

Poet Laureate

Submitted by Rob Hardy, Northfield Poet Laureate

December Activities

December 7. Participated in the Laura Baker Services Association annual gala, reading poetry written with LBSA clients and talking about the collaboration with LBSA, facilitated by LBSA art specialist Bridget Novak.

December 16. Met with Cecilia Cornejo to talk about a poetry collaboration making use of material collected as part of The Wandering House project in the summer of 2019.

December 18. Met with Marie Gery about poetry programming for the fall of 2020. Participated in monthly “poetry club” with LBSA clients.

I also wrote and completed the final report for the Northfield Poet Laureate’s 2019 SEMAC grant, and discussed a budget and possible funding sources for 2020 with Teresa Jensen.

Upcoming Events and Activities

January 16. Poetry reading by Joanne Esser (Content Bookstore, 7pm).

January 18. Hosting the annual Sidewalk Poetry Kick-Off (Northfield Public Library, 2pm)

I have been asked to serve as a juror for the 19th annual Poet/Artist Collaboration, formerly hosted by Crossings at Carnegie in Zumbrota and now hosted by Red Wing Arts. I have also been asked to talk about the LBSA collaboration for a spot on KYMN radio as part of LBSA’s public awareness campaign.

Events Scheduled for 2020

January

1/16: Joanne Esser (Minneapolis), author of *Humming at the Dinner Table* (Content)

February

2/6: Rebecca Fremo (St. Peter), author of *Chasing Northern Lights* (Northfield Public Library)

March

3/12: Larry Gavin (Faribault), author of *A Fragile Shelter* (Northfield Public Library)

April

National Poetry Month: Poem in Your Pocket Day; reading by Rob Hardy (Northfield Public Library, details TBA); other events TBA

May

5/15: *The Sister of the Wind*, a theater piece about Northfield-born poet Grace Fallow Norton (Northfield Arts Guild dance studio)

5/21: Danny Klecko (St. Paul), author of *Hitman Baker Casketmaker* (Content)

June-December

Programming by Penchant (Northfield Women Poets) TBA

What Trees Know, poetry and music by Emilio and Dante DeGrazia (place and date TBA)