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How To Create An Awesome
Poetry Video In Minutes ~
with a little prep...

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RUTH VAN ALSTINE

One of our North Florida Poetry Hub members Ruth Van Alstine has been writing poetry since a young age and writing poetry for the past thirty-five years and more recently branching out into memoirs and stories. She also has recently begun exploring the creation of mixed media and abstract artwork with complimentary experiential writings.

An award-winning poet, she has published three books of poetry: *Fairies and Fantasies* in 1996, *Shattered Moonbeams* in 2016, and *A While Away*. She has been published nationally and internationally, some of which include *The Parnassus of World Poets Anthology*, *Anthology in Memoriam 1999* by Bristol Banner Books, *Cadence*, and *(a) River Rising Blooms*. She published the very first edition of North Florida Poetry Hub's publishing project of limited-edition books, "Poet's Pen Volume 1".

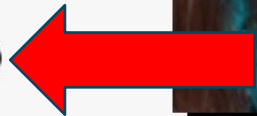
She is a member of the Ancient City Poets of St. Augustine, National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Florida State Poets Association, and President of the North Florida Poetry Hub and is an active participant in *Women Writing for (a) Change of Jacksonville, Florida*.

In 2016 she established *Rising Moon Press* and works with poets to publish "The Poet's Pen" and with other authors on various projects as her time allows. *Rising Moon Press* specializes in unique, small volumes of hand-made limited-edition chapbooks and Zines.

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Poetry Reading: Everglades Mourned



Bio Page - Poetry Video link



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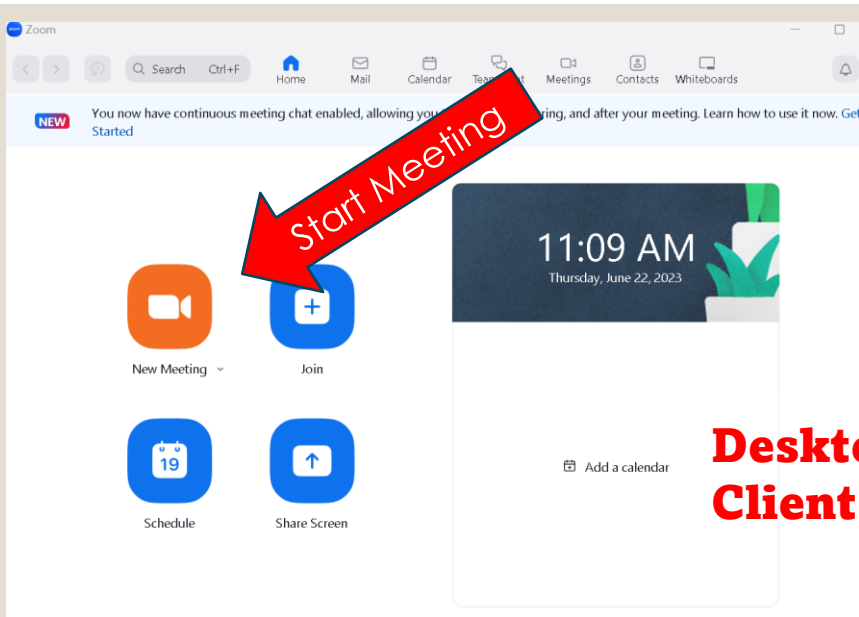
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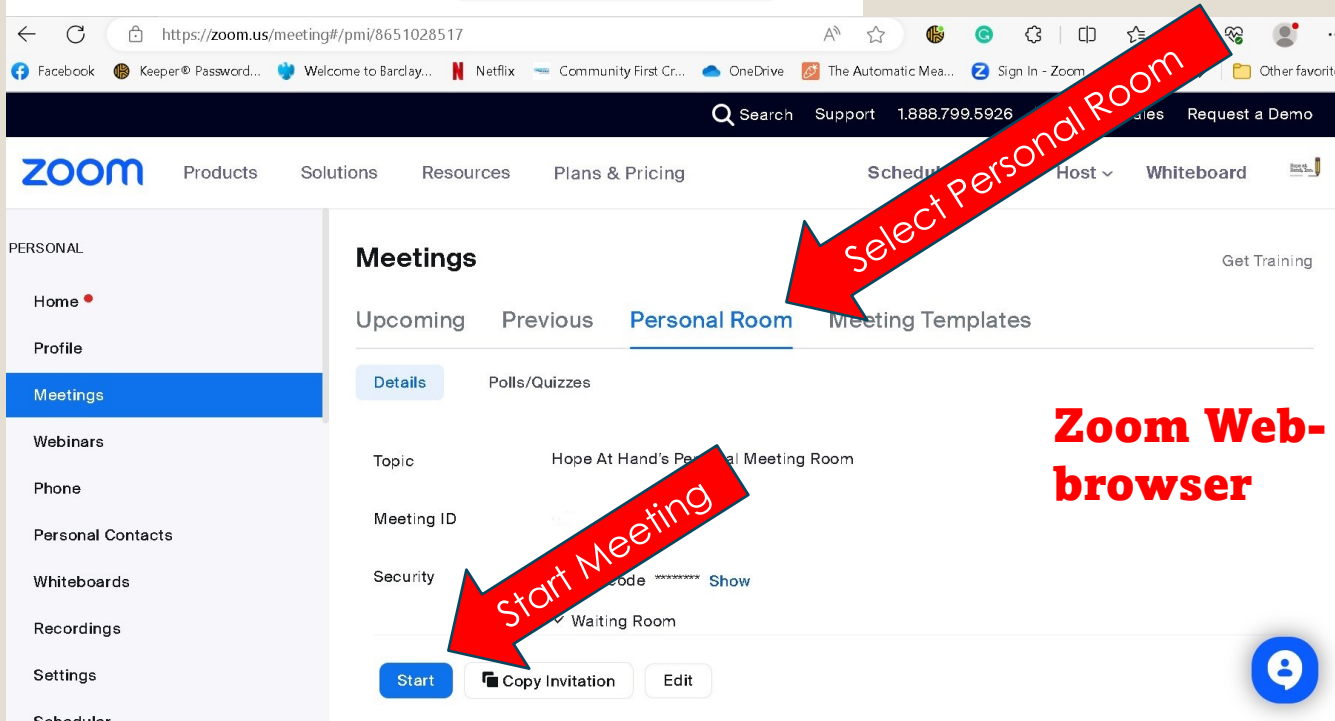
- You can create poetry reading videos either through **Zoom** – record yourself reading a poem with a nice background behind you
- OR by creating a **PowerPoint** presentation and recording yourself reading the poem while the presentation slides advance and the record function is turned on. You can then save this presentation as a video file (mp4).
- OR create a PowerPoint of just your poem with page turns, with or without background music to accompany the presentation.

