

### untitled

love is a white tiger  
with machine guns for eyes  
and an ice cream-dripping mouth  
so just shut up  
and love me.

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there is a rumor  
that love can shoot the eye out of a salmon  
in Alaska  
from a ridge top on the moon.  
I haven't seen the fish  
but I heard the gunshot.  
which is odd  
because really the shot shouldn't be audible  
coming from space and all.  
but there you go.  
faith.

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### Rock and Root

Stone and bone are neat rhymes,  
spine and ribcage words  
underpinning the long path forward.

But what of rock and root,  
I thought when we walked  
the simplest route around  
the marsh of old Trout Lake.

An improbable lodgepole pine  
leans uphill over the sluggish river cut,  
clutches in its thigh roots a rock  
as thick as a goat. That stone tumbled  
in mudslides the volcano vomited  
eons ago.

Roots and boulders here  
twist up like satisfied lovers  
legs over torsos, arms about necks,  
unmoved until frost sets in.  
Twisted, rugged root tissue  
cradles the most precious eggs.

We, on our stonework stroll,  
see only a cut-away  
where the river did  
its work.

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## Membership

The mission of the Oregon Poetry Association is to:

- build and sustain a diverse community of Oregon poets
- provide Oregon poets opportunities to exchange ideas and learn from one another
- further the appreciation of poetry throughout the state
- raise awareness of Oregon poets.

### Let's Do Lunch

My preppy nephew never wants  
To grab a bite. He'd rather do  
His midday meals at trendy haunts  
With chefs trained at Le Cordon Bleu.

He starts off with the soup du jour.  
His appetizer's escargot,  
His entrée salmon steak au beurre,  
And for dessert, the peach flambeau.

I scan the menu till I'm blind,  
Anticipate and agonize,  
Hoping in vain that I might find  
A bacon burger, shake, and fries.

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# Membership Benefits



- **COMMUNITY:** Meet and get to know other poets in your neighborhood. Join a reading and critique group and participate in local poetry readings.

**We currently have units in:**

- Corvallis
- Eugene/Springfield
- Portland
- Rogue Valley
- Salem

- **CONTESTS:** Compete for cash prizes in twice-yearly contests. Winners read poems at an awards ceremony at our conferences and winning poems are published in our anthology *Verseweavers*. Special categories for New Poets and Members Only.

Members can enter multiple categories for a total contest fee of \$5; non-members pay \$4 per poem

Foster young poets by getting involved in our annual Oregon Student Poetry Contest. It is free of charge, and open to all Oregon k-12 students. Winners read their poems at an awards ceremony, and winning poems are published in our anthology, *Cascadia*.

- **INFORMATION SHARING:** receive quarterly electronic newsletters and occasional email updates containing member news, conference information, contest rules and publication

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opportunities. Visit the OPA website [www.oregonpoets.org](http://www.oregonpoets.org) for up-to-date information on poetry events around the state, and have your own events posted there as well. Receive our handsome annual anthology, *Verseweavers*.

- **CONFERENCES & WORKSHOPS:** Attend Spring and Fall Poetry Conferences for workshops, talks, readings and special events at discounted rates.

Our conferences have been held in Ashland, Eugene, Pendleton, Portland, Roseburg, Salem, Waldport, and other cities all over Oregon

- **OPPORTUNITIES:** Expand your skills through hands-on workshops, meet other working poets from Oregon and elsewhere display and sell your poetry collections, and actively participate in the promotion of Northwest poetry.

- **MEMBERSHIP IN NFSPS:** Automatically become a member of National Federation of State Poetry Societies. Link to the quarterly NFSPS newsletter, *Strophes*, with more contest news, and be eligible to enter 49 national poetry contests for a single low fee [50 if you're a high school student].



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