

## Northfield Poetry: April Newsletter

*Poet Laureate*  


Open Mic – 6:30pm, Wed, 8 May  
 Nfld Public Library Atrium



**Open Mic Poetry**

Join local poets and poetry lovers for an open mic event.

**Second Wednesday of the Month**

**6:30–7:30**

**Future Dates**

March 13	March 13
January 10	April 10
February 14	May 8

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**Poet Laureate Announcement:** Russ Boyington who writes under the pen name of Russ Paladin is the incoming Poet Laureate of Northfield. Please join us May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Open Mic where as Interim CoPoLos, we'll be happy to introduce him. [Announcement in Northfield News](#). Russ takes the helm on 1 June 2024 and will host his first POME on Wed, 12 June..



**Wednesday, May 8, 2024 5:30pm-7:00pm/Weitz Commons.**

**Poetry Without Borders** - This annual college-wide event exposes students, faculty, and staff to different languages and cultures and brings together poetry-loving people with different backgrounds and passions, different majors and research fields. Come hear students, faculty, and staff recite poems in languages other than English. Translations are provided. *This event is sponsored by the Humanities Center, the Language Center, the Department of German and Russian, the Department of Spanish, and the Department of French and Francophone Studies.*

**ArtZany at KYMN** May 3, Friday, 9:00 to 10:00 am. Paula Granquist will interview the Poets of the Nfld Public Library—Becky Boling, D. E. Green, Heather Candels, Steven McCown, Julie A. Ryan—on their recently published anthology, *We Look West*.

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### CLOSES SOON: 50 North's Echoes & Shadows Exhibit



*In the Gallery*

**APRIL 4 AT 4:00PM**  
 There will be an Artist & Poets Reception in the FiftyNorth Gallery followed by a **POETRY READING AT 5:00PM** in room 103.

**EXHIBIT: March 4 — May 3**  
**ECHOES & SHADOWS**  
*1st Annual Poetry & Art Collaboration*

THE Exhibit runs through May 3 in FiftyNorth's Art Gallery. Nearly 30 FiftyNorth Members submitted poetry and equally as many artists created visual media to pair with a poem they selected. "Poetry is an echo, asking a shadow to dance." Carl Sandburg. FiftyNorth 1651 Jefferson Parkway, Northfield, MN. (507) 664-3700.

Thanks to Michelle

Brant, Marie Gery, Kate Douglas, and Pat Jorstad for putting this exhibit together. LAST DAY is May 3rd.

### April is *Still* National Poetry Month

#### NaPoWriMo is going Global.

Just a few days left in April. But you can always find prompts at National/Global Poetry Writing Month. <https://www.napowrimo.net/>

#### Poem in a Bag Is Underway

The Poem in a Bag project is made possible by a Minnesota Legacy grant to Rice County Neighbors United. Poems, both well known and new, have been contributed by community members and are being gifted to patrons at selected businesses in Northfield during the month of April. Thanks to Mar Valdecantos and Natalia Camargo for this great Poetry Month project.

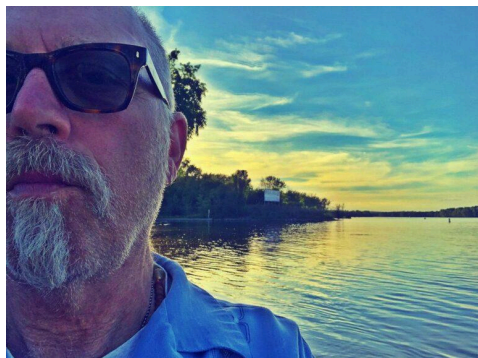
#### Poetry in a Bag Reading

6:30-8:00 May 23, 2024, Thursday  
 Mercado Local, 108 5th St E, Northfield, MN 55057, USA

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**Poetry Reading with Dougie Padilla from *40 Feet Down*: April 28, 2:00pm, Sunday, Washington County Heritage Center, 1862 S. Greeley St., St. Croix**



Presented by [ArtReach St. Croix](#) at [Washington County Heritage Center](#)

Part of Valley Reads, artist and poet Dougie Padilla will take the mic and share new and classic poems. Long ago and far away Dougie Padilla was a young poet. He wrote constantly. Then came the VietNam war, protests, San Francisco, psychedelics and communes.

Heart failure came... and ashrams and organic farming. Later, there were kids and houses and marriage and businesses and a long career in the art world. Eventually, after he moved his studio to rural Wisconsin, poetry returned quick and sure, wave after wave of poems. Join Dougie for a performance of selections from his sixth book, *40 Feet Down*.

