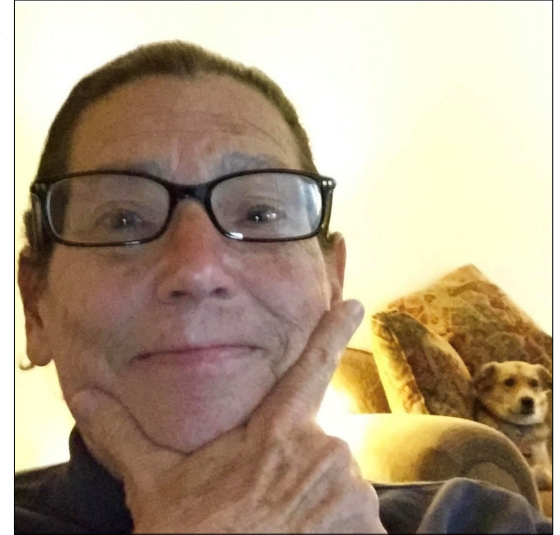


**Fourth Saturdays:
POETRY AT THE CLAREMONT LIBRARY
2 P.M. Saturday, April 22, 2023**

**THE FRIENDS OF THE CLAREMONT LIBRARY
PROUDLY PRESENT A POETRY READING BY
CYNTHIA TUELL & RON L. DOWELL**

CYNTHIA TUELL taught writing—basic, ESL, freshman comp—for 40+ years, most recently at the University of California, Riverside. She was widowed when her children were very young and thus she had her hands full. Still, her poems and short stories have been published in *The Seattle Review*, *kayak*, and *Psychological Perspectives*, among other journals.



RON L. DOWELL is the author of *Watts UpRise*, a poetry collection released by World Stage Press on July 13, 2022. A very public love letter to Watts, the collection honors its most notable artistic landmark, the Watts Towers, and its creator, Sabato Rodia. The Towers epitomize the beauty, strength, and resiliency of the city and its inhabitants and serve as a reminder that beautiful things must be kept heart close and loved. *Watts UpRise* is a finalist for the 2022 Press 53 Award for Poetry, and “Compton, An Energy-Fueled Dark Star” was nominated for a 2021 Pushcart Prize. Ron’s poetry resides in *Penumbra*, *Writers Resist*, *Oyster Rivers Pages*, *North Dakota Quarterly*, *The Wax Paper*, *The Penmen Review*, *Packingtowntown Review-Journal*, and *The Poeming Pigeon*.

This reading will take place in person in the Claremont Helen Renwick Library, 208 N. Harvard Ave. in Claremont, CA.

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