

POETRY SALON - YOU ARE INVITED!

Your Voice, Your Story

*I didn't trust it.
But I drank it anyway
The wine of my own poetry.*

*It gave me the daring,
To take hold of the darkness
and cut it into pieces.*

—Lalla, A Sufi Poet



Join me for an evening of poetry with author and poetry therapist, Jennie Chapman Linthorst. Jennie will do a reading from her two books of poetry, and lead us through an inspiring writing exercise guaranteed to be a unique, memorable experience for all.

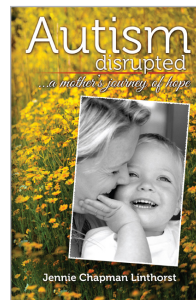
ABOUT JENNIE

Jennie Chapman Linthorst, MA, CAPF is an author, and founder of LifeSPEAKS Poetry Therapy. Jennie works with men and women exploring personal histories through reading and writing poetry. She is the author of two books of poetry published by Cardinal House Publishing. Her newest book, *Silver Girl*, captures the legacy of Jennie's early loss of her mother in childhood, and the sturdy adult life built from that experience. Her first book, *Autism Disrupted: A Mother's Journey of Hope*, chronicles her first years as a mother of a child with special needs. Her poetry has been featured in *Edison Literary Review*, *Forge*, *Sanskrit Literary Arts Magazine*, *Kaleidoscope* and *Bluestem* magazines. Her work has been featured online at *Hopeful Parents*, *Our Journey Through Autism*, *Wellsphere*, *The SPD Blogger Network*, and *WOW! Women on Writing*. More information can be found on her website at www.lifespeakspoetrytherapy.com.



"Jennie's honesty makes these poems feel so alive, and also makes them remain with readers long after reading her words."

-Diane Payne, Author of *Burning Tulips* and *Freedom's Just Another Word*



"This is a must read for any mother of a 'special child'. Jennie calls out the poet in us all and begs to see our lives and our loves with hope and gratitude."

Elaine Hall, Internationally Recognized Autism Educator and Advocate, Founder of The Miracle Project, and author of *Now I See The Moon: Raising a Child With Autism*



"Very powerful experience! Reading and writing poetry, with Jennie as my guide, has opened a door for me into a place of my heart that I didn't even know existed."