

MEETING DATE: August 17, 2023

ITEM TITLE, PRESENTER: Presented by Kelly Green, Library Board Member

My idea is to create an Honorary Poet Laureate for San Juan County to show case the many talented writers and poets locally. I thought sending this out would help explain what is out there.

Utah Poet Laureate

The Utah Poet Laureate is a Governor-appointed advocate for literature and the arts throughout the state who presents in communities, schools, libraries, and public events. The position was established in 1997.

UTAH POET LAUREATE LISA BICKMORE

Born in Dover, Delaware, Lisa Bickmore grew up living all over the United States and in Japan. She is the author of three books of poems: *Haste* (Signature Books, 1994), *flicker*, which won the 2014 Antivenom Prize from Elixir Press, and *Ephemerist* (Red Mountain Press, June 2017).

Her poetry, scholarship, and video work have been published in *Glass: A Journal of Poetry*; *Tar River Poetry*; *Sugar House Review*; *SouthWord*; *Caketrain*; *Hunger Mountain Review*; *Terrain.org*; *Bite-Size Poems project* (Utah Division of Arts & Museums); *Quarterly West*; *The Moth*; *MappingSLC.org*; *Fire in the Pasture: 21st Century Mormon Poets*; and elsewhere. In 2015, her poem 'Eidolon' was awarded the Ballymaloe International Poetry Award.

She earned a B.A. and an M.A. from Brigham Young University. She is recently retired from her position as a Professor of English at Salt Lake Community College, where she was the recipient of the SLCC Foundation Teaching Excellence Award in 2006. She taught writing of all sorts, as well as publication studies, and is one of the founders of the SLCC Publication Center.

In 2019, she founded the nonprofit Lightscatter Press, which published its first book in April of 2021. Read about its mission of multimodal literary publishing, calls for submission, and the shop. You can support Lightscatter Press here.

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Look for YouTube video *Bite Size Poet for May 2010: Lisa Bickmore performs "Dog Aria"*

