Northfield Poetry: March Newsletter

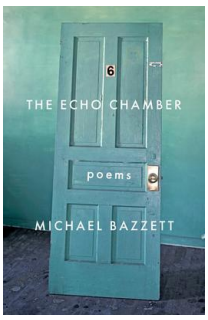
Poet Laureate
Northfield,MN

Open Mic: 6:30pm, Wed, 13 March
Nfld Public Library Atrium

ONE TIME ONLY: Poetry Open Mic Event NFLD Public Library

On April 10th POME will start at **6:00** and end at **7:00**. Come early at 6:00 but don't hesitate if you need to arrive late (at the usual 6:30). We will wrap it up a few minutes **before** 7:00 pm to allow those interested to attend the Content Bookstore Crafts Talk with poet Michael Bazzett at **THE GRAND EVENT CENTER** 7:00-8:30.

Content Bookstore welcomes poet and Carleton alum Michael Bazzett back to Northfield for the first of Content's Craft Talks during National Poetry Month. Join us at the Grand Event Center on Wednesday, April 10th at 7 pm.



Michael Bazzett is the author of YOU MUST REMEMBER THIS, which received the 2014 Lindquist & Vennum Prize for Poetry, THE INTERROGATION, and most recently THE ECHO CHAMBER. He is also the translator of THE POPOL VUH, the first English verse translation of the Mayan creation epic, which was named a New York Times Best Book of 2018. He is also the author of the chapbook IMAGINARY CITY (OW! Arts). His poems have appeared in numerous publications, including *Ploughshares, The Sun, Massachusetts Review, Pleiades,* and *Best New Poets*. A longtime faculty member at The Blake School, Bazzett has received the Bechtel Prize from Teachers & Writers Collaborative and is a 2017 National Endowment for the Arts Fellow. He lives in Minneapolis.

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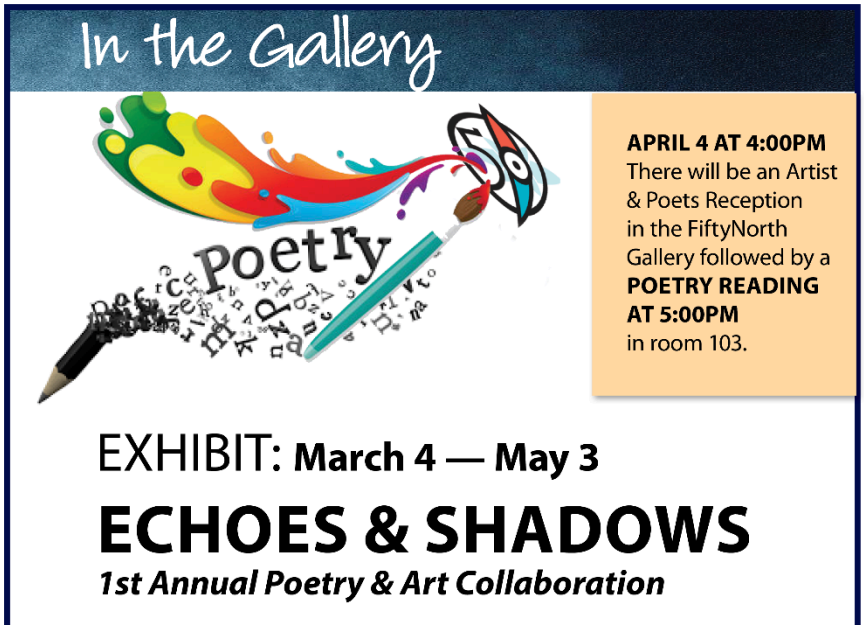
NOW OPEN: 50 North's Echoes & Shadows Exhibit

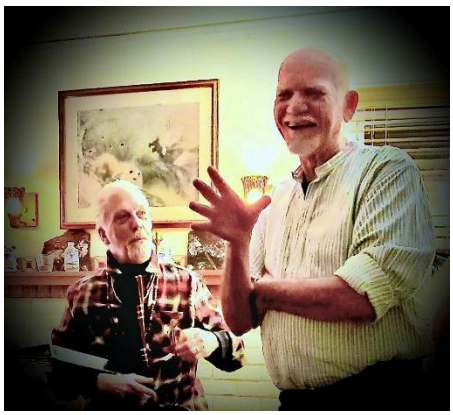


Nearly 30 FiftyNorth Members submitted poetry and equally as many artists created visual media to pair with a poem they selected. "Poetry is an echo, asking a shadow to dance." Carl Sandburg. FiftyNorth 1651 Jefferson Parkway, Northfield, MN. (507) 664-3700.

THERE'S STILL TIME: Poem in a Bag

Community members, YOU!, of any age can send poems for the Poem in a Bag project made possible by a Minnesota Legacy grant to Rice County Neighbors United, **now until March 15**. It can be poems you wrote or poems you love with a short explanation as to why you love them. If sent in a different language, please include the English translation. Unless you want to remain anonymous, please include your name and age, feel free to include more information about you and your poems. Poems will be gifted to patrons at selected businesses in Northfield during the month of April!

