

## Sidewalk Poetry

We are gearing up for the Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, Sidewalk Poetry Kick-off at 2 pm in the Library Atrium. This will be the first contest kick-off in which we are promoting submissions in Spanish, so we are making sure to extend an authentic welcome, including the participation of a Spanish interpreter and the presentation of Spanish poems. Poet Laureate, Rob Hardy, will provide inspiration to local poets through his participation in the Kick-off.

The 2019 Sidewalk Poetry poster and brochure (including specific contest rules) will be available in Spanish and English. Thanks are extended to Kathy Vizina, Steve Maus, Fatima Hernandez, and Angelica Linder of the Library staff for their collaboration on the revisions of these documents.

In an effort to reach our Spanish-speaking community members, we will be displaying posters in a number of new locations. Once the posters are completed, we will need help in getting them displayed. Commissioners can expect to receive an invitation to assist with this important task.

This year's schedule will mirror those of years' past:

- January: Kick-off and Marketing
- February: Poets at work
- March: Judging
- April: Winners announced
- Summer: Sidewalk installations, as weather allows
- August 29<sup>th</sup>: Capstone Celebration on Bridge Square

## Living Treasure Award

The Living Treasure Award presentation will take place on Monday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 pm, at FiftyNorth. We are grateful to FiftyNorth for their co-sponsorship of the project this year and thank them for offering their facility (complete with coffee and treats) for the event. We are also grateful for the continued partnership with the *Northfield News* in providing the Living Treasure Plaque and nameplate found on the award at City Hall.

The 2019 recipient of the Living Treasure Award, musician Donna Paulsen, is planning a very entertaining program as part of the event honoring her. The program will include a solo piano performance, followed by Donna's accompaniment of a "train scene" song from "Jesse" that will include a good number of individuals who performed in the Arts Guild musical with her many years ago (including the ACC's very own Kathy Vizina). To conclude the program, Donna will be inviting the audience to participate in a sing along.

Rob Schanilec (former ACC member and owner of By All Means Graphics) has again offered to provide the printed programs for the event. Names of former Living Treasures and the current ACC members will be listed in the program. There will also be nametags provided for these individuals.

The doors open at 7 pm, with the program beginning at 7:30 pm. Any ACC Commissioners who are able to arrive a few minutes before 7 pm will be invited to help set up and staff the welcome table where attendees can obtain their raffle tickets and be warmly welcomed to the event.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bonnie Jean Flom