

Northfield Poet Laureate Report

June 2021

Events

June 5. Participated in a poetry reading in Red Wing with Diane LeBlanc and Deborah Goschy, fellow participants in the 2021 Poet-Artist Collaboration organized by Red Wing Arts. The event was hosted by Heather Lawrenz. This was the first in-person reading I've participated in since March 2020.

Other

- "Bloom," the poem I wrote for the 2020 State of the City Address and Northfield High School graduation, will appear in the Fall 2021 issue of *Willows Wept Review*.
- I was notified that I was not a recipient of a 2021 Poets Laureate Fellowship from the Academy of American Poets (<https://poets.org/academy-american-poets-awards-11-million-23-poets-laureate-across-country>). All of the recipients represented areas or communities much larger than Northfield. I will consider applying again next year.
- I was commissioned by Cathy Wurzer (MPR News) to write a poem as a gift. Cathy contributed a blurb for the back cover of my forthcoming poetry chapbook.

Kudos

- The Summer 2021 issue of *Willows Wept Review* included poems by D.E. Green and Steve McCown (<https://www.magcloud.com/browse/issue/1998666>)
- Diane LeBlanc's poem "Open Again" appears in *Global Poemic: Kindred Voices on the Era of Covid-19* (<https://globalpoemic.wordpress.com/2021/05/13/open-again/>)
- Poems by Becky Boling and Christine Kallman were included in Ramsey County Library's book *This Was 2020* (<https://mlpp.pressbooks.pub/thiswas2020/>)
- D.E. Green gave a reading in Red Wing as part of the Poet-Artist Collaboration.
- Leslie Schultz's poem "I'm Outside Shucking Sweet Corn" appears in the Summer 2021 issue of *Third Wednesday* (<https://thirdwednesdaymagazine949759920.files.wordpress.com/2021/06/twxiv3sum2021.pdf>)
- *North Dakota Quarterly* published Leslie Schultz's poem "Happenstance" in its Summer 2021 issue
- Leslie Schultz was the Featured Poet in the Summer 2021 issue of *MockingHeart Review* (<https://mockingheartreview.com/volume-6-issue-2/poetry/featured-poet-leslie-schultz/>)
- *One Art* published Leslie Schultz's poem "I Wanted to Be a Painter" in its Summer 2021 issue (<https://oneartpoetry.com/2021/06/22/i-wanted-to-be-a-painter-by-leslie-schultz/>)