

Literary Excursions Presents

THE ASTONISHED HARVEST WORKSHOP

Poetry reading, September 21, 6:30-8pm

Setauket Neighborhood House in East Setauket

95 Main Street, East Setauket, NY 11733



Maria Basile is a surgeon who currently holds the post of Assistant Vice President for Medical Affairs at John T Mather Memorial Hospital in Port Jefferson. She is a member of the core faculty at Stony Brook University's Center for Medical Humanities, Compassionate Care, and Bioethics, and is a co-founder of Astonished Harvest. Her poetry focuses on the relationships developed during a life in Medicine, exploring the sharp edges of trust, compassion, stability, and hope. Dr. Basile's poems have been featured in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*, published in a chapbook entitled, *Minimally Invasive*, and appear in multiple anthologies containing poetry and creative writing of physicians and other healthcare professionals.

Richard Bronson is Director of Reproductive Endocrinology at the Stony Brook University Medical Center, where he is Professor of Obstetrics & Gynecology. He is the author of three collections of poems and has won the poetry prizes of the American College of Physicians and the Institute for Medicine in Contemporary Society. He is a member of the Board of Trustees of the Walt Whitman Birthplace Association and the 2015 recipient of the *Leonard Tow Human in Medicine Award* of the Arnold P. Gold Foundation.

Jack Coulehan is a poet, physician, and medical educator whose work appears frequently in medical journals and literary magazines. He is the author of six collections of poetry. His most recent collection, *The Wound Dresser*, was selected by Robert Pinsky as a finalist for the 2016 Dorset Prize (Tupelo Press). Coulehan is also the editor of two anthologies of poems by physicians. In 2012 he received the Nicholas Davies Award of the American College of Physicians for "outstanding lifetime contributions to humanism in medicine".

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About the conveners: **Dr. Carmen Bagan** is an award-winning memoirist, poet, and critic whose work has received international praise. Her books are: *Crossing the Carpathians*, *The House of Straw*, *Releasing the Porcelain Birds: Poems after Surveillance*, *Burying the Typewriter: Childhood Under the Eye of the Secret Police*, and *Seamus Heaney and East European Poetry in Translation: Poetics of Exile*. **Pramila Venkateswaran**, poet laureate of Suffolk County 2013-15, is the author of *Thirtha*, *Behind Dark Waters*, and most recently, *Slow Ripening*. She teaches at SUNY Nassau.