



LOMP *lighter*

About Us

League of Minnesota Poets (LOMP), organized in 1934, holds biannual meetings, supports regional chapters in Minnesota, and publishes the *Moccasin* poem anthology.

www.mnpoets.com

Membership

Annual membership fee:
\$20 (\$10 for K-12 students)

Membership includes the quarterly newsletter, *LOMPLighter*, National Federation of State Poetry Societies membership, and the NFSPS annual publication, *Strophes*.

Mail fees to
LOMP Treasurer
PO Box 17344
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Chapters

Heartland Poets.....*Brainerd Lakes*
Mississippi Valley Poets & Writers.....*Twin Cities*
Southeastern Minnesota Poets.....*Rochester*
Southern Minnesota Poets Society.....*Mankato*
Grand View Poets
.....*St. Cloud/Sartell*
Cracked Walnut
.....*Twin Cities*
Story Portage Poets
.....*Ely*
Duluth Poets
.....*Duluth*

31ST WOODTICK POETRY RETREAT

Let the woods and water of Northern Minnesota inspire you at the 31st annual Woodtick Poetry Writing Retreat on Horseshoe Lake, Merrifield, MN, held Thursday, July 18 through Sunday, July 21. Join fellow poets for writing, reading, presenting, swimming and swatting mosquitoes. Bring food, your poems, a swimsuit, and a long-sleeved shirt for evening wear. Towels and bed linens will be provided, but housekeeping is a shared responsibility.

Each poet should be prepared to lead a 30-minute (or longer) writing workshop or discussion on a topic of their choosing, and we will have several read-around sessions to share poetry.

Contact Sue Chambers at schambersmediator@yahoo.com as soon as possible so she can coordinate rooms and meals.

Directions

The retreat location is 13362 SW Horseshoe Lake Road, Merrifield, MN.

From the mall in Brainerd, go north on 8th Ave NE (also known as Hwy 25 or County Rd 3) to Merrifield (about 8 miles). North of Merrifield, you'll need to turn right (east) at the Half Moon Saloon to stay on County Rd 3.

Continue 7 miles north, (past Ossipee Corners), where the speed limit reduces to 45. Turn right (east) on the first blacktop road after you see "Jim's Campers" on the right. Take Mission Park Dr to Oak Spur and turn left (north). At the first stop sign, make a sharp right onto Horseshoe Lake Dr, then take the first driveway on the left. Look for the *Daughters of MURRY & BARBARA STEVENS* sign in front of the cabin.



Key Dates

July 13, 2019	Deadline for Moccasin submissions
July 18, 2019	Woodtick Poetry Retreat
July 31, 2019	Deadline to enter LOMP Poetry Contest

LOMP Springs Forward into its 85th Great Year

We enjoyed an excellent Spring Conference in Ely hosted by Story Portage, one of our new chapters up north. Some conference-going members also took advantage of their close proximity to visit our new Duluth chapter that Sunday evening before heading home. With eight chapters spread out around the state, our membership is growing. Let's keep spreading the word.

Ely was beautiful. At our round-table discussion, the view of the sun-sparkled lake below the deck just beyond our wall of picture windows tempted distraction. It helped to know that the water was much too cold for swimming. Well, at least, for most of us. Large stretches of floating ice are a pretty good deterrent for me.

We had a great night of poetry at Northern Grounds on Friday – close to 30 readers at the open mic. Saturday bustled by with workshops, discussions and Sheila Packa's wonderful keynote address. We held the annual business meeting, elected some officers and voted on some interesting projects. Susan Chambers and Christina Flaughter are spearheading a fund raising drive to initiate an annual manuscript competition. You'll be hearing more about that soon. The Artist in "Rez"idence program is moving forward, and we are still investigating the feasibility of a Poetry Bus in the future. We have a new web page at mnpoets.org. In fact, so new that much of it is still under construction, but keep checking back. The content on it grows regularly.

As we roll into summer, it's time to gear up for Woodtick, the free-to-members, summer poetry retreat at Horseshoe Lake the third weekend in July. The second Saturday of July is the deadline for your *Moccasin* submissions. To find out more about Woodtick and how to submit to *The Moccasin* visit the new web page online.

