *Rattle Ekphrasitic Poetry Contest* (2015, 2016)
- Selected for “Shared Visions” collaboration, *Ars Nova Singers* (2016)
- Poet Laureate Colorado’s Western Slope (2015-2017)
- Winner: The Margo Award (2015)
- Winner: The Arizona State Poetry Society Award (2015)
- Winner: The Writer’s Studio Literary Contest (2011, 2013)
- Winner: Artsmith/Dwell Press Summer Solstice Poetry Contest (2013)
- Poet Laureate of San Miguel County (2006-2010)
- Finalist: Colorado Book Award, Poetry (2009)
- Nominated: Pushcart Prize (2011, 2013, 2014)
- Finalist: Prairie Home Companion Love Sonnet Contest (2008)
- Finalist: The Writer’s Studio Literary Contest (2008, 2009)
- Winner: Colorado Independent Press Association Award, Poetry (2001)
- Finalist: Willa Award, Poetry (2001)
- Finalist: Mountains & Plains Booksellers Association Award, Poetry (2001)
- Winner: National Young Careerist competition, Business & Professional Women USA (2000)
- Best Humorous Column, Colorado Press Association (1997)
- Best Feature Story, Colorado Press Association (1995)

PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES

- Sandra Dorr, past director, Western Colorado Writers Forum 970-433-6800
- Paula Ciberay, Wilkinson Public Library 970-728-6613
- Judith Kohin, director, Ah Haa School for the Arts 970-728-3886