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OBJECTIVE

To help people find the poetry in their lives.

EXPERIENCE

2015-2017

Western Slope Poet Laureate

- Promote poetry and poets in Colorado's Western Slope
- Founded and Curate 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:

- *Naked for Tea* (Able Muse, 2018)
- *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)
- *More Christmas Angels* (Red Rock Press, 2006)
- *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:

- *Stairway from Heaven* (Shushana Castle, 2017)
- *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:

- *Poetry of Presence* (Grayson Books, 2017)
- *Send My Roots Rain: 52 Weeks of Poetry to Heal Your Grief* (Paraclete, 2017)
- *MycroEphthalamia: 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:

Clover (2017), *Aife* (2017), *Fungi* (2017, 16, 14), *New Verse News* (2017, 16, 15, 14), *Rattle.com* (2018, 17, 16), *Dogwood* (2016) *Reed Magazine* (2016), *deLuge* (2016), *Into the Teeth of the Wind* (2015, 16), *Kind of a Hurricane Press* (2016 15), *Spectrum* (2015), *A Year of Being Here* (2015), *Silver Birch Press* (2015), *Medical Literary Messenger* (2015), *Journey Into the Heart* (2013, 14, 15), *Sugar Mule* (2014), *Clover* (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

- 3rd place Blackberry Peach Performance Prize (2017)
- 3 x Winner, *Rattle* Ekphrastic Poetry Contest (2015, 2016, 2017)
- 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