

## POETS AMONG US

This course, for people who are pretty sure they don't like poetry, is bound to change their minds. A discussion fest, the class features sessions with six lively local poets (Penelope Schott, Sharon Olson, Gretna Wilkinson, Juditha Dowd, Maxine Susman and moderator Lois Marie Harrod) as well as selected clips from the 2020 Geraldine R. Dodge Poetry Festival. The six poets will read and discuss their own poems with the class as well as poems by other poets whom they particularly admire. Participants will read and discuss a book by each poet and, if they wish, write a response poem for the last session.

We will use the following books which can be bought on Amazon or second-hand from Amazon and elsewhere:

Penelope Scambly Schott, *On Dufur Hill*

Gretna Wilkinson, *Opening the Drawer* (can be ordered by sending check for \$15.00 to Gretna Wilkinson, 8 Lakeview Terrace, Eatonton NJ. 07724. Price includes postage)

Juditha Dowd, *Audubon's Sparrow, a Biography-in-Poems*

Sharon Olson, *Will There Be Music*

Maxine Susman, *My Mother's Medicine* (may also be bought at <http://www.graysonbooks.com/index.html>)

Lois Marie Harrod, *Spelling the World Backwards* (Lois will mail you a copy of her book.)

February 24	Introduction	Poems in a Bottle
March 3	Lois Marie Harrod	Poetry of family facing Father's Alzheimer's
March 10	Penelope Scambly Schott	Village as Poetry, Dufur, Oregon
March 17	Gretna Wilkinson	Childhood and Village as performance poetry
March 24	Juditha Dowd	Biography-in-Poems: Lucy Audubon
March 31	Sharon Olson	Poet as Researcher
April 7	Maxine Susman	Biography-in-Poems of mother as doctor in training
April 14	Closing	Celebration of some favorite poems

**Leader:** Life-long educator, Lois Marie Harrod is the author of 18 books of poetry. Find her work at [www.loismarieharrod.org](http://www.loismarieharrod.org)

**Wednesdays:** 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., 8 weeks: February 24 through April 14

**Maximum: 15**