Seven Gifts: Poetry As a Pathway for Renewal
with John Fox, CPT, at The Center for Spiritual Awakening

Poetry is a life-cherishing force.
~ Mary Oliver

John will lead us on a journey that names “seven gifts” of renewal given to us by poetry and poem-making. The intention is to serve as encouragement and catalyst for your vocation and personal journey. These gifts and this renewal are accessible in the midst of living this life—with its sorrow and joy, travail and adventure, the daily experience of being human and a deeper spiritual current that speaks to a greater mystery—poetry provides a perspective and felt experience that can be recognized and received as gift.

**Seven Gifts**

- Discovery of meaning and connection.
- A way to sharpen the practice of mindfulness.
- Poetry-as-Healer encourages embodiment.
- Poem-Making invites play and imagination.
- A way of asking questions, where a question is not in search of an answer. Questions ask to be held.
- Relationships infused with compassion, vulnerability and courage.
- The gift shared with another.

The workshop will include gentle, evocative and poignant writing prompts that will reveal to us these gifts. No prior experience with poem-making is necessary—and “beginner’s mind” is welcomed among all participants.

The Center for Spiritual Awakening
522 Central Avenue, Pacific Grove, CA 93950
Sunday, August 20
FREE 45-Minute Talk during the Sunday Program starting at 10:00 am
Workshop: 1:00-3:30 pm
Contribution: $25
Click [HERE](#) to register.

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John Fox is the most sensitive and effective teacher of poetic medicine I know. He listens to both poem and person deeply, and he is a master at guiding others.

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