

# Poets

Members of the literary community participating in AIM '19 event "Painting Poetry".



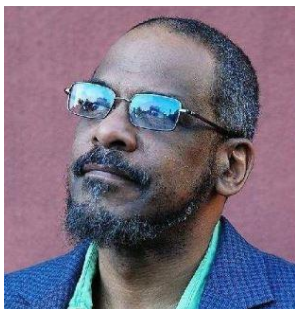
**Donna Barkman**

Donna Barkman a performer and writer. She's acted with the Two-Headed Calf and Estrogenius and performed her own work at Hudson Valley MOCA. Her poetry has been widely published in journals and anthologies, winning several awards.



**Suzanne Cleary**

Suzanne Cleary's fourth book is CRUDE ANGEL (BkMk Press 2018). Her awards include a Pushcart Prize, Yaddo and MacDowell Colony residencies.



**Kahlil Koromantee**

Aside from running an alternative school for 16-24ylds in Poughkeepsie and writing motivational books for hard to reach youth, Kahlil uses poetry as an intervention tool in counseling and other therapeutic settings. He is also a board member for Prisonwrites.org. A NY based initiative that uses writing to help the incarcerated and recently discharged express their personal struggles. His 2nd book of poems, Throw has recently been released. He is currently working on a book project on youth who've aged out of the foster care system.



**Loretta Oleck**

Loretta Oleck is a Pushcart Poetry Prize nominee and author of two poetry collections. Her work has been published extensively worldwide.



**Paul Stark**

Having written poetry for 45 years, Paul Stark knows that writing a good poem is an exceptionally pleasurable peak experience.



**Gene Tashoff**

52 years of writing TV commercials and ads (and putting words in the mouths of lots of celebs), while writing poetry and short stories. Four of my published books are available on Amazon.