

Poets Among Us

This course, for people who are pretty sure they don't like poetry, is bound to change their minds. And for those who have been touched by a poem or two in the past, it offers a chance to grow a greater appreciation for or love of poetry.

A discussion fest, the class features five sessions with six lively local poets (David Keller and Eloise Bruce, Gretna Wilkinson, Lois Harrod, Maxine Susman and Judy Michaels). 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:

- David Keller, Eloise Bruce, *Scud Clouds*, Ragged Sky Press
- 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)
- Lois Marie Harrod, *Spat* (can be ordered at Finishing Line Press or Amazon)
- Maxine Susman, *My Mother's Medicine* (may also be bought at <http://www.graysonbooks.com/index.html>)
- Judy Michaels, *Ghost Notes*, Finishing Line Press

The class schedule:

Feb. 28: Introduction

March 7: Eloise Bruce and David Keller

March 14: Gretna Wilkinson

March 21: Lois Harrod

March 28: Maxine Susman

April 4: Judy Michaels

April 11: Closing

Leader/Host: Chris Reed is a poet, educator, and minister.

Tuesdays: 1:30-3:30 pm, Feb 28 through April 11.

Maximum: 15