

Northfield: A Communal Topographical Poem

A topographical poem is a poem that describes and celebrates a specific place. The goal of this project is to create a communal topographical poem about Northfield consisting of individual poems by Northfield poets about specific places in Northfield. These individual poems will form the sections, or cantos, of the complete topographical poem.

The capstone event will be a reading of the individual poems in the places they celebrate. Those interested in experiencing the entire reading will progress from one location to the next according to a pre-arranged schedule. [Date TBD]

Call for Poets

- (1) Write a poem (no more than 2 pages long) about a public place in Northfield.
- (2) Submit the poem (.docx or .doc format, or pasted into the body of an email) to: rbhardy3rd@gmail.com [Deadline TBD]
- (3) All poems will be reviewed by a panel of judges. Those chosen for inclusion will be notified by email.
- (4) Poets whose poems are chosen for inclusion in the program will be asked to read their poem at the location it celebrates as part of the capstone even on [date TBD].
- (5) The rights to individual poems are retained by the poets, but the Northfield Poet Laureate reserves the right to seek publication for the collection of poems and/or to publish it on the Northfield Poet Laureate website.

Northfield Places

Poems may be about the following places, which have been chosen to facilitate the progress of the reading from west to east. Poems about places not on this list may be included in the program if those places can be incorporated into the plan of the reading. Please query first.

- Way Park
- The Northfield Depot
- Bridge Square
 - Including the mill dam and other locations within the downtown historic district (for example, the Scriver Building, the Northfield Arts Guild, the site of the Archer House)
- Northfield Public Library
- Central Park (including the Weitz Center/old Northfield Middle School)
- The Carleton Arboretum
- Oaklawn Cemetery

Questions? Email rbhardy3rd@gmail.com