4x4 Gateway Corridor Group

Submitted by Alyssa Melby

The group did not meet this month. We are taking a hiatus as ACC and RT members rotate off. We will resume in February or March.

"Working Together" Subcommittee (Cultural Plan)

Submitted by Alyssa Melby

Save the date for our next event going out today. Still working on verbage for events page. The others are planning on meeting this Friday.

Living Treasure Award

Submitted by Alyssa Melby

Mac Gimse has been awarded the 2020 Living Treasure award. The ceremony is scheduled for **Monday, February 24 at 7 pm at FiftyNorth**; it's a bit later than normal due to an exhibition he already had scheduled. Please save the date and help spread the word!

Sidewalk Poetry 2020

Submitted by Alyssa Melby

The kick-off event will be held on **Saturday**, **January 18 at 2 pm**, **Northfield Public Library**. This is a bit *earlier* than normal due to other events scheduled at the library. Rob Hardy, Poet Laureate, has again graciously offered to host the event (thank you!). Paste poets have been invited to attend and share. Please spread the word and invite people to attend!

This year we are allowing for <u>online submissions</u> of poems. Let me know what you think! Spread the word about this, too! It will help us save time in the end by automatically counting characters in each line for us :-) For right now, I'm leaving it "live" so people can preview, but have made note in the description that submission received before Feb. 1 will not be considered.

The contest officially opens on February 1, so please start talking it up and encouraging people to submit their poems! Special thanks to library staff Steve Maus for helping to update the poster, Kathy Vizina for updating the website, and Angelica Linder for assisting with translating and interpretation at the January 18 kick-off event.