

# Poet Laureate

***Submitted by Rob Hardy, Northfield Poet Laureate***

## **December Activities**

***December 7.*** Participated in the Laura Baker Services Association annual gala, reading poetry written with LBSA clients and talking about the collaboration with LBSA, facilitated by LBSA art specialist Bridget Novak.

***December 16.*** Met with Cecilia Cornejo to talk about a poetry collaboration making use of material collected as part of The Wandering House project in the summer of 2019.

***December 18.*** Met with Marie Gery about poetry programming for the fall of 2020. Participated in monthly “poetry club” with LBSA clients.

I also wrote and completed the final report for the Northfield Poet Laureate’s 2019 SEMAC grant, and discussed a budget and possible funding sources for 2020 with Teresa Jensen.

## **Upcoming Events and Activities**

***January 16.*** Poetry reading by Joanne Esser (Content Bookstore, 7pm).

***January 18.*** Hosting the annual Sidewalk Poetry Kick-Off (Northfield Public Library, 2pm)

I have been asked to serve as a juror for the 19<sup>th</sup> annual Poet/Artist Collaboration, formerly hosted by Crossings at Carnegie in Zumbrota and now hosted by Red Wing Arts. I have also been asked to talk about the LBSA collaboration for a spot on KYMN radio as part of LBSA’s public awareness campaign.

## **Events Scheduled for 2020**

### ***January***

1/16: Joanne Esser (Minneapolis), author of *Humming at the Dinner Table* (Content)

### ***February***

2/6: Rebecca Fremo (St. Peter), author of *Chasing Northern Lights* (Northfield Public Library)

### ***March***

3/12: Larry Gavin (Faribault), author of *A Fragile Shelter* (Northfield Public Library)

### ***April***

National Poetry Month: Poem in Your Pocket Day; reading by Rob Hardy (Northfield Public Library, details TBA); other events TBA

## ***May***

5/15: *The Sister of the Wind*, a theater piece about Northfield-born poet Grace Fallow Norton (Northfield Arts Guild dance studio)

5/21: Danny Klecko (St. Paul), author of *Hitman Baker Casketmaker* (Content)

## ***June-December***

Programming by Penchant (Northfield Women Poets) TBA

*What Trees Know*, poetry and music by Emilio and Dante DeGrazia (place and date TBA)