

## Published Writers of Rossmoor Featured Author for August 2017 - Estelle Watts

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The Published Writers of Rossmoor will again feature Estelle Watts for her 2017 published book, "Poems: The Woven Threads." Watts was so honored last year for her 2015 book of poetry titled, "Say What? A Collections of Poems." Her two books will be on display in the Rossmoor Library throughout August.



"The poems in this book grew out of a wide range of my life experience," Watts said. "There were periods that set me moving in new directions, events that were more fun than life changing, moments of observation and reflection passed over. These poems are my Woven Threads."

Watts has been writing poems for approximately four years. "It was not something I had ever thought of doing nor did I believe I had any special ability for it," she said. "In response to my vaguely saying 'perhaps I'll try to write,' my late husband gave me the book, "Writing Poetry from the Inside Out." Estelle started to write her own poetry afterwards.

Estelle grew up in Rockaway Beach in New York City. She earned a BA Degree from the University of Rochester/Eastman School of Music. She also earned a graduate degree in Painting from UC Berkeley. After becoming a certified teacher through Bank Street

College, Estelle taught for the next 30 years. She also owned a small printing business in Montclair for 20 years. Watts moved from Healdsburg, CA to Rossmoor three years ago. She now enjoys working in the Rossmoor Arts Studios.

Watts' 2017 poems will be especially poignant to many older residents who live in Rossmoor. "Who Will Remember" reads, "My sister has died, I will be the lonely remnant of a large and sturdy family. To whom will I say 'do you remember?' and giggle or tear up at something only she and I can know? My world, the one I came from is almost down to nothing."

Other poetic references such as "Roosevelt-the Day He Died," "First Day in Berkeley" and "Rumble," record the poet's first experience in an earth quake, and "Safeway on Sundays" will be equally familiar to many Rossmoor residents. A word of caution - each verse is so moving, a new reader should allow sufficient time to fully process and then enjoy the full meaning of Estelle Watts recalled memories years after they occurred.

Besides being on display in the Rossmoor Library, Watts' book, "Poems: The Woven Threads" is available for purchase online from [Amazon](#). Still another option available is to purchase both books from the poet (e-mail: wattsestelle193@gmail.com; telephone: 925-891-4082). Through Estelle Watts, the cost of one book is \$8.00 or both for \$12.50.