

Poets in Conversation: A Zoom Poetry Series Hosted by Phyllis Klein. Join us for an hour and a half of poetry and conversation as we connect and support each other through poetry, reaching a wide-ranging audience.

Nineteenth Installment: Saturday, September 24, 2022, at 4PM Pacific Time with Connie Post and Janine Certo.



Connie Post served as the first Poet Laureate of Livermore, California. Connie Post's work has appeared in Calyx, Slipstream, River Styx, Spoon River Poetry Review, and Verse Daily.. Her poetry awards include the Liakoura Award and Crab Creek Poetry Award. Her first full length Book *Floodwater* won the 2014 Lyrebird Award. Her most recent full-length book *Prime Meridian* was released in 2020.

Connie is a poet who delves deep into issues of trauma an abuse and its profound effects on our lives. Her work examines the earth and the damage to our environment and how it parallels trauma to the body. She also writes about her son with profound disabilities and advocates for her son and those who do not have a voice.



Janine Certo is the author of five books, three full-length poetry collections: *O Body of Bliss*, forthcoming 2023, Longleaf Press, *Elixir*, (New American Press and Bordighera Press, 2021), and *In the Corner of the Living*, (Main Street Rag), the poetry chapbook, *Home Altar*, (forthcoming, 2022, Seven Kitchens Press); and a book of poetry scholarship, *Children Writing Poems: Poetic Voices in and out of School* (Routledge, 2018). A winner of Nimrod International Journal's Pablo Neruda Prize for Poetry, her poems appear in many journals and anthologies. She is an associate professor at Michigan State University.

She is a third-generation Italian American woman, who became friends with Connie Post after reading Connie's book *Prime Meridian* and taking a risk to email her with a grateful *thank you for this gift*.

Janine writes poetry for a multitude of reasons, including a desire to feel everything there is to feel.

Next Installment: The October readers will be Karen Poppy and Sonia Greenfield on October 29th, 2022 at 4PM Pacific Time.