Founded in 1934, this member-supported, volunteer-operated organization is now in its 85th successful year of fostering poets and strengthening community through poetry. We are grateful to all our members for their continued contributions and support of this dynamic organization.

Thank you,

Amanda Bailey, Vice President, League of MN Poets

THE MOCCASIN IS IN PROGRESS: SEND POEMS!

Each year the League of Minnesota Poets publishes *The Moccasin*, a chapbook of poems by LOMP members. Please submit your best work, especially poems that have won an NFSPS contest prize or have been published. Email your poems (in .doc format) or mail them to by Saturday, July 13. Follow these guidelines for your submission:

- You must be a current member of LOMP; if you didn't pay your dues in January, do it now.
- Keep it short—8 lines or shorter, and no more than 32 lines (unless your poem won an NFSPS contest).
- Title your poem (unless submitting haiku or senryu).
- If you mail your poems, use 8-1/2 inch x 11-inch paper, one poem per page. Use an easily read font and do not print on both sides of the paper. Include your name and phone number on each page.
- Proofread carefully. If you punctuate a poem unconventionally, please notify the editor so she does not make corrections.

Visit www.mnpoets.org/publications/the-moccasin for submission logistics.

MEMBER ACHIEVEMENTS

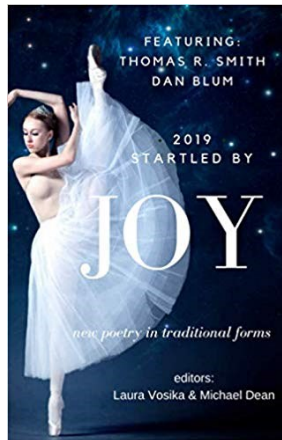
Congratulations to members published in the Zumbrota Crossings 18th annual Poet-Artist Collaboration exhibit. Jurors winnowed more than 200 poems down to just 26, including those by **Judith Feenstra, Morgan Grayce Willow, Jennifer Hernandez, Pamela Sinicrope, Steven R. Vogel, Stephen Sinicrope, Patrick Cabello Hansel, Michael Moore, and Bernadine Lortis.**

Annette Gagliardi had the following poems published:

- *We Were Never Here* published online in *Trouble Among the Stars*, Issue 2, May 2019. troubleamongthestars.com
- *Good For: One Free Ride* was a winner in Arizona State Poetry Society's February contest and will be published in the 2019 edition of *Sandcutters*, the ASPS journal
- *Red Plaid Tennis Shoes* was published in the March 2019 issue of Southwest Journal, the community newspaper of southwest Minneapolis
- *these breasts* published in the Phoenix anthology, 2019.
- *A slim, polished newness*, was published by Our Write Side Ink LLC, on the website for the Wednesday Words series.
owsink.ourwriteside.com/2019/02/20/wednesday-words-a-slim-polished-newness-by-annette-gagliardi/
- *I Heard A Copter* was published at The Five-Two, Crime Poetry Weekly, January 21-27, 2019
poemsoncrime.blogspot.com/2019/01/annette-gagliardi.html

Gabriel's Horn presents its first collection of new poetry in traditional forms from 29 accomplished poets. *Startled by Joy* will launch Sunday, July 7, 2:00pm at Next Chapter Bookstore, 38 S Snelling Ave, Saint Paul, with readings from Laura Vosika, Michael Dean, Thomas R. Smith, Suzanne Swanson, Sara Dovre Wudali, Barry MacDonald, Carter Norman, Mark Connor, and hostess Donna Isaac.

Additional readings will be held Sunday, August 11, 5:30pm, at Eggroll Queen Café, 1579 Hamline Ave N, Falcon Heights; and Sunday, September 22, 5:30pm, at the Poetry Happy Hour, Troubadour Wine Bar, 2827 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis.