**AND Dougie will read from *40 Feet Down* in town at the Northfield Public Library, 6:30pm, Tuesday, 13 August.**

**In Northfield, poetry doesn't end with National Poetry Month!**

*Book sales on site, courtesy of Content Bookstore.*

Scott is taking some Midwest road trips with his new book, *Mutual Life*, featuring poems from everyday life against a backdrop of tumultuous times. On the home front, Leslie's next book, *Geranium Lake: Poems on Art and Art-Making*, is forthcoming this summer. Question/answer and book signing will follow the reading. If you're suffering from Poetry Month withdrawal, this is the perfect cure. Please join us! For more information, check out the poets' websites:

**Scott:** [www.scottlowery.org](http://www.scottlowery.org) **Leslie:** [www.winonamedia.net](http://www.winonamedia.net)

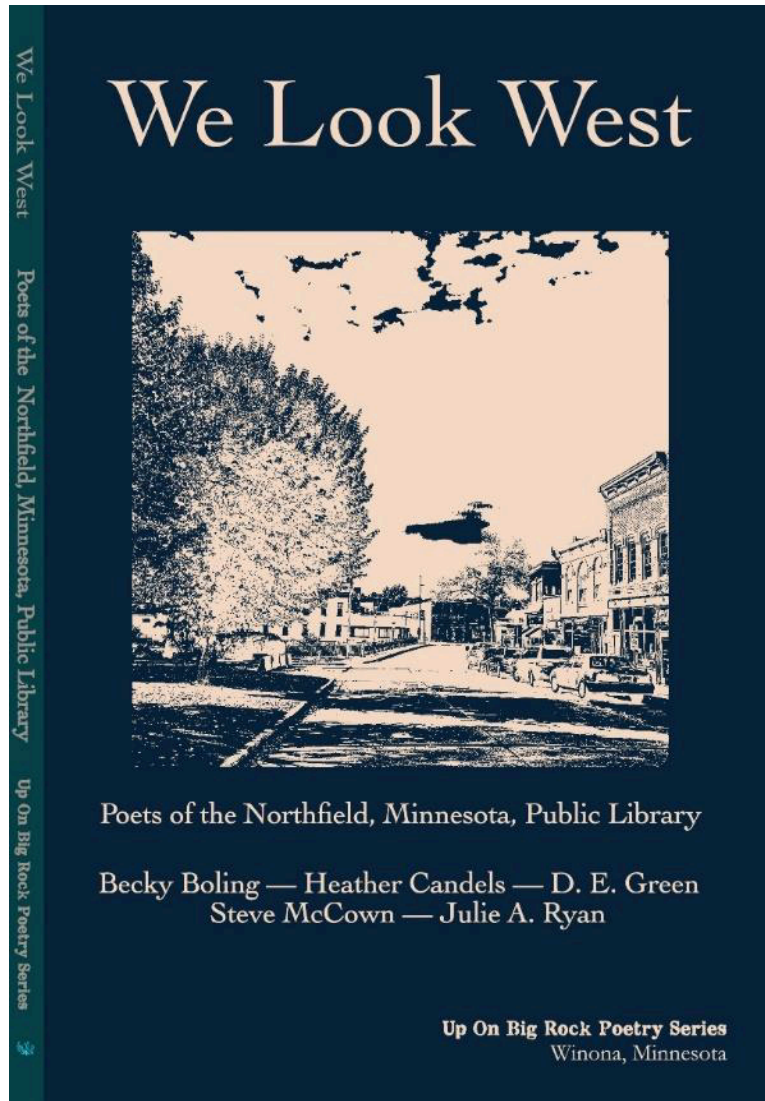
**Poetry Double Header**  
Scott Lowery & Leslie Schultz  
May 7  
6:30-7:30pm  
Library Atrium

**Join us for a shared reading**  
These poets, in conversation with each other, will share poems on a range of topics: small town landscapes, sonnets, visual art, climate anxiety, farm animals.

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### And this from the Poets of the Northfield Public Library:

The CoPoLos along with fellow poets Heather Candels, Steve McCown, and Julie A. Ryan have a new poetry anthology of original work, published by Tom Driscoll of Shipwreckt Books and introduced by Rob Hardy, who brought us together at the library five years ago. Thanks to Library Director Natalie Draper for giving us permission to use our informal collective name publicly.

**We hope our local friends will join us at the Northfield Public Library at 7pm, Thursday, 16 May, for our hometown launch—a reading and book signing.** Thanks to Content Bookstore for handling sales.

#### Other scheduled events:

\*7pm, Tuesday, **30 April**, Eat My Words Bookstore in Minneapolis: Tell your Twin Cities friends!

\*7pm, Tuesday, **6 August**, Blue Heron Coffeehouse, Winona, MN.

**Follow Us on Facebook:** For the latest news head to the Northfield Poet Laureate site (<https://www.facebook.com/NorthfieldPoetLaureate>).

*And now for last words? This is not a farewell. We'll still be around. It's been our pleasure to be your Co-Poets Laureate. Thank you for the inspiration and poetry that you bring and for the communities you support.*

**D. E. (Doug) Green & Becky Boling**  
 CoPoLos of Northfield

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