

# **ROSEMERRY WAHTOLA TROMMER**

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## **OBJECTIVE**

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To help people find the poetry in their lives.

## **POETRY EXPERIENCE**

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2015-2017

### ***Western Slope Poet Laureate***

- Promote poetry and poets in Colorado's Western Slope
- Create and curate *Heard of Poets*, an interactive online poetry map

1997-Present

### ***Writing Instructor/Workshop Leader***

- Teach frequent creative writing classes for Weehawken Arts and Ah Haa School of Arts, Well for the Journey, One Spirit Interfaith Seminary and SHYFT (1994-present)
- Co-host Talking Gourds Poetry Club in Telluride with Art Goodtimes, monthly poetry performances and open mic (2013-2022)
- Serve as Artist in Residence for Think 360 (2006-present)
- Serve as Artist for Institute for Creative Teaching (previously Aesthetic Education Institute of Colorado) (2004, 2005, 2007, 2010, 2017)
- Serve as Artist in Residence for annual Wellspring of the Imagination, Ohio (2014-present)
- Poet Advisor and Guest Poet for Colorado Online Poetry Club (2004-2006)
- Lead and co-lead self-discovery writing workshops and retreats for hospice, 12-Step programs, mothers, meditation, women, etc.
- Lead bi-annual poetry discussion series at Telluride Public Library 1998-present)
- Teach writing workshops for K-12 and adults nationally (1994-present)
- Teach as a visiting professor, Colorado College (2002)
- Serve as creative consultant/writing coach for individual students in person, on skype, and via phone (2014-present)

2019-Present

### ***Co-host Emerging Form: A Podcast on Creative Process***

- Research content on creative process
- Converse with co-host Christy Aschwanden, interview experts, write newsletter

1997-present Word Woman

### ***Inspirational Speaking/Performance***

- Deliver poetic inspirational keynotes & seminars on self-discovery, creativity, voice. Clients include USDA, TEDx, Colorado Women's Foundation, Women's Forum,

Business & Professional Women, American Business Women's Network, Whole Life Institute, Spirit Fest, Women Writing the West, Unitarian Universalists, Hospice West, Mesa State University, Mesa County Public Library, Telluride Mushroom Festival, etc.

- Perform poetry: Telluride Literary Burlesque, Taos Poetry Festival, umpteen places

2020-2021

***Stubborn Praise: An evening celebrating here and now through poetry***

- Co-host bi-monthly online poetry reading series with James Crews
- Guests include Danusha Laméris, Alison Luterman, Naomi Shihab Nye, Ellen Bass

2017-2019

***Poetry Editor, Edible Southwest***

- Procure and edit poetry for poetry page in highly respected regional culinary magazine.

1998-2008

Telluride, CO

***Executive Director, Telluride Writers Guild***

- 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

OTHER WORK EXPERIENCE

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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, Shelter*
- Write award-winning newspaper column on language use (10 years)
- Write online columns for [parentingsquad.com](http://parentingsquad.com) and [virtualteahouse.com](http://virtualteahouse.com) (3 years)

2012-2019

San Miguel and Ouray Counties, CO

***Parent Educator, Parents as Teachers***

- Work with parents during the critical early years of their children's lives, from conception to kindergarten, by offering free monthly home visitations. Parents as Teachers is a national organization hosted by local affiliate Bright Futures

2007-2012

Delta, CO

***Owner, Organic Fruit Grower, New Leaf Fruit***

- On the banks of the Gunnison River in Dominguez Canyon, grow 70 acres of organic peaches, pears, apricots, cherries, nectarines and apples
- Create and maintain relationships with marketers, packing shed, employee purveyors, distributors

1997-2000

Telluride, CO

***Editor, Telluride Publishing***

- Coordinate issue content for quarterly magazine & bi-annual visitor's guide;

- Responsible for copy editing, proofreading and fact checking
- Assign, write and edit articles and sidebars

1995-1997 Telluride, CO

*Arts & Entertainment Editor, Telluride Times Journal*

- Plan content, assigned stories to staff and freelance writers
- Write headlines and cut lines, designed pages, assigned photos

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EDUCATION

1992-1994 University of Wisconsin—Madison Madison, WI

- M.A., English Language & Linguistics
- 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

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PUBLICATIONS

**Books, authored:**

- All the Honey* (Samara Press, April 18, 2023)
- Hush: Poems* (Middle Creek Publishing, 2020)
- Naked for Tea* (Able Muse, 2018)
- Even Now* (Lithic Press, 2016)
- The Less I Hold* (Turkey Buzzard Press, 2012)
- The Miracle Already Happening: Everyday Life with Rumi* (Liquid Light Press, 2011)
- Intimate Landscape: The Four Corners in Poetry & Photography* (Durango Herald Small Press, 2009)
- Holding Three Things at Once* (Turkey Buzzard Press, 2008)
- More Christmas Angels* (Red Rock Press, 2006)
- 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:**

- Mountain Woman* (Donna Lee Brown, 2020)
- Stairway from Heaven* (Shushana Castle, 2018)
- Charity: True Stories of Giving & Receiving* (Red Rock Press, 2001)
- Conversations at 9,000 Feet: Oral Histories from Telluride, Colorado* (Western Reflections Press, 2000)

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**Anthologies, featured in:**