With A Zoom Meeting

- **Have a nice background saved for your profile.**
- **Log into Zoom either by yourself in a meeting or have a friend start a meeting.**



Desktop Zoom Client (App)



Zoom Web-browser

Create a Zoom Meeting

- Enter the Zoom meeting by yourself (“start” a meeting), or have a friend let you into their zoom meeting.
- Set your view to “Speaker”
- When ready hit “record” button. When finished hit “stop”. Each time you stop a new audio and separate video file is created.

How to change your background:

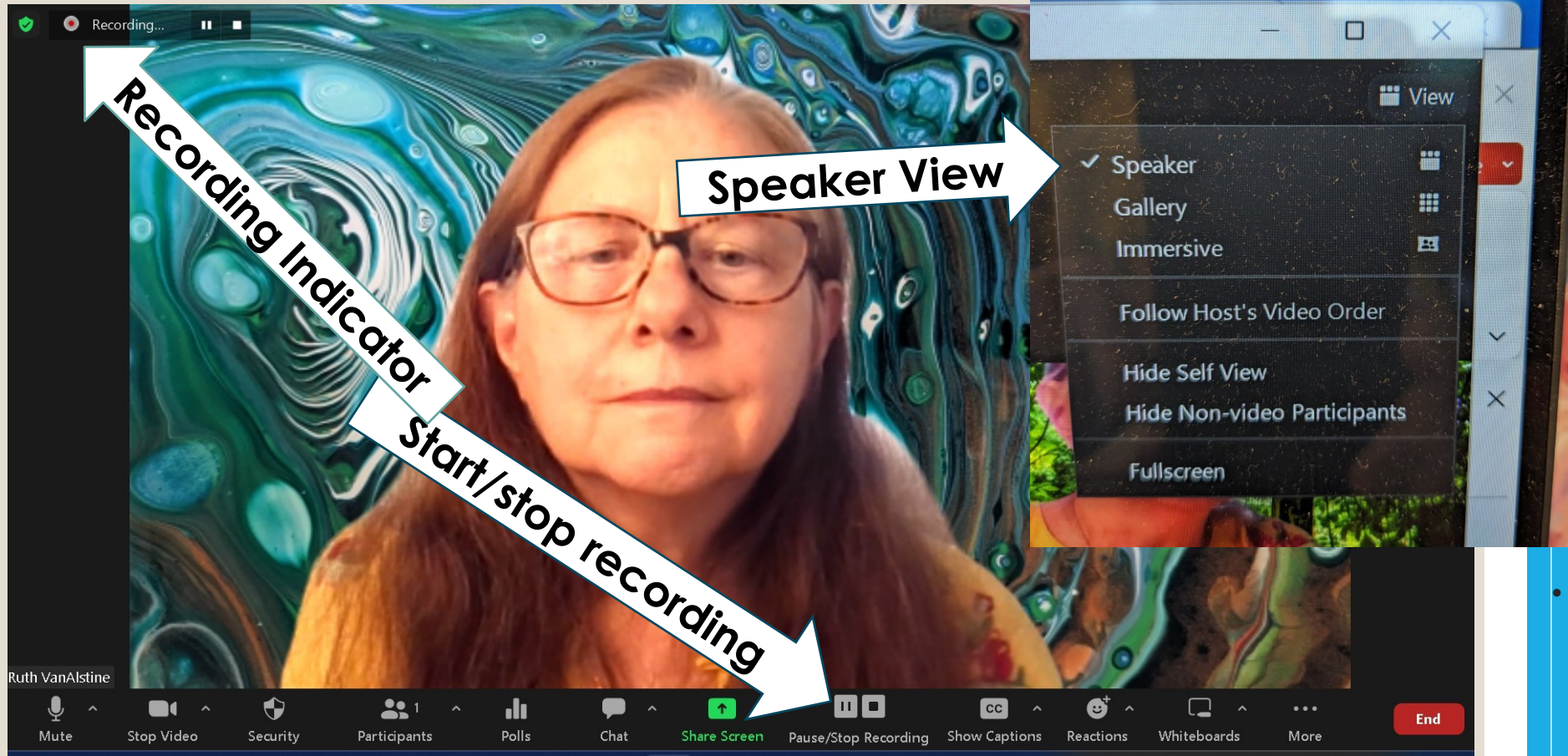
The image shows a composite of two screenshots from the Zoom application. The top screenshot displays the 'Settings' window, with a red arrow pointing to the 'Settings' title bar and another red arrow pointing to the 'Background & Effects' option in the left-hand menu. The main content area of the settings window shows a video preview of a woman in a library background. Below the preview are tabs for 'Virtual Backgrounds', 'Video Filters', and 'Avatars BETA', with a '+' icon to the right. A grid of background images is visible, including a library, a beach, and a forest. The bottom screenshot shows a meeting interface with a red arrow pointing to the '+' icon in the top right corner of the video toolbar. A context menu is open over this icon, listing options: 'Select a Camera', 'Integrated Webcam', 'Blur My Background', 'Choose Virtual Background...', 'Choose Video Filter...', 'Choose Avatar...', and 'Video Settings...'. A red arrow points to the 'Choose Virtual Background...' option.

Change Background

- Log into Desktop Client (App) or web account
- Go to "settings"
- Background & Effects
- Click on "+" to add an image (jpg file)

- OR chose an existing background image.
- You can also do this from within a meeting **
Camera icon up arrow-
"Choose Virtual Background"

Recording your video



With A Zoom Meeting

Set your "view" setting to "Speaker"


Choose where the files will be saved -your computer or cloud (must have a paid account for cloud).

- When ready hit the record button and start reading your poem. Hit stop when done.
- 1 video and 1 audio file will be saved each time you start/stop the record button. Pause will pause your recording and only 1 file will be created.




