

# POETRY WORKSHOPS to BENEFIT

## 2012 Sue C. Boynton Poetry Contest

**Saturday, November 12, 2011  
at Mindport ~ 210 W. Holly, Bellingham**

### **10:30am to 12:30pm** **Intergenerational Poetry** *Instructor: Luther Allen*

Collaborative poetry writing for pairs of people from different generations – kids and parents, kids and grandparents, adults and parents, maybe just someone you want to get to know better who's younger or older than yourself. The younger partner should be at least 10; a difference of at least 20 years in age is suggested. The instructor will lead participants through a step-by-step process to create a collaborative poem. Experienced and novice writers welcome.



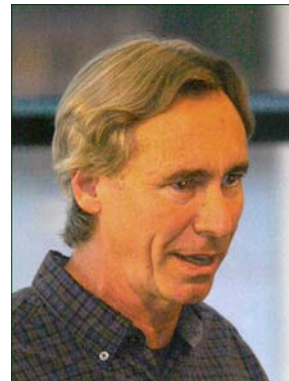
Each pair of writers will generate at least one fun poem and one more serious poem intended to explore connections between generations.

**Luther Allen** is a life-long poet, former teacher and author of *The View from Lummi Island*. See his blog at <http://othermindpress.wordpress.com>.

**Cost:** \$44 for two intergeneration partners

### **1:30 to 3:30pm** **Poetry and the Spiritual** *Instructor: Paul Piper*

Participants will explore what it means to engage the spiritual in the form of a poem. Topics could touch on: poems as prayer or meditation; the spirit (inspiration) of the poem; poetry as spiritual investigation; and numerous others. The workshop will draw



from the participants' discussions, insights, beliefs and interactions and include reading examples of "spiritual" poetry, writing poetry and discussion of concepts.

**Paul Piper** was born in Chicago, lived for extensive periods in Montana (where he received his MFA in Creative Writing) and Hawaii. He is a librarian at Western Washington University. He has five published books of poetry, the most recent is *Dogs and Other Poems*. See [www.pipergates.blogspot.com](http://www.pipergates.blogspot.com).

**Cost:** \$32 per person

*Fees benefit the Sue C. Boynton Poetry Contest and include admission to Mindport Exhibits.*

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