

Poems of Witness: Speaking the Truth, Going to the Heart

WITH JOHN FOX, CPT

October 20-22, 2017 | Carlsbad, CA

*Poetry allows one to speak with a power
that is not granted by our culture.*

~ Linda McCarriston

In these times, we are called to speak up and speak out, and by doing this, strengthen a community of conscience and caring.

Yet, within our country and living on this fragile planet, it is a challenge in the midst of heart-breaking social and political realities to express and give shape to YOUR unique voice; your poetic voice that is

- humane and beautiful
- fierce, courageous and noble
- creative and compassionate

*You see, we cannot
ignore history.
History doesn't go
away. The past
isn't back there, the
past is here too.*

~ Lucille Clifton



Photo credit: © Joe Quint <http://www.ittakes.us/>

Weekend Retreat

Friday, October 20, 7:00-9:30pm
Saturday, October 21, 9:30am-4:30pm
Sunday, October 22, 9:30am-12:30pm

The Home of Alan Jaruvek &
Diane Strongwater
7960 Amargosa Drive
Carlsbad, CA 92009

Fee: \$175

Click [HERE](#) to register online.

For more information:

John at johnfoos1@gmail.com or
Rebecca at rebeccaspeer10@gmail.com
or call (760) 672-7680

Two scholarships available.

Attendance limited to 15.

We will order from a local deli or you may bring your own brown bag lunch on Saturday. Refreshments will be provided.

Your voice is necessary now and needed more than ever to bear witness to what you care about in this life. What is at risk for you? What do you care about?

Rather than write the polemical, we will explore a voice that leans into the cathartic and generative.

Our retreat will draw upon the poetry of Thomas Merton, William Stafford, Adrienne Rich, Edward Abbey, Naomi Shihab Nye, Lucille Clifton, Joy Harjo, Thich Nhat Hanh, Mary Oliver, Joanna Macy, Jimmy Santiago Baca, Diane di Prima, Ray Young Bear, Maya Angelou, Yusef Komunyakaa and the poetry of children.

My intention and purpose is to encourage a poem-making that speaks truth, treasures beauty and empowers us to recognize our common ground.

Beginning and experienced poets/writers are welcome. It will be valuable and safe for anyone with a desire to express their truth and creativity.

THE INSTITUTE  FOR
Poetic Medicine

To awaken soulfulness in the human voice



REGISTRATION FORM

Reserve your place for *Poems of Witness: Going to the Heart, Speaking the Truth*, with John Fox by sending in this registration form and a deposit check for \$50 payable to The Institute for Poetic Medicine to: John Foos 252 Peckham Place, Encinitas, CA 92024. The balance of \$125 will be due at start of retreat. You can also register on-line via EventBrite at: http://bit.ly/PoemsofWitness_Encinitas

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Phone: work () _____ home () _____ E-mail _____