A new version is available! [Update](#)

Zoom - Converting the meeting recording



Convert Meeting Recording

You have a recording that needs to be converted before viewing.

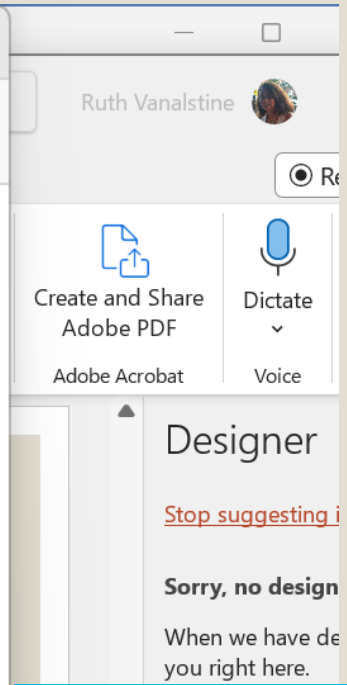
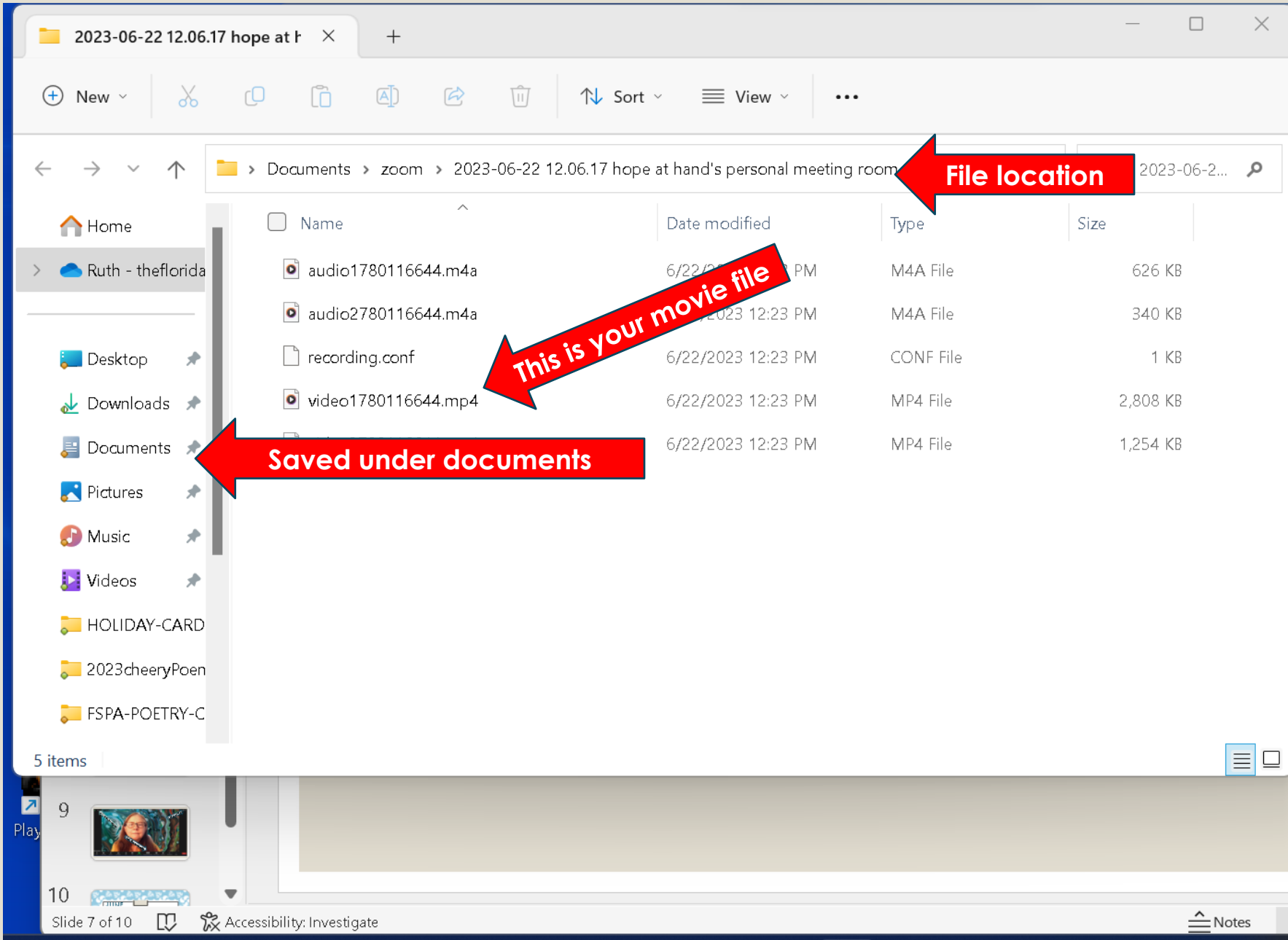
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Note: After the file has completed converting, if you choose to rename the file from the default naming convention, we recommend you use a unique file name. We recommend you do not use the words "Zoom", "Personal Meeting Room" or "My Meeting" when saving your meeting files.

