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Poetry books to inspire, motivate

April is National Poetry month. Take some time this month to read your favorite poem and maybe discover a new favorite. Or be bold and attempt to write your own.

Here are some new poetry books to inspire, motivate or just excite you about the world of poetry.

“Black Aperture” by Matt Rasmussen was the winner of the Walt Whitman Award by the Academy of American Poets. Matt is a former resident of International Falls and currently teaches at Gustavus Adolphus College.

“Haiku in English,” edited by Jim Kacian, Philip Rowland and Allan Burns, is a compilation of the first 100 years of haiku as a poetry form in English. While originally from Japan and many haiku written in Japanese have been translated into English, these poems were all written in English over the last 100 years. The collection contains over 800 poems by over 200



Diane
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poets. This is a marvelous collection.

Gabriele d’Annunzio was ‘Italy’s premier poet at a time when poetry mattered enough to trigger riots.’ Lucy Hughes-Hallett has written an amazing biography entitled “Gabriele d’Annunzio: Poet, Seducer and Preacher of War.”

So, while no poems are included in this book, it is a fascinating look at the life of a brilliant self-publicist who ‘used his fame to sell his work, seduce women and promote his extreme nationalism.’ I was able

to find some of his poetry online, but all the sites remarked that translating poetry is a difficult task and often ends up rather awkward and strange.

“Open the Door,” edited by Dorothea Lasky, Dominic Luxford and Jesse Nathan, is subtitled ‘how to excite young people about poetry’ and is a collection of essays, discussion, and lesson plans. The editors hope the book will be used as a resource and inspiration for poets and teachers as they seek to create ‘community, excitement, joy and learning around poetry for younger audiences.’

Kids might be interested in perusing the following titles for some wonderful poems. “Firefly July: A Year of Very Short Poems,” selected by Paul B. Janeczko, contains American poems dealing with the four seasons, along with weather and animal patterns found therein. “A Kick in the Head”

is an everyday guide to poetic forms also selected by Paul B. Janeczko, which introduces 29 different poetic forms with examples and encouragement to try them on your own.

And what is poetry without memorization. Poems just seem to be written to be recited. Borrow “Forget-Me-Nots: Poems to Learn by Heart,” selected by Mary Ann Hoberman. This collection contains poems by classic and contemporary poets especially suited for memorizing and reciting. Maybe these titles will inspire you to gather friends and family and hold a poetry night this month with everyone sharing their favorite poems or gather together and write some poetry to share.

Thank you to all who contributed to our Food for Fines drive. We collected over 250 pounds of food to benefit the Falls Hunger Coalition and their March Food Drive.

PET OF THE WEEK

Labrador-mix “Mickey” is still available for adoption. He is neutered and up-to-date on shots. He is waiting for that special person to come through the door and say, “I am here to rescue you!” He or she doesn’t need to be riding a white horse and wearing shining armor. That person just needs to come with open arms and love for canines. Please help Mickey find a home.

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MEMORIAM

In loving memory of my father, **Duane “Slick” Kofstad**, who passed away April 15, 2013.

Dad,
It’s been one year since you have gone to see the big trapper in the sky. There are no words that can express how much many of us miss you. I think of you daily. Whenever I was having problems in my life you used to always say “There is nothing for sure but death and taxes.” You, of course, being the jokester, proved that by dying on tax day.
Whenever I think about you I think about why you told me you loved Dingo so much. You said, “If I were to put Dingo or your mother in the trunk of the car, when I opened it, who would be more happy to see me?!” This always makes me laugh.
Love and miss you, Dad - Des

LOOKINGBACK

25 YEARS AGO

Jim Laurent was recently awarded a prisoner of war medal from Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 2948 Commander Jim Nicodemus.

Robert Dauphinais has returned from Mason City, Iowa, where he completed a course at the World College of Auctioneering.

40 YEARS AGO

Mr. and Mrs. Rodney Simon announce the birth of a daughter today in Virginia Municipal Hospital. She has been named Mindi Renee and weighed in at 8 pounds, 4 ounces.

Ex-Bronco track star Robin Foss is active in the college ranks. He is co-captain of the Concordia College track team and is a sprinter for the Cobbers.

Mrs. A.O. Tatting received her 50-year pin during

Star of the North Chapter, Order of Eastern Star meeting April 4 in the Masonic Temple.

50 YEARS AGO

A girl was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morrison, Rogers Route, 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

The Falls Coca Cola team, Ann Swenson, Marion Bush, Jean Fisher, Bev Buettner and Mel Millard, will compete Friday and Saturday in the national bowling tournament in Minneapolis.

Falls High School Grade 12 “A” Honor Roll — Beverly Frahm, Randall Gawtry, Charles Persons and Judy Simonson.

