



The Cracked Walnut Newsletter for July 2023

The Cracked Walnut Literary Festival Returns

October 2023 will be a busy month as Cracked Walnut presents readings at an assortment of venues around the region. Lots of your favorite writers will be sharing their work.

Check here and our website for more details to come.

Save your October for Cracked Walnut!

Cracked Walnut Literary presents **Rewilding Hope**

In October 2023, Cracked Walnut will release a new anthology of poetry and prose by writers who participated in a Cracked Walnut activity since 2020. The title of the anthology is **Rewilding Hope**.

Upcoming Events:

July 12, 6:00 p.m.: Cracked Walnut Writing Collective at the Merriam Park Library

July 19, 7:00 p.m.: Poets and Pints at Sisyphus Brewing, with Courtney LeBlanc, Kelsey Bigelow, William Peck, and Lola Nation

July 20: 6:30 p.m.: Blank Verse at the Anoka County Library Northtown Branch, with Janna Knittel, Christine Mounts, Loren Niemi, and Diego Vazquez Jr.

July 26, 6:00 p.m.: Cracked Walnut Writing Collective at the Merriam Park Library

July 31, 7:00 p.m.: Up Close Pop Up Reading, Facebook Live
<https://www.facebook.com/UpClosepoets>

August 3, 7:00 p.m.: Up Close: Meet the Poet Behind the Verse, with wmjAnderson. See Facebook page for Zoom link.

August 5, 10:00 a.m.: Cracked Walnut Poetry Workshop, Highland Park Library

August 9, 6:00 p.m.: Cracked Walnut Writing Collective at the Merriam Park Library

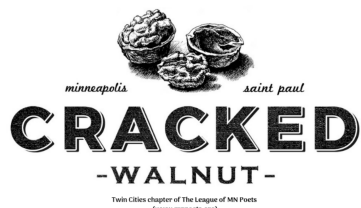
August 16, 7:00 p.m.: Poets and Pints at Sisyphus Brewing

August 23, 6:00 p.m.: Cracked Walnut Writing Collective at the Merriam Park Library

See activity descriptions below, our web sites and Facebook pages for addresses and more information. See you a live event soon!

Cracked Walnut Activities

The following paragraphs highlight the many ways Cracked Walnut is engaged in supporting the Twin Cities writing community. Come join us.



LITERARY WORKSHOPS

Free Poetry Workshop

Be part of the Cracked Walnut Poetry Workshop--bring about ten copies of an original poem to share and critique to Highland Park Library and Community Center, 1974 Ford Pkwy., St. Paul, MN, Highland Park First Floor Meeting Room, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, Saturday, July 1, 2023 and Aug. 5th. RSVP to host poet, Barry MacDonald, buddhaboy1289@gmail

Warrior Writers

Warrior Writers welcomes Veterans of any era. Meetings are at The Loft Literary Center on the third Saturday of each month from 1-2:30 in Room 305.

Cracked Walnut Writing Collective

The CWWC is a generative writing session working from prompts, props and stimulating experiences and conversation to create new works. On the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays, we meet at 6:00 p.m., at the Merriam Park Library, 1831 Marshall Avenue St. Paul. The Writing Collective is free and open to all. Come join us. For additional information, contact Bill Anderson at wmjanderson@hotmail.com



Poets and Pints

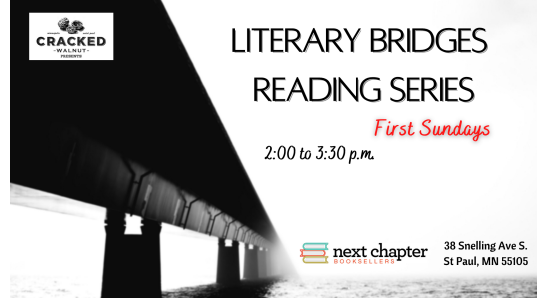
The Poets and Pints Reading Series takes place on the third Wednesday of every month at 7:00 p.m. at Sisyphus Brewing, 711 Ontario Avenue W., Suite 100, Minneapolis. The shows are hosted by Tony Plocido and are also available on the Poets and Pints YouTube channel. An Open Mic follows.

Blank Verse Reading Series

Blank Verse is an all ages show featuring prose and poetry, with a mission of promoting fresh, diverse writing from our vibrant literary community. The next edition of Blank Verse will be June 15, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., at the Northtown Branch of the Anoka County Library, 711 County Highway 10 Frontage Road, Blane, MN.

About Cracked Walnut

Cracked Walnut is a Twin Cities chapter of The League of MN Poets. We feature literary readings (Poets & Pints, Literary Bridges, Blank Verse, Up Close) and offer free community writing workshops (Cracked



Literary Bridges

The Literary Bridges Reading Series takes place on the first Sunday of each month (except December - it's book selling season) at Next Chapter Books, 38 So. Snelling Ave, St. Paul. A matinee performance, at 2:00 p.m., it is hosted by Donna Isaac and Stanley Kusunoki

Up Close: the Poet Behind the Verse

Hosted by River Maria Urke, Up Close begins with a Facebook Live Pop Up reading on Monday and an interview and reading with a single poet on Thursday, via Zoom. Upcoming dates are July 31st & August 3rd and October 30th & November 2nd. Be sure to join the Up Close YouTube channel.

Membership Comes to Cracked Walnut

Become a member of the Cracked Walnut Chapter. Go to crackedwalnut.com to learn the benefits of membership and to sign up. We are excited at all the

Walnut Poetry Workshop and Cracked Walnut Writing Collective). Our goal is to continue to develop new programs to promote literary endeavors for writers of all levels and backgrounds and to support poets and poetry everywhere.

Chapter has planned for 2023 and beyond.

You can be part of it.

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