

## **Neal Whitman**

### **Shadowland**

a stone  
in the shadow  
it moves ... a vole  
against the shed  
the shadow of a hoe  
open house  
in foreclosure  
shadows in the closet  
her life  
in that house  
darker than a shadow

**Neal Whitman** and his wife, Elaine, live on the Monterey Peninsular where they both are docents at poet Robinson Jeffers Tor House. Neal writes both Western and Japanese forms of poetry and, with Elaine, creates haiga by combining his haiku and her photography. He is a hospice volunteer and uses the reading of poetry in a workshop to help those in bereavement deal with loss of a loved one.