

OLLI Authors



As an English major in college, **Karen Depew** tried her hand at writing poetry, but abandoned it once she entered the work world. During her career, she was in the direct marketing field until she started her own business in 1999 as an executive coach in leadership development.

After moving to Asheville in 2013, she earnestly returned to her first love: poetry. OLLI provided excellent teachers and a group of dedicated poets in the Poetry Special Interest group who helped her mature as a poet. She has also been published in the Smoky Blue Literary Review.

“Poetry is a way for me to better understand the world and my own life. Often I’ll be in the car or kitchen, when a line for a poem bubbles up in my head. Then, a poem begins to emerge.”