



Carolyn Dufurrena

Literary Arts: Poetry



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Program Types

Residencies, workshops, readings, festivals.

Language Proficiencies

English

Fees

Contact to inquire

Availability

Contact to inquire

Audiences

Schools (grades K-12), college, young adult, adult, at risk, ESL/ELL

Venues

Schools, libraries and community organizations

Technical requirements

Call to inquire

Counties

Statewide



Carolyn Dufurrena is a rancher, writer, film-maker and award-winning journalist. In 2018 her appearances included three- and four-day writing workshops for up to 100 elementary students, and weekend intensive workshops to prepare students to recite at the Elko Cowboy Poetry Gathering. A retired educator, she has presented workshops for teachers and served as poet-in-residence in several Nevada high schools for Nevada Arts Council's *Powering Up Poetry: Highway 50 Road Trip*. She regularly shares her poems and stories at Elko's National Cowboy Poetry Gathering and has appeared at festivals in Oregon and California.

Carolyn's most recent book, *Quiet, Except for the Wind: Poems and Stories from the Cold Desert*, was a finalist in Poetry for Women Writing the West in 2017 and the 2018 Will Rogers Medallion Award. She writes regularly for *Range Magazine* and has been awarded Outstanding Journalist for Magazines by the Nevada Press Association. Carolyn is the author of *Fifty Miles from Home: Riding the Long Circle on a Nevada Family Ranch* and a collection of essays in *Sharing Fencelines: Three Friends Write from Nevada's Sagebrush Corner*.

"As a writer, I want to bring the experiences of modern-day rural life—unromanticized, humorous and real—to people who would not otherwise be able to share in them and teach them how to communicate their own ideas with others. I love being able to connect with teachers and their students through different kinds of writing. It enriches me to help my students develop a sense of place in their own writing as they reflect on their own life experiences."

School & Community Workshops

Cowboy Poetry for Kids (Grades K-4): Reading, Writing and Reciting--light-hearted fun as we act out kid-friendly cowboy poems.

Reading & Reciting Traditional and Contemporary Western Poets (Grades 5-12)

Journal to Poem -- That Journal Is Not a Diary: (Grades 3 – 12) How to develop a reflective journal entry, generate a polished piece of writing, and craft a poem from it.

Narrative Journalism (Grades 6-12): Research and writing profile and issue pieces.

Professional Development Workshops for Teachers

That Journal Is Not a Diary for Teachers - Making Time to Keep a Journal: developing a polished piece of writing from a reflective journal entry.

Narrative Journalism: Research and writing profile and issue pieces.