



***Celia Sigmon***

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**Background**

A jack-of-all-trades, Celia leads an active life and draws on her experiences dealing with people from all walks of life in her poetry and teaching. A seeker of equilibrium, she balances her time between teaching, designing women's clothing, white water rafting, and travel. Celia graduated Phi Kappa Phi, earning a M.F.A. in Creative Writing, from San Diego State University, where she teaches composition. She has been a Border Voices poet for many years, and has been actively involved in all aspects of the program: as an anthology judge, a volunteer at the fair, and as the area coordinator for the Border Voices poet-teachers and the California Poets in the Schools. Her poem *Chestwood Summit* is included in *The Best of Border Voices* anthology.

**Teaching Approach**

Images of nature and their deep-rooted connections with human experience are the foundations of Celia's poetry. In using these images in her workshops, students of all ages are provided a vehicle and a voice to develop their own perspectives of this world as they attempt to discover their place within it.

## **Special Emphasis or Special Skills**

A writer and teacher of both fiction and poetry, Celia focuses on the truths that the art of story telling brings to each life. We all have stories that comprise the core of our identity. Accessing these stories helps students connect with themselves and their communities.

## **Celia's References**

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