About LOMP

officers

PRESIDENT:

Peter Stein

VICE PRESIDENT/MEMBERSHIP:

Amanda Bailey

SECRETARY:

David Stein

TREASURER:

Mary Schmidt

PAST PRESIDENT:

Dennis Herschbach

appointments

LOMP Poet Laureate:

Doris Stengel

MOCCASIN EDITOR:

Meredith R. Cook

HISTORIAN:

open

LOMPLIGHTER EDITOR:

Joe Anderson

PUBLICITY CHAIR:

open

YOUTH CHAIR:

Brendan Brophy

CONTACT US:

LeagueOfMNPoets@gmail.com

**1. John Calvin Rezmerski
Memorial Grand Prize Award**

Prizes: \$125 \$75 \$50
Subject: any
Form: any
Length: 50 line limit
Sponsor: League of MN Poets

Submit up to 8 poems—this category only

2. Relevance of Rural Award

Prizes: \$100 \$70 \$30
Subject: relevance of rural
Form: any
Length: 45 line limit
Sponsor: Danielle Dufy Literary
to honor Wendell Berry

Winners considered for publication in
Stone Gatherings special issue.

3. Story Portage Award

Prizes: \$50 \$50 \$50
Subject: trees
Form: any
Length: 40 line limit
Sponsor: Story Portage

4. Stevens Family Award

Prizes: \$75 \$50 \$25
Subject: relationships
Form: any
Length: 50 line limit
Sponsor: Stevens Family (in memory of
Murry, Barbara, & Scott Stevens)

5. Florence Hynes Willette Memorial

Prizes: \$60 \$40 \$25
Subject: humor
Form: any
Length: 30 line limit
Sponsor: Mary Willette Hughes

6. Woodtick Poets Award

Prizes: \$60 \$40 \$25
Subject: food
Form: any
Length: 40 line limit
Sponsor: Woodtick Retreat Participants

7. Southern MN Poets Society Award

Prizes: \$60 \$35 \$15
Subject: narrative
Form: any
Length: 40 line limit
Sponsor: Southern MN Poets

8. John & Helen Pappas Memorial

Prizes: \$50 \$30 \$20
Subject: ancestry/heritage
Form: any
Length: 50 line limit
Sponsor: Charmaine Pappas Donovan

9. Blizzard Writers Award

Prizes: \$75 \$45 \$25
Subject: aging
Form: any
Length: 40 line limit
Sponsor: Blizzard Writers Retreat

10. Grandview Award

Prizes: \$50 \$30 \$20
Subject: any
Form: any
Length: 45 line limit
Sponsor: Grandview Poets

11. Bring Back the Prairies Award

Prizes: \$50 \$30 \$20
Subject: prairies
Form: any
Length: 40 line limit
Sponsor: Henry Panowitsch

12. Musica Award

Prizes: \$50 \$30 \$20
Subject: music, song, and/or dance
Form: lyrical
Length: 40 line limit
Sponsor: Steven Vogel

13. Poets Potluck

Prizes: \$35 \$25 \$15
Subject: any
Form: cinquain: 2, 4, 6, 8
2 syllables/line
Length: 5 line limit
Sponsor: Susan McMillan

14. SE MN Poets Award

Prizes: \$35 \$25 \$10
Subject: health, healing, wellness
Form: any
Length: 50 line limit
Sponsor: SE MN Poets

15. Coral Peterson Memorial

Prizes: \$35 \$15 \$10
Subject: grandparents, coming or going
Form: any
Length: 40 line limit
Sponsor: Linda White

16. Lost in Translation Award

Prizes: \$30 \$20 \$10
Subject: foreign language
Form: any
Length: 40 line limit
Sponsor: Ruth Schmidt-Beumber

17. Heartland Poets Award

Prizes: \$25 \$15 \$10
Subject: ekphrastic description of art
Form: any
Length: 35 line limit
Sponsor: Heartland Poets

18. Mississippi Valley Poets Award

Prizes: \$25 \$15 \$10
Subject: any
Form: a series of 3 haiku
Length: 9 line limit
Sponsor: Mississippi Valley Poets

19. The Moccasin Award

Prizes: \$25 \$15 \$10
Subject: any
Form: any
Sponsor: 32 line limit

This category is only for LOMP members;
poems will be submitted for publication in
The Moccasin. Previously published poems
accepted.