Jim Bradburn suffered a fractured left leg and his left foot was broken in four places when he fell from his horse while riding along

Highway 71 last Thursday evening.

60 YEARS AGO

Mrs. Marie Oliverson, 506 1/2 Ninth St., was honored on her 78th birthday anniversary at the home of Mrs. E.L. Abley, 1215 Sixth St.

Cherie Denise Santine was honored at a party on her second birthday anniversary at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Emil Santine Jr., 1301 Second Ave. E.

Ruth A. Earley of this city, aviation electronics technician, first class, with the U.S. WAVES, has reported for duty at the naval air station, Hutchinson, Kan.

A son was born today at Falls Memorial Hospital to Mr. and Mrs. John Blankman, 420 1/2 Third St.; weight, 8 pounds, 7 ounces.

70 YEARS AGO

Mrs. J.A. LaValley, accompanied by her daughter,

Miss Maybelle LaValley and Mrs. C.G. Cohen, is leaving tonight for Chicago where she will make her future home.

The marriage of Miss Hattie Thortsen and Theodore Halvorsen took place at Ranier April 8. Witnesses were Miss Florence Allen and John Isaacson.

A valuable horse belonging to Herman Koenek, Ericsburg, drowned in the icy waters of the Rat Root River late Friday afternoon. The animal broke through the ice while hauling a load of cord wood out of the woods.

Miss Catherine R. Waldbillig, daughter of Mrs. Margaret Waldbillig of this city, became the bride of Harry C. Geving of Holler, son of Mrs. Olaf Rask, in a 10 o’clock ceremony Saturday morning at the St. Thomas parsonage.

ROTARY GUEST



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Mark Rooney, at left, was the guest of Nate Moseman at a recent meeting of the International Falls Rotary Club. Rooney, instructor at Rainy River Community College, gave a brief overview of the World War II presentation, “The Japanese Mentality in the Pacific War.” The complete presentation will be featured at 6:30 p.m. April 24 at RRCC, with Joe Chlebeczek as co-presenter.

VFW Ladies Auxiliary meets

BY BETH JOHNSON

The regular meeting of the Ladies Auxiliary to Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2948 was conducted April 8 with president Pat DeLapp calling the meeting to order at 7 p.m. with 12 members present.

The opening ritual was held, roll call of officers conducted and there were no petitions for membership.

The minutes from the March meeting were read and stand approved as read. Treasurer’s report was read and filed, subject to audit.

Reports were given by Linda Chezick on Membership, Legislative and Veterans and Family Support. Care packages will be sent to several soldiers stationed overseas. Soldier addresses are always needed to send items.

Anderson reported on Americanism and Youth Activities. A District meeting for Loyalty Days will take place in May in Carlton. Bingo at Good Samaritan Society-International Falls, is set for April 17 and pies will be served at Littlefork Care Center April 10.

Cancer Aid and Research report was given by DeLapp. April is National Cancer Awareness Month.

Community Service hours are to be called in to Diane Kelly.

Election of officers was conducted and the following were elected for the 2014-15 year: president, Pat Delapp; senior vice, Kathy Sikkala; junior vice, Diane Kelly;

secretary, Beth Johnson; treasurer, Linda Chezick; conductress, Lois Adee; chaplain, Irene Anderson; guard, Robbie Leerssen; patriotic instructor, Irene Anderson. Historian position is currently open.

Committees chairmen are as follows: Americanism, Irene Anderson; Cancer Aid and Research, Michele Dahlin; Hospital, Beth Johnson; Legislative, Robbie Leerssen; Membership, Linda Chezick; Minnesota Scholarships, Kathy Sikkala; Veterans and Family Support, Linda Chezick; Youth Activities, Irene Anderson. The chairman of National Scholarships was not filled at this time.

Donations were received from Harry Batdorf from the sale of his book, “Fifty Stars on the Flag.” Funds are designated to help assist hospitalized veterans.

Donations were made from the Auxiliary to March of Dimes/March for Babies, Tuesday Musicales for music scholarships, Silver Bay Veterans Home for an ice house, supplies for care packages for overseas soldiers, MS Camp and a gift for the outgoing district president.

Funds received from the Veterans Breakfast will be donated to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

Leerssen was the winner of the door prize.

The meeting concluded at 8:40 p.m. with closing ceremonies.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. May 13.

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If your hearing aids are over 4 years old or you are having difficulties hearing conversations, then it is time to have your hearing reevaluated. The hearing aid technology has been advancing very rapidly and the improvements may prove beneficial for you.

Examples of some recent breakthroughs are: wind noise cancellation, ear to ear coordination of processing, wireless transmission of cellular phone sound into the hearing aids and television listening systems. We are awaiting the iPhone compatible hearing aids that should become available this spring.

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