



# Writers in the Round

18th Annual Retreat on Star Island

September 9-12, 2022

**REGISTRATION OPEN**

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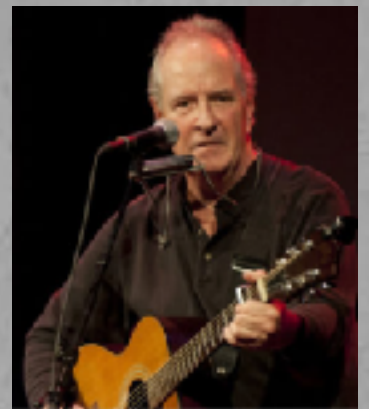
## *Poetry*



**Julia Bouwsma**, Maine's sixth poet laureate, lives off-the-grid in the mountains of western Maine, where she is a poet, farmer, freelance editor, critic, and small-town librarian. She is the author of two poetry collections: *Midden* (Fordham University Press, 2018) and *Work by Bloodlight* (Cider Press Review, 2017). She is the recipient of the 2018 Maine Literary Award; the 2016-17 Poets Out Loud Prize, selected by Afaa Michael Weaver; and the 2015 Cider Press Review Book Award, selected by Linda Pastan. Her poems and book reviews can be found in *Grist*, *Poetry Northwest*, *RHINO*, *River Styx*, and other journals.

**Cormac McCarthy** has been described as a distinctive songwriter, a deft guitarist, and a lyricist with elegance, wit, and insight. (Not to be confused with the novelist,) McCarthy's literary background has informed his work and infused his lyrics with intelligence and grace. As a teacher, Cormac is inspirational and entertaining, drawing from his experience in editing, composing, and decision-making. He includes history, scaffolding, speculation in his classes and is applauded for the rapport he cultivates. Cormac has performed nationally on many stages, including three times at the Newport Folk Festival, and twice on NPR's Mountain Stage Live Radio Show.

## *Songwriting*



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Maine Poet, Ellen Taylor, chairs this conference.

**To register**, visit: <http://starisland.org/program/witr/>

**For more information**, contact Ellen at: [ellen.taylor@maine.edu](mailto:ellen.taylor@maine.edu)

Note: "Writers in the Round" was created by our friend, singer-songwriter/publicist, Deirdre Randall, in 2005. She led the retreat for many years until she passed it on to Ellen Taylor and Craig Werth in 2012.