GENERAL RULES

Send entries and fee in one mailing to the contest chair:

LOMP Poetry Contest
PO Box 17344
Minneapolis, MN 55417

Email LeagueOfMNPoets@gmail.com

Entries must be postmarked **no later than July 31, 2019**. Make checks payable to LOMP.

Money orders must be \$US.

Fees for LOMP members:

- Category 1: \$1 per poem (limit 8 poems)
- All other categories: \$1 per poem or \$5 for 5 or more poems (limit 1 poem per category)

Fees for Nonmembers:

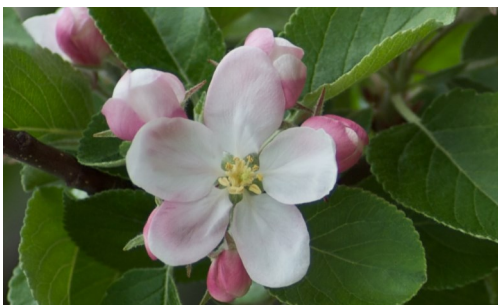
- Category 1: \$2 per poem (limit 8 poems)
- All other categories: \$1 per poem (limit 1 poem per category)

Poems will not be returned. Poems submitted for Categories 1-18 will not be published.

* Category 19 (*The Moccasin Award*)

is for LOMP Members only.

Previously published—but not prize-winning—poems will be accepted for this category (and only this category). All submissions in this category will be considered for publication in *The Moccasin*.



QUALIFICATIONS

1. Poems must be the original, unpublished* work of the contestant.
2. Poems that have won **monetary** awards are not eligible.
3. A poem can be submitted for only one category.
4. Submit only one poem per category, except Category 1, where the limit is 8 poems.
5. Sponsors may enter a poem in the category they sponsor.
6. Print poems on plain 8 1/2 x 11 white paper. Do not include artwork or copyright marks. Choose a legible font, use only one column, and do not duplex.
7. All poems—with the exception of haiku—must be titled.
8. If the poem exceeds one page, staple the pages together.
9. Submit 2 copies of each poem:
 - Include only the category number and category name in the upper left corner. This copy will be used for judging, and must not have any identifying marks.
 - On the second copy, add your name, address, email address and LOMP membership status to the upper right corner.

Category #
Category Name

Copy 1 -- poet is anonymous

Category # poet's full name
Category Name address
 email address
 LOMP member status

Copy 2 -- poet is identified

Free Writing Workshops

The Witness Writers will host two free 3-hour writing workshops at 9:00am on Saturday, July 6 and Saturday, August 3, at UROC, 2001 Plymouth Ave N, Minneapolis. Workshops are led by teaching artists, who provide prompts, samples, and craft guidance. Time is built in for writing, voluntary sharing, and connecting the literary arts to other arts, such as painting, music, or textiles. Workshops are free and are designed for creative writers of all experience levels, from absolute beginners to advanced writers. Healthy snacks and liquid refreshments are provided. More information is available at facebook.com/witnesswriting

NFSPS Diamond Jubilee

NFSPS will celebrate its 60th anniversary at the annual convention June 23-26 in Sante Fe, New Mexico. Large group functions and workshops will be at the Hotel Santa Fe, while informal get-togethers and open mics will take place at the Sage Inn.

NMSPS invites you to enter "The Poem Different" contest. This year's theme was previously announced as "Diamonds Surround the Poet in the City Different," but the actual theme for our Convention is "Diamonds Crown. . ." So, we will accept poems that play on any of the words above, including "Surround" and "Crown." Limit 40 lines, any form except prose. Fee is \$10 for up to three poems per entry. Submission deadline is June 10.