[Stop Converting](#)

When you stop your meeting, you get this message that the recording is being saved





One video and one audio file will be saved each time you start/stop the record button. Pause will pause your recording and only 1 file will be created. The default "save as" is your Zoom folder under documents *

These are easy tutorials on how to record a zoom meeting (which you can save and turn into a video):

Recording a Zoom Meeting

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AYzPS28rg7E>

Zoom Recording Basics

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rUYrI3fOGjA>

Recording Locally On Your Computer

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wXgJWxGpl3o>

*** You can use your video recording from Zoom as-is..... (there is free video and audio editing software for trim work and other editing you might want to do)**

OR

**** Use the audio file-only and create a slide show video in Google Slides or equivalent program to pair with the audio file and save into a movie file.**

**** Alternative to video recording: You could just create a PowerPoint with your poem written in the presentation, time the page turns and perhaps add music in the background. Then record the PowerPoint presentation and save as an mp4 file, such as was done for the 100K Poets for Change Open Call videos. This would also work well with Google Slides.**

Alternative: Lay out your poem in a PowerPoint presentation with images (with or without yourself reading the poem).

Advance the slides manually. (you will need to change the default setting “slide show” uncheck “use timings”). Turn “camera off” unless you want a cameo picture of yourself in the video while reading your poem.

Save the file as an mp4 file -

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y5dgwwa5XRA&t=18s>

Record

Slide show

hit "record" button when you are ready

(hit stop when done)

You can review your recording to see if you are happy with how it turned out, you can re-record until you are happy with the result.

Go to the "Recording" tab and choose "Export as a video" Or Save As: mp4 file.

In A PowerPoint Presentation

- Prepare a PowerPoint presentation with attractive visual slides and perhaps the text of your poem.
- Record yourself reading the poem as the slideshow runs (manually advancing slides).
- “Export as video” or save as mp4

For trim work and video editing you might want to use:

Free video editing software: **OpenShot** is a safe, reliable, user-friendly video editing software program. Download it directly from them here:

<https://www.openshot.org/> (download from the *blue Windows (64bit installer) v3.1.1* button that is directly linked to OpenShot) (Additional download links are located below this button; Linux, Chrome, Mac OS X, etc.)

The screenshot shows the OpenShot website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the OpenShot logo and links for DOWNLOAD, FEATURES, PRODUCTS, DONATE, SUPPORT, and BLOG. Below the navigation bar, there is a main content area with the text: "OpenShot Video Editor is available for download on Linux, OS X, and Windows. We provide both direct download links and torrents. We also have daily builds available using the **Daily Builds** button below. [Release Notes](#)".

In the center of the page, there is a large green button labeled "START". A red arrow points to this button with the text "DO NOT USE!". Below the "START" button, there is a smaller button labeled "Download v3.1.1" with a Windows logo. A red arrow points to this button with the text "Use this download button".

At the bottom of the page, there is a Windows taskbar showing the system tray with the date and time: 1:21 PM 6/22/2023.

Free audio editing software:



Audacity is a great free open-source audio file editor that is easy to use, safe and dependable. You can easily trim the front and back end of your audio file for a clean recording of your poetry reading.

Download it here: <https://www.audacityteam.org/download/>



The End





JUNE CHAPTER MEETING

Date: June 24th

Time: 2 – 3:30 PM

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