



**What?! Another #@%! Zoom Poetry Workshop??**  
**Collaborative Poetry**  
**Saturday, August 26**  
**1:00-3:00 p.m.**

Gay Guard-Chamberlin is a Chicago poet, artist and teacher. *Red Thread Through A Rusty Needle* (New Wind Publishing) is her first book of 36 poems. Her poetry has been published in the online Zen journal, "The Dewdrop" and on "YourDailyPoem.com", and has won prizes from Highland Park Poetry, the Illinois State Poetry Society, Poets & Patrons, and the Jo-Anne Hirshfield Memorial Poetry Awards. This year two of her poems will be in print in a new anthology, *Crone Lit*, from Wild Librarian Press.

Anara Guard is author of the prize-winning novel, *Like a Complete Unknown*, and a poetry collection, *Hand on My Heart*. Her poems have received the John Crowe Ransom Poetry Prize from Kenyon College, a Jack Kerouac prize, and first place from the California State Poetry Society. Her work has been published in "Last Stanza Poetry Journal," "Persimmon Tree," "Gold Man Review," "Under the Gum Tree," and elsewhere. She writes from her home in northern California.

Feeling zoom fatigue? Burned out by current events? Suffering from too much screen time but you want to rejuvenate your poetry practice (or perhaps start one)? Come jump start your creativity with Sibling Revelry as sister-poets Anara Guard and Gay Guard-Chamberlin lead fun collaborative exercises to spark your imagination and sense of play!

The workshop is free since poems will not be submitted in advance for feedback. Register by emailing [writeekphrastic@gmail.com](mailto:writeekphrastic@gmail.com) with COLLABORATIVE POETRY WORKSHOP in the subject line.

**Other Upcoming Poets and Patrons Activities:**

**Write! Ekphrastic**

**Saturday, July 29 from 1:00 – 4:00 pm**

Join us for a virtual visit to the National Gallery of Modern Art in New Delhi. For more information, see

<https://www.poetsandpatrons.net/write-ekphrastic>.

**Wanting** (*excerpt*) a co-written poem

Daddy has a candy jar; he keeps it on a shelf.  
 We aren't allowed to touch it; he keeps it for himself.  
 Above the tattered cookbooks, in a special metal box,  
 his sticky toffee, caramels, candy shaped like rocks.

Grandpa gave us silver dollars for our lost teeth.  
 We traded them in hopes of getting something sweet,  
 longed for candy all our own, a secret Tootsie Pop,  
 Good and Plenty. Butterscotch. Chocolate. Gumdrop.

~ Anara Guard & Gay Guard-Chamberlin 2022

**Printers Row Lit Fest**

**Saturday and Sunday, September 9 and 10, 10 a.m. to 6 pm**

Poets and Patrons will share a table with other Chicago-area poetry groups. **If you are a member of Poets & Patrons and wish to sell your books, you must let Caroline Johnson know by July 8.** You will have to pay a Chicago Merchant fee of \$25 and take a shift staffing the table. Whether or not you wish to sell your books at the Lit Fest, please consider volunteering to help staff the table. Contact Caroline Johnson at [carolinejohnson.author@gmail.com](mailto:carolinejohnson.author@gmail.com) to register and for more information.