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OBJECTIVE

To help people find the poetry in their lives.

EXPERIENCE

1997-Present

Writing Instructor/Workshop Leader

- Teach as a Visiting Professor at The Colorado College, poetry
- Artist in Residence for Young Audiences
- Artist for Aesthetic Education Institute of Colorado
- Poet Advisor and Guest Poet for Colorado Online Poetry Club (2 years)
- Lead self-discovery writing workshops as a guest artist at Mesa State College, Adams State College, Tulsa Public Library, etc.
- Lead bi-annual poetry discussion series at Telluride Public Library
- Teach creative writing classes for the Ah Haa School of Arts, Telluride
- Teach writing workshops for K-12 and adults nationally

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*
- Write award-winning humorous newspaper column on language use
- Write online columns for parentingsquad.com and virtualteahouse.com

1997-present **Word Woman**

Telluride, CO

Owner

- Perform poetry for literary gatherings, libraries, educational institutions
- Deliver inspirational keynotes & seminars on self-discovery. Clients include USDA, Colorado Women's Foundation, Business & Professional Women, American Business Women's Network, Whole Life Institute
- Run an in-the-black publishing company, Sisu Press.

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:

- *The Christmas Angel Book* (Red Rock Press, 2007)
- *Celebration: 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:

- *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:

- *Improv: An Anthology of Colorado Poets* (Green Fuse Press, 2007)
- *What Wildness Is This: Women Write About the Southwest* (University of Texas Press, 2007)
- *Crazy Woman Creek: Women Rewrite the American West* (Houghton 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:

- *The Nature Of Love: Poems* (ARPIPE Records, 2002)
- *Suitcase of Yeses* (Sisu Press, 2007)

Journals:

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

- Poet Laureate of San Miguel County (2006-2008)
- Finalist: Prairie Home Companion Love Sonnet Contest (2008)
- Finalist: The Writer's Studio Literary Contest (2008)
- Winner: Prouty Memorial Award (2007)
- 2nd Place: Mississippi Poetry Society Award (2007)
- Finalist: The Georgia Poetry Society Award (2004)
- 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

- Elizabeth Tracy, Wilkinson Public Library 970-728-6613 x 14
- Barbara Barnhart, Education Director, Young Audiences 720-904-8890