- *Poetry of Presence 2* (Grayson Books, 2023)
- *Leaning Toward Light: Gardening Poems* (Storey Publishing, 2023)
- *The Path to Kindness: Poems of Connection and Joy* (Storey Publishing, 2022)
- *We Are the West: A Colorado Anthology* (Twenty Bellows, 2022)
- *Imperfect II* (History House Publishers, 2022)
- *For the Brokenhearted* (Napping Dog Press, 2022)
- *Earthsong: A Nature Poem Experience* (TS Poetry Press, 2022)
- *#Kindness Matters* (Unesco & Penguin India, 2021)
- *Wake Up Grateful* (Storey Publishing, 2020)
- *Prompts for Young Writers* (Peak 1 Publishing, 2020)
- *How to Love the World: Poems of Gratitude and Hope* (Storey Publishing, 2021)
- *Thought for Food* (South Broadway Press, 2020)
- *Blessings for the Backpack of the Soul* (2020)
- *Coffee Poems Anthology (working title)* (World Enough Writers, 2019)
- *Ten Poems for Difficult Times* (New World Library, 2018)
- *Inspired: Words from the Edge* (5 Sisters Press, 2018)
- *Poetry of Presence* (Grayson Books, 2017)
- *Send My Roots Rain: 52 Weeks of Poetry to Heal Your Grief* (Paraclete, 2017)
- *MycroEpithalamia: Mushroom Wedding Poems* (2016)
- *Circe's Lament: Anthology of Wild Women Poetry* (Accents Publishing, 2015)
- *Where Journeys Meet: The Voice of Women's Poetry* (Golden Dragonfly Press, 2015)
- *Journey of the Heart: An Anthology of Spiritual Poetry by Women* (Golden Dragonfly Press, 2014)
- *A Ritual to Read Together: Poems in Conversation with William Stafford* (Woodley Press, 2013)
- *Take Five: Best Contemporary Tanka 2011* (Keibooks, 2012)
- *Cradle Songs: An Anthology on Motherhood* (Quill & Parchment Press, 2012)
- *Bigger Than They Appear: Anthology of Very Short Poems* (Accents Publishing, 2011)
- *An Elevated View: Colorado Writers on Writing* (Seven Oaks Publishing, 2011)
- *Poems of Awakening: An International Anthology of Spiritual Poetry* (Outskirts Press, 2011)
- *Red Thread, Gold Thread: The Poet's Voice* (Alan Cohen, 2009)
- *Come Together: Imagine Peace* (Bottom Dog Press, 2008)
- *Improv: An Anthology of Colorado Poets* (Green Fuse Press, 2007, 2008, 2009)
- *What Wildness Is This: Women Write About the Southwest* (U. of Texas Press, 2007)
- *Crazy Woman Creek: Women Rewrite the American West* (H. 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:

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

#### Journals (a partial list):

*Spiritual Directors International Journal* (2022), *Reformed Journal* (2022, 21), *Bristlecone* (2022), *Rattle.com* (2021, 2020, 19, 18, 17, 16), *ONE ART* (2022, 21, 20), *Gratefulness.org* (2022, 21, 20, 19), *Braided Way* (2022, 21, 20, 19), *Stone Gathering* (2022, 21, 20, 19), *Buddhist Poetry Review* (2021), *PBS News Hour* (2020), *Poetry & COVID*, (2020), *Journal of the Plague Year* (2020), *Oddball* (2020), *Literary Accents* (2020), *Science & Nonduality* (2108), *deLuge* (2018, 16), *Edible Southwest* (2018), *Clover* (2018, 17, 16, 15, 14), *Ajfe* (2017), *Fungi* (2020, 17, 16, 14), *New Verse News* (2017, 16, 15, 14), *Dogwood* (2016) *Reed Magazine* (2016), *Into the Teeth of the Wind* (2016, 15), *Kind of a Hurricane Press* (2016 15), *Spectrum* (2015), *A Year of Being Here* (2015), *Silver Birch Press* (2015), *Medical Literary Messenger* (2015), *Journey Into the Heart* (2013, 14, 15), *Sugar Mule* (2014), *Fruita Pulp* (2014), *New Mexico Mercury* (2013), *Grand Valley Magazine* (2013), *Ribbons* (2012-2011), *Atlas Poetica* (2012), *Western Colorado Journeys* (2012), *In Posse Review* (2012), *Snake Nation Review* (No. 24), *Grand Valley Magazine* (2011, 2015), *Mountain Gazette* (2011), *Ribbons* (2011), *Snakeskin* (2011) *Atlas Poetical* (2011), *Pilgrimage* (2011), *Heavy Bear* (2010), *Oprah Magazine* (2010), *Western Colorado Journeys* (2011), *Pinyon* (Spring, 2010), *Sugar Mule* (Feb. 2010), *Terrain* (Fall, 2009) *HerMark* (2008), *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

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- Winner: Halcyon Prize for *Hush* (2020)
- Finalist: Colorado Poet Laureate (2019)
- 1<sup>st</sup> place Blackberry Peach Performance Prize (2018)
- Finalist, Able Muse Book Award (poetry) (2017)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> place Blackberry Peach Performance Prize (2017)
- 4 x Winner, *Rattle* Ekphrastic Poetry Contest (2015, 2016, 2017, 2020)
- Selected for “Shared Visions” collaboration, *Ars Nova Singers* (2016, 2019)
- Poet Laureate Colorado’s Western Slope (2015-2017)
- Winner: The Margo Award (2015)
- Winner: The Arizona State Poetry Society Award (2015)
- Winner: The Writer’s Studio Literary Contest (2011, 2013)
- Winner: Artsmith/Dwell Press Summer Solstice Poetry Contest (2013)
- Poet Laureate of San Miguel County (2006-2010)
- Finalist: Colorado Book Award, Poetry (2009)

- Nominee: Pushcart Prize (2011, 2013, 2014)
- Finalist: Prairie Home Companion Love Sonnet Contest (2008)
- Finalist: The Writer's Studio Literary Contest (2008, 2009)
- 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, Business & Professional Women USA (2000)
- Best Humorous Column, Colorado Press Association (1997)
- Best Feature Story, Colorado Press Association (1995)

### **PROFESSIONAL REFERENCES**

- on request