

Northfield Poet Laureate December 2018 Report

December Events

Wednesday, December 12: Poetry Night with Lisa Dordal and Mary Moore Easter (Content).

Thursday, December 13: Slam Poetry Workshops with Guante (Northfield High School/The Key)

The Northfield Poet Laureate 2018 Annual Report, including the results of the Northfield Poet Laureate poll, is available here:

http://guides.mynpl.org/ld.php?content_id=46153976

In the Planning Stages

Poetry Nights booked through May 2019:

January: Faribault Poets

February: Christopher Bakken (co-sponsored by Carleton College)

March: Emily Oliver

April: Justin Watkins (co-sponsored by the Cannon River Watershed Partnership)

May: Daniel Dietrich

Participation in Carleton "Public Works" Grant

Poet and Carleton visiting professor Chris Martin has received a "Public Works" Grant from Carleton to produce four brief audio walking tours of Northfield. I've been included in the grant as the person in charge of commissioning Northfield residents to produce and record a script. Participants will be paid \$250 each for their work. The project is to be completed in time for Carleton's reunion in mid-June.

Writers Night: Climate

Philip Spensley, on Northfield's Climate Action Plan committee, has asked me to put together a poetry event related to the Climate Action Plan. I was planning to hold another "Writers Night" juried reading, where writers would be invited to submit short poems or pieces of prose on the theme. A panel of judges would make a selection from the submissions, which would then be read by the writers at the event. The tentative date is Friday, March 1 (First Friday Art Night).

Poets Laureate Group Book Launch Reading

Two poems by the Northfield Poet Laureate are included in the forthcoming book *Undocumented: Great Lakes Poets Laureate on Social Justice* (Michigan State University Press), due out March 1, 2019. I have reached out to six other current or former Poets Laureate who are included in the book (Ellie Schoenfeld, Shiela Packa, and Deborah Cooper from Duluth; and Ken McCullough, Jim Armstrong, and Emilio DeGrazia from Winona) about giving a group reading from the book in April or May. Link to the book page on the MSU Press Website:

<http://msupress.org/books/book/?id=50-1D0-4581#.XCZVzc9KhTY>