



**2019 MISSOURI STATE
POETRY CONVENTION**
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Missouri State Poetry Society And
Springfield Poets and Friends



September 13 & 14, 2019 at The Library Station, Springfield, MO
Keynote, 6:00 to 9:00 PM Friday, the 13th –Conference 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM Saturday, the 14th

Featured Speaker



Dr. Jill Pelaez Baumgaertner

"Our keynote speaker for the conference will be Dr. Jill Pelaez Baumgaertner. In case you aren't familiar with her, she recently became Dean Emeritus of Humanities at Wheaton and is now the poetry editor of *Christian Century*. She is the author of *What Cannot Be Fixed*; *Finding Cuba*, a collection of poems that explores her Cuban ancestry; and three poetry chapbooks. She has also written a textbook/anthology, *Poetry*. She has worked with composer Carl Schalk on several libretti for choral music. She was a Fulbright fellow to Spain and was nominated for a Pushcart Prize. She is also the winner of the White Eagle Coffee Store Press's poetry chapbook contest, the Goodman Award, and the CCL Midwest Poetry Contest."

Please plan to stay for our second speaker of the convention from 2:00 to 3:00 PM on the 14th.

PAT DURMON



Pat's presentation, "Let's Get Into the Arena," is about "taking that extra step, the show-and-tell of your work. It's about what to do with the feedback on your poem, once it's received from a group or a person who cares. It can be a nurturing experience."

Pat Durmon is a poet and writer with four books of poetry to her credit. Her writing is known for its clarity, humanness and accessibility. She lives overlooking the White River near Norfolk, Arkansas. She was educated at Ouachita Baptist University, Indiana University, and Arkansas State University.

Though she is now retired, Durmon clings to her love for family and friends, and her writing.

Her awards include the Sybil Nash Abrams Award, Poets Roundtable of Arkansas, 2007 and the Merit Award, given by Poets Roundtable of Arkansas, 2013.

The Missouri State Poetry Society and Poets and Friends are proud to present Pat Durmon.



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