Poets in Conversation: A Zoom Poetry Series Hosted by Phyllis Klein

First Installment: Hiram Larew and Phyllis Klein

Saturday February 13, 2021 at 4PM Pacific Time RSVP to poetry@phyllispoetry.com

Join us for an hour and fifteen minutes of poetry and discussion for our pandemicweary, violence-weary, environment-weary minds and bodies. In addition to poetry, we will entertain questions and comments from the audience after the reading, with the intention to connect, support, and help each other heal.



Larew's poems of surprise have appeared widely, most recently in *Poetry South, Contemporary American Voices* and *Best Poetry Online*. His fourth collection, *Undone*, was published in 2019 by FootHills Publishing. Awards include the *Louisiana Literature* Poetry Prize and the *Washington Review* poetry citation along with four Pushcart nominations and grants from state and local arts organizations. His *Poetry X Hunger* initiative is bringing poets from around the world to the antihunger cause. And, the Voices of Woodlawn -- a poetic homage to America's slavery past which he launched in collaboration with three African American poet friends -- has been presented online to hundreds of viewers.



Phyllis Klein's work as a psychotherapist specializing in trauma and a Certified Poetry Therapist has informed her poetry. She weaves her own traumas into her poems as well. Her book, *The Full Moon Herald* is a poetic newspaper filled with real world news and personal news. She's been widely published in journals and anthologies, won finalist prizes, and received several Pushcart nominations. She sees writing as a dialogue between author and reader, an intimate relationship-building process that fosters healing on many levels. Writing about the news is her way of taking action to counter feelings of overwhelm and loss.