

## A Morning of Poetic Exploration with Lorna Crozier

Nanoose Place from 9:00 to 1:00 on April 17th  
2925 Northwest Bay Rd, Nanoose Bay, BC



“So many contemporary writers take refuge in free-verse because they think it is “formless.” Lorna Crozier will refute this assumption through a discussion of how line and structure function in non-metrical poetry. She will also discuss another misunderstood form, the prose poem. This will be a master class in which participants’ poems will not be submitted beforehand and critiqued. Rather, those who attend will have a chance to explore these two contemporary forms and will do some on-the-spot writing.”

Lorna Crozier was born in 1948 in Swift Current, Saskatchewan. As a child growing up in a prairie community where the local heroes were hockey players and curlers, she “never once thought of being a writer.” After university, Lorna went on to teach high school English and work as a guidance counsellor. During these years, Lorna published her first poem in *Grain* magazine, a publication that turned her life toward writing. Her first collection *Inside in the Sky* was published in 1976. Since then, she has authored 14 books of poetry, including *The Garden Going on Without Us*, *Angels of Flesh*, *Angels of Silence*, *Inventing the Hawk*, winner of the 1992 Governor-General’s Award, *Everything Arrives at the Light*, *Apocrypha of Light*, *What the Living Won’t Let Go*, and most recently *Whetstone*. Whether Lorna is writing about angels, aging, or Louis Armstrong’s trout sandwich, she continues to engage readers and writers across Canada and the world with her grace, wisdom and wit. She is, as Margaret Laurence wrote, “a poet to be grateful for.”

**COST: \$75.00. Please pay by cheque to The WordStorm Society of the Arts. Address to send cheque: 1560 Arbutus Drive, Nanoose Bay, BC V9P 9C8. PLACEMENT IN WORKSHOP WILL BE ON A FIRST COME BASIS, BY EMAIL AND CHEQUE ARRIVAL.**

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**12 participants is the maximum for this workshop.**