Call for Artists:
POETRY POST

The Northfield Poet Laureate, Rob Hardy, is seeking to commission an artist to design and build a Poetry Post for installation in downtown Northfield in September.

What is a Poetry Post? A Poetry Post is like a Little Free Library for the display of a single poem at a time. In its basic form, it consists of a weather-proof display frame (a Poetry Box) mounted on a post. The Poetry Box would be used to display a rotating collection of poetry by local poets curated by the Poet Laureate.

- The Poetry Post can be created out of any durable material suitable for outdoor display, but must incorporate a weather-resistant box designed for the display of poetry.
- The post and frame must include original artwork (e.g., painting, carving, tiling) that harmonizes with the Northfield Riverwalk.
- The Poetry Box must be visible and accessible to readers.
- The Poetry Box must accommodate a poem printed on a standard 8 ½ x 11 sheet of paper, and may be larger to allow white space around the poem. The box must have a lid that can be opened to insert and remove poems, and the framed area for display of the poem must be protected from the weather with glass or clear plastic.
- The Poetry Box may be designed to allow both sides of a sheet of paper to be visible (to allow for longer poems or the display of two poems at a time), but this is optional.
- The Poetry Post creator will consult with the Northfield Poet Laureate to collaborate in the functional and design aspects of the Poetry Post.

Examples of poetry boxes:
Poetry Boxes: http://www.poetryboxes.com/
Poetry Posts: https://poetrypostspdx.com/
Bismarck, ND, Poetry Boxes: https://www.bisparks.org/partners/poetry-boxes/

![A simple Poetry Post in Bismarck, N.D.](image)

Artist Stipend: the artist whose design is chosen will receive $750 for the design and creation of the Poetry Box, including purchase of materials. This stipend can be shared with a collaborator (for example, with a woodworker).

Submission Information: Interested artists should submit a design for a custom artist-made Poetry Box by Monday, June 3, 2019. Include name and contact information, names of potential collaborators, and a brief plan for completing the project. Email materials to: poet.laureate@ci.northfield.mn.us

Questions? Email the Northfield Poet Laureate at the address above.