

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.

Twenty-Eighth Installment: Saturday, November 4, 2023, at 4PM Pacific Time with Farnaz Fatemi and Lisa Ortiz.

To **RSVP** and get the Zoom link, contact Farnaz, Lisa, or Phyllis, at poetry@phyllispoetry.com



Farnaz Fatemi, current poet laureate of Santa Cruz County, is an Iranian American writer. She is a founding member of The Hive Poetry Collective, which presents a weekly radio show and podcast and hosts readings and poetry-related events. Her debut book, *Sister Tongue* زبان خواہ, was published in Sept 2022. It won the 2021 Stan and Tom Wick Poetry Prize, selected by Tracy K. Smith, from Kent State University Press and received a Starred Review from Publisher's Weekly. Her poems and lyric essays have been widely published. She has been artist in residence at many venues, and honored with grants and fellowships. She is thoroughly enjoying her role as poet laureate.



Lisa Allen Ortiz is the author of *Stem*, winner of the 2021 Idaho Prize and *Guide to the Exhibit*, winner of the 2016 Perugia Press Prize. Her short stories and poems have appeared in *Beloit Poetry Journal*, *The Bennington Review*, *Catamaran Literary Reader*, *Colorado Review* and *The Literary Review*. She is co-translator with Sara Rivera of *The Blinding Star, Selected poems of Blanca Varela*, which won the 2021 Northern California Book Award for Poetry in Translation. She was born a long time ago in the wilds of Northern California from beautiful wild parents who had beautiful wild times. She now lives a calm and ordinary life in Santa Cruz.

Next Installment: Welcome Connie Post and Phyllis Klein December 9, 2023 at 4PM Pacific Time. Save the date.