

# HEARTLAND POETS

HEARTLAND POETS is a group of Central Lakes Minnesota poets who meet on a monthly basis to share their love of writing and appreciating poetry. This group is dedicated to encouraging poetry in all forms and to insist upon poetry expression and presentation in our region of the state.

HEARTLAND POETS is a chapter of the League of Minnesota Poets (LOMP) and as such, is a member of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc. Through these associations, HEARTLAND POETS stays informed of ongoing state and national poetry contests and events and remains an plays an active part in the pulse of poetry across the country. Furthermore, we are able to participate in various seminars, retreats and conventions held annually.

As a part of the monthly meetings, HEARTLAND POETS shares its collective diverse knowledge with others in the group by featuring monthly programs. These programs last approximately an hour. The topic and content is left to the discretion of the presenter. Occasionally Minnesota poets outside our region will attend meetings and present special programs.

HEARTLAND POETS gather together, read one another's poetry and critique the presented poems-in-progress with the intent of improving the quality and scope of members' poetry writing. This is done in an informal, respectful style. Copies of poems are distributed, read aloud and discussed summarily.

HEARTLAND POETS, founded on September 29, 1990, is a steady poetry voice in the center of our State. Although in its late teens, the group continues to grow and expand its vision as members from the area learn about this unique group dedicated to poetry, poetry and more poetry.

HEARTLAND POETS is a non-profit organization. We invite you to join in this creative fun—challenging you to enrich lives and share in a collective love of the art of poetry. Read and Write On!

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- ( ) Although I do not write poetry, I think it is important to our culture. I wish to contribute to the propagation of poetry in Central Lakes Minnesota. Enclosed is a donation of \_\_\_\_\_. Please keep me informed of public readings and available local & state publications and meetings.
- ( ) I wish to join HEARTLAND POETS. Enclosed is my \$10 annual dues. (You may include state dues for an additional \$20.) Please send me regular notice of the monthly meetings via email. I understand that monthly meetings will be posted in the Thursday *ENTERTAINMENT* section of the Brainerd Daily Dispatch. I am aware that most meetings meet on either the second Friday (evening) or second Saturday (morning) at the Brainerd Public Library.

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