

December 2018 Updates

Sidewalk Poetry

The wheels are in motion for *Sidewalk Poetry 2019: New Voices/Nuevas Voces*. Our check from SEMAC has arrived and we are gearing up to place a promotional ad in the January issue of the Entertainment Guide. In the absence of grant funding, we were unable to place an ad last year. Staff members at the Entertainment Guide have reserved a prime spot for the ad in the glossy section of the January issue where Guide users will readily encounter it.

As set forth in our SEMAC application, the Sidewalk Poetry Committee of the ACC will include Angelica Linder, Outreach Coordinator of the Library. Angelica and Becky Boling, winning sidewalk poet and Carleton professor of Spanish, will be serving as the Spanish-speaking members of the judging panel in March, along with Diane LeBlanc and Rob Hardy.

Thanks are extended to Library staff members Kathy Rush Vizina and Steve Maus for their collaboration in updating this year's ad, poster and brochure.

The Sidewalk Poetry Kick-off event is scheduled for Saturday, January 26th at 2 pm in the Library Atrium. During the Kick-off, we have traditionally honored the previous year's contest winning by inviting them to share their winning poems. As in previous years, poem submissions will be accepted throughout February, judging will take place in March, and the winning poets will be announced in April (National Poetry Month). The installation of the poems will begin as soon as the manufactured molds have arrived and the weather conditions are right for setting concrete.

Living Treasure Award

The 2019 Living Treasure Award marks the first year of a partnership with FiftyNorth in the administration of the award. The Northfield News will continue to sponsor the award presentation – a plaque for the individual being honored and a nameplate for the display at City Hall.

There were two new nominations submitted to the competition this year. With the nomination still on file from last year, the Living Treasure Selection Committee considered three individuals for the award. The Committee included the past Living Treasure Award winners, a representative from the FiftyNorth Board of Directors (Elizabeth Olsen), an adult member of the ACC (Jill Ewald), and two youth members of the ACC (Hannah Singh & Harper Bechtel). We recognize and appreciate their contributions to the Living Treasure program.

ACC Chair, Alyssa Herzog Melby, convened the Committee on December 2nd. Their 2019 choice for the Living Treasure Award is Donna Paulsen. Donna is described by her nominators as a "multi-talented musician with a long history of service as a teacher, church musician, and artistic/musical leader in the community."

The Awards Ceremony has been scheduled for Monday, January 28th at 7 pm at FiftyNorth. They have offered their venue and will be sharing refreshments, as well. Members of the ACC are encouraged to attend the event in support of this special program.

Alyssa is adding the feedback she received from Committee members to our next agenda as we work to refine the selection process and possibly create a scoring rubric.

Respectfully submitted,
Bonnie Jean Flom