You can send your poems to Becky, Doug, or Mar Valdecantos at marvaldecantos@yahoo.com or Natalia Camargo at nata35.35.23@gmail.com.



EVENT ANNOUNCEMENT: The Spiritual Poetry of Saints, Sinners, Scalawags, and Sidewinders

Saturday, March 23, 2024 - 7:30 PM
Readings by Dougie Padilla and Timothy Young
1610 Fernwood Street, St. Paul, MN 55108
(612-969-7104)

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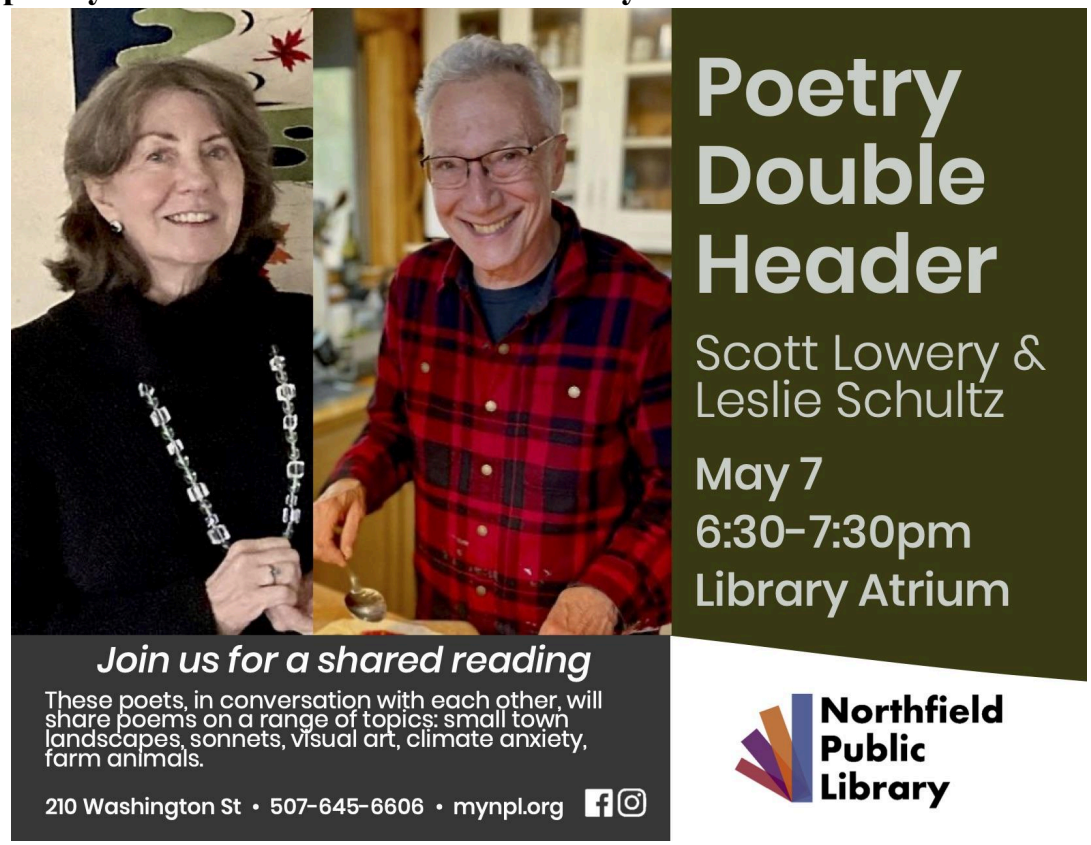
COMING APRIL: NaPoWriMo is going Global. https://www.napowrimo.net/

It's getting to be that time of year again! National/Global Poetry Writing Month is just 30 days away! If you're not familiar with the project, during Na/GloPoWriMo (known to the uninitiated as "April") poets of all stripes and levels of experience commit to writing a poem a day.

And 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 **Leslie:** www.winonamedia.net

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A Shout-Out to Audrey Kletscher Helbling: Writer, blogger, poet & photographer in Faribault. Check out her blog at https://mnprairieroots.com/

Check out the Northfield Public Library's Oasis at the Northfield Community Resource Center on Jefferson Parkway. Congratulations to Natalie Draper and the whole library staff on this new annex, which greatly increases access to our library's resources and services. And thanks to Poet Laureate Emeritus Rob Hardy for representing poetry (and more) at the official opening; Rob read "Branch Library" by poet Edward Hirsch at the event.

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For the latest news about publications, local literary and arts events, publications by and prizes awarded to local poets, head to the Northfield Poet Laureate site (https://www.facebook.com/NorthfieldPoetLaureate).

Thanks to all who considered applying and those who have applied for the three-year Northfield Poet Laureate post and all of you have supported us in our interim as Northfield's CoPoLos. Keep your eye out for news from us (newsletter and FB) and the library and city websites for further announcements.

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