

Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer

Poet Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer “never fails to bring sensual joy and rich music,” says Utah’s poet laureate emeritus David Lee. She is Colorado’s Western Slope Poet Laureate (2015-17) and a TEDx speaker, and she served two terms as San Miguel County’s first poet laureate (2006-2010). She has authored and edited thirteen books, including:

- *Even Now: Poems & Drawings*
- *Holding Three Things at Once*, **finalist for the Colorado Book Award**
- *If You Listen* **winner of the Colorado Independent Press Assoc. poetry award**

She’s widely anthologized, including *An Elevated View: Colorado Writers on Writing*, *Poems of Awakening*, and *Red Thread, Gold Thread: The Poet’s Voice*. Her work has appeared on A Prairie Home Companion, in *O Magazine*, on back alley fences, on rocks she leaves around town, and in dozens of literary journals including *Rattle*, *Clover* and *Spectrum*. Her poetry was chosen for the 2016 Shared Visions project, in which composer Paul Fowler arranged “Yet Another Layer” for the Ars Nova Singers.

She’s taught and performed poetry for Think 360, Craig Hospital, Hospice, 12-Step programs, meditation retreats, Ah Haa School for the Arts, Weehawken Arts, Camp Coca Cola, SpiritFest, Business & Professional Women, Wellspring of Imagination, and for hundreds of libraries, colleges, festivals, schools and groups. She directed the Telluride Writers Guild for 10 years and now co-hosts the Talking Gourds Poetry Club. She has twice won *Rattle’s* Ekphrastic Challenge, the Fischer Prize, twice won the Writer’s Studio Literary Contest, won the Dwell Press Solstice Prize, was a finalist for Dogwood’s Poetry Prize, and has been nominated three times for a Pushcart Prize. She curates “Heard of Poets,” an interactive poetry map of Western Colorado poets. Since 1999, she’s performed with Telluride’s seven-woman acappella group, Heartbeat, and since 2006, she’s written a poem a day. Her MA is in English Language & Linguistics. Favorite one-word mantra: *Adjust*. Visit her at www.wordwoman.com

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