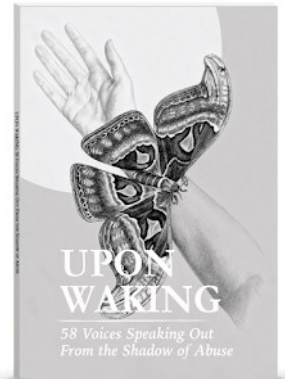
nmpoetry.com/convention/convention-nfspd-2019.shtml

Upon Waking Book Release and Poetry Reading

Meet Annette Gagliardi, editor of "Upon Waking: 58 Voices Speaking From the Shadow of Abuse" and listen to poetry read by contributors to the collection. Readings will be followed by time for discussion.

Representatives of Hands of Hope Resource Center will be on hand to offer information and support. Books will be for sale at the event.

Carnegie Library, 108 3 St NE, Little Falls, will host the event on Thursday, August 15, 5:30pm. Sponsored by the Friends of the Little Falls Carnegie, the League of Minnesota Poets and Hands of Hope Resource Center.



Jackpine Writers Bloc *Talking Stick 28* Book Release Party

The Talking Stick 28 Book Release Party and Writers' Workshop will be held on Saturday, September 21, at Smokey Hills Resort, 53014 State Highway 34, Osage, approximately 9 miles west of Park Rapids on the north side of the highway.

Writers usually work in solitude; please join us for a whole day of learning, listening, writing, and reading with other writers. There is a fee for the workshop and meal but the afternoon Book Party is free. If you have work in *Talking Stick 28*, you may also pick up your one free contributor's copy of the book. Additional books will be available for sale.

9:00am to 12:00pm—Workshop *Revision in Ten Steps* with Angela Foster. Email Sharon Harris at sharrick1@wcta.net to register. Include your name and mailing address, phone number, and email address. Cost for the workshop is \$55. (This includes lunch at noon after the workshop. You will receive a coupon for the lunch.) Make your check payable to Jackpine Writers' Bloc and mail to: Sharon Harris, 13320 149th Ave, Menahga MN 56464.

12:00pm—Catered lunch at Smokey Hills Resort (The Branch).

1:00pm (approximately):—BOOK RELEASE PARTY

Program with readings, introduction of winners of *Talking Stick 28* Poetry, Fiction, Creative Nonfiction and Humor. All writers published in *Talking Stick 28* are invited to read.

If you have work in *Talking Stick 28*, pick up your free contributor's copy of the book. Additional copies will be available for sale. Some local and/or member writers and judges may be on hand to sell their own books.

4:00pm (approximately): After the readings, please check in with your fellow writers. Some of us may decide to have dinner together in the restaurant or maybe hang out in one of the rented cabins for further good writers' conversation.

Poetry contests & calls

Sunday, June 2, noon—**Well-Placed Com-mas: A Weekly Poetry Workshop**, every Sunday afternoon at Strike Theater, 824 18th Ave NE, Minneapolis.

Sunday, June 2, 5:00pm—David Bayliss hosts the **Poetry Happy Hour** at the Troubadour Wine Bar, 2827 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis.

Additional dates: June 16, July 7, July 21

Wednesday, June 5, 6:30pm—improve your oral presentation skills at the **Poetry Performance Workshop**, Eat My Words Bookstore, 214 13th Ave NE, Minneapolis

Saturday, June 8, 2:00pm—**Uptown Poetry Club**, a monthly critique workshop, Walker Library, 2880 Hennepin Ave, Minneapolis

Thursday, June 13, 2:00pm—**St Paul Poetry Club**, a critique workshop, Amore Coffee, 879 Smith Ave S, West Saint Paul

Saturday, June 15, 2:00pm—**Mississippi Valley Poets & Writers** monthly meeting, Common Roots Café common room, 2558 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis

Tuesday, June 18, 7:30pm—Readings by Writers presents **Poetry on Fatherhood**, University Club, 420 Summit Ave, Saint Paul

Wednesday, June 19, 7:00pm—**Poets & Pints** with Tony Plocido, Sisyphus Brewing, 712 Ontario Ave W, Minneapolis

Sunday, June 30, 5:30pm—**Birds Nest Poetry Open Mic**, Eggroll Queen Café, 1579 Hamline Ave N, Falcon Heights

