

## NORTHFIELD POET LAUREATE REPORT

### October/November 2021

#### EVENTS

There was a large and enthusiastic audience at Content on the evening of November 14 for a reading by Michael Bazzett, Michael Kleber-Diggs, and Lee Colin Thomas. It was the first poetry reading at Content since January 2020.

I was invited to read and discuss two of my poems via Zoom with a Poetry and Faith group based in Ann Arbor, Michigan. The reading and discussion took place on Sunday, November 21.

On Tuesday, November 30 I'll be recording a short (10-minute) poetry reading that will be posted on the *Third Wednesday* magazine YouTube channel. The reading will be introduced by David Jibson, the editor of *Third Wednesday*. A video of a reading by Northfield poet Leslie Schultz is already posted: <https://youtu.be/gUE6A51OnP0>

Pre-orders are now being accepted for my poetry chapbook, *Shelter in Place*, which will be published in February 2022 by Finishing Line Press. The cover art for the chapbook was created by Northfield artist and ACC member Matt Klooster. For more information, and to pre-order: <https://www.finishinglinepress.com/product/shelter-in-place-by-rob-hardy/>

#### KUDOS

**Susan Jaret McKinstry's** poem "Aria" appeared in *Crosswinds Poetry Journal*. Another of Susan's poems appears in the exhibit "Prairies and Potholes" in the upstairs gallery at the Northfield Arts Guild (through December 24).

**Diane LeBlanc's** poem "Possum" was nominated for a Pushcart Prize by her publisher, Diane Lockward (Terrapin Books).

For the second year in a row, Northfield poet **Becky Boling** was nominated for a Pushcart Prize by the editor of *Willows Wept Review*. Becky was nominated for her poem "Tonsillectomy."

*Visual Verse* published poems by **Becky Boling** (<https://visualverse.org/submissions/immured/>) and **D.E. Green** (<https://visualverse.org/submissions/the-women/>).

The St. Olaf College alumni magazine features an article about poet, sculptor, and 2020 Living Treasure **Mac Gimse**: <https://wp.stolaf.edu/news/a-living-treasure-professors-emeritus-of-art-sculptor-poet-educator-mac-gimse-58>

**Steve McCown's** poems "Spring" and "Taps" were posted on signs near Rasmussen Woods in Mankato as part of the Mankato Poetry Walk. His poems are at location #19 on the map: <https://www.google.com/maps/d/u/0/viewer?mid=1i8UgsywpTA5kmLzP6tuG68JKrdY&ll=44.13240312626019%2C-94.0315103096924&z=13>