



MAY 28, 2020 · 7:00-8:00 PM EASTERN TIME · VIA ZOOM

Poetry Coffeehouse

Hosted by Jesse White and featuring Cathleen Cohen

During the COVID-19 pandemic, we have shifted to an online format for our monthly Poetry Coffeehouse. In place of our open mic, we are inviting an established or emerging guest poet each month to share their poetry with us via Zoom, and then inviting participants to write in response to what moved them in the featured artist's themes or words. There will then be time for sharing with other participants. This one-hour poetry experience extends our community to a wider world and offers all writers a safe net for linguistic exploration and spiritual discovery.

Cathleen Cohen was 2019 Poet Laureate for Montgomery County (PA). A painter, poet, and teacher, she founded *ArtWell's* "We the Poets" program in Philadelphia (www.theartwell.org). Her poems have appeared in *Apiary*, *Baltimore Review*, *Cagibi*, *Chrysalis Journal*, *East Coast Ink*, *6ix*, *Philadelphia Stories*, *Rockvale Review* and other publications. In 2019 her poetry was nominated for a Pushcart Prize. In 2017 her chapbook "Camera Obscura" won a Moonstone Arts Press prize. She received the *Interfaith Relations Award* from the Montgomery County PA Human Rights Commission and the *Public Service Award* from National Association of Poetry Therapy. Her paintings are on view at Cerulean Arts gallery in Philadelphia (<https://ceruleanarts.com>).

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