Thursday, July 11, 2:00pm—**St Paul Poetry Club**, a critique workshop, Amore Coffee, 879 Smith Ave S, West Saint Paul

Saturday, July 20, 2:00pm—**Mississippi Valley Poets & Writers** monthly meeting, Common Roots Café common room, 2558 Lyndale Ave S, Minneapolis

Poetry Contests by NFSPS chapters

The Poetry Society of Michigan is seeking unpublished poems in a variety of categories. Winning poems will be published in the 2019 Fall Contest Issue of Peninsula Poets. Entries must be received by August 1, 2019.

poetrysocietyofmichigan.wordpress.com/contests/

The deadline for unpublished entries to the annual Poetry Society of Texas contest is August 15, 2019. Many of the categories are open to non-members.

poetrysocietyoftexas.org/contests/annual-contests/

Submit poems to the 41st annual Poetry Society of Indiana before August 1, 2019. www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org/annual-contest.html

The Hopper Poetry Prize

The Hopper, a literary magazine from Green Writers Press, is accepting submissions of full-length poetry manuscripts to its 2019 Hopper Poetry Prize through July 1, 2019. This contest is open to poets with an identified interest in the natural world and whose work explores issues tied to our ever-changing environment. www.hoppermag.org/contests/

Red Dragonfly Press

Red Dragonfly Press, Northfield, is accepting manuscripts for the David Martinson-Meadowhawk Prize and the Emergence Chapbook Series Prize. Unpublished collections of poetry that are engaged with rural, environmental, and political issues will be accepted through October 31.

www.reddragonflypress.org/submissions.html

Err Plans Chakra Lit Zine

Local art collective Err Mpls seeks stories and poems of transcendence, transformation, and psycho-spiritual awakening. Tales of altered consciousness, identity dissolution, astral travel, and yogic bliss welcome.

Submissions will be sorted according to chakric energy and published with generous support from Seen The Future. Because this project will be a hand-bound zine and we would like to feature as many voices as possible, we're asking that you keep submissions under 500 words of prose or 25 lines of poetry (including stanza break spaces). Feel free to submit multiple pieces. If you're submitting multiple pieces about multiple chakras, just label them accordingly in your document.

Submit your pranic poems, cosmic cave passages, bad trips, and "un-coming of age" stories online at bit.ly/chakrazine no later than Sunday, July 7.

LOMP MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

Your membership in the League of Minnesota Poets includes these benefits:

- You may publish your work in our annual poetry magazine, *The Moccasin*.
- Membership in the NFSPS (National Federation of State Poetry Societies)
- *LOMPlighter*, our quarterly newsletter
- Reduced rates to attend the spring and fall LOMP conferences
- An invitation to participate in our two poetry retreats (winter and summer)
- Reduced rates for entering the LOMP and NFSPS annual contests
- Opportunities to meet and share work with other poets
- Opportunity to sell your books at meetings and online

SAVE THE DATE June 15th, 2019



Martin Lake Journal
2019 Release Party

Caydence Records & Coffee
900 Payne Ave St. Paul

2:00-4:00PM

Would you, or someone you know, like to advertise a service, chapbook, or published work? LOMP members may place a 2.5" x 5" ad in the *LOMPlighter* for \$25; non-members pay \$35.

Ads for the next issue are due 10 days before publication. Email ad copy and/or graphics (eps or png at least 1500 pixels wide) to joellyn.anderson@outlook.com. Mail payment to LOMP, PO Box 17344, Minneapolis MN 55417.



League of Minnesota Poets *2019 Membership Application*

ANNUAL DUES: Adults \$20.00, Students (K-12) \$10.00. Dues may be paid online via PayPal at www.mnpoets.org/membership or by mailing a check to the LOMP treasurer.
IF PAYING BY CHECK, PLEASE COMPLETE AND RETURN THIS FORM.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

If you are a new member, how did you hear about LOMP? _____

Signature of applicant: _____ Date: _____

Make checks payable to LOMP and mail to: LOMP Membership, PO Box 17344, Minneapolis, MN 55417

Questions about membership? Email LeagueOfMNPoets@gmail.com