



Nancy Marashio

As a New Hampshire native, Nancy Marashio celebrates the work of New Hampshire writers in many of her classes. The position of New Hampshire poet laureate assures a unique slant for this class.

New Hampshire Poets Laureate

Study Leader: Nancy Marashio

Wednesdays, 9:30–11:30 a.m.

8 weeks beginning April 16

AIL Classroom, Lethbridge Lodge, Colby-Sawyer College

Maximum number of participants: 12

Appointment as New Hampshire state poet laureate is a major literary honor. Established by the state legislature in 1967, New Hampshire's poet laureate is an honorary five-year position held by an individual who has made outstanding contributions to the field of poetry. The poet laureate is an ambassador for all poets in New Hampshire and works to heighten the visibility and value of poetry in our state.

Nominations are received from across the state and reviewed by a committee comprised of representatives from the Poetry Society of New Hampshire, the New Hampshire State Council on the Arts and the New Hampshire Writers' Project, as well as other select members from the New Hampshire literary community. Each poet is appointed by the governor, with the advice and consent of the Executive Council.

Past New Hampshire laureates are Paul Scott Mowrer, Eleanor Vinton, Richard Eberhart, Donald Hall (appointed twice), Maxine Kumin, Jane Kenyon, Marie Harris, Cynthia Huntington, Patricia Fagnoli, Walter Butts and Alice B. Fogel. Our current laureate is Jennifer Militello.

In this class we will read and discuss poems by all the New Hampshire poets laureate. Class members will choose seven of the poets to study more deeply. Discussions and written responses from each of us will assure a wide range of viewpoints will be shared.