

More about our group... Poetry is the portal through which our very convivial group explores themes of personal and cultural transformation: quests for survival, revelation, deception and self-deception, questioning the status quo, external and internal conflict, beauty, joy, humor and love (in all its guises). Plays are a visionary experience of the poetic process also. Our structural palate is varied and includes a combination of deep studies of individual styles or poets, poetry based on particular themes/times/techniques and plays of all kinds ranging from earliest times to the present. This past year that included a trip to the Hudson Valley Shakespeare Theatre to see Agatha Christie's "The Murder of Roger Ackroyd". Some examples of various approaches to poetry are: poems of our ancestors\* voices of social protest\* female poets\* Poet Laureates\* poems that make us ponder\* *perhaps a book such as "Brown Girl dreaming written all in poetic prose as part of a Black History Month"* Pick-Your-Own Poem/Poet" sharing days \* different movements such as the Imagist Movement \* different techniques such as dramatic monologue or how punctuation affects poems \* field trips such as to Innisfree Garden to read bird poems or Quiet Cove Riverside Park to discuss/listen to music lyrics as poetry\* sometimes a play in film format such as those by August Wilson, great soliloquies, or a short play which we all read aloud together\* Warning: We are serendipitous. Although we do have a planning meeting every year, If an exciting theme or event presents itself, we might change plans! However, we always plan together! Please know our group members range from a professional poet to an interested math major to folks who have never read poetry before to poetry lovers to just lovers of the written word in any form and more. We have great fun together while learning all the time!