



Your Cracked Walnut Newsletter for September 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 the Upcoming Events below and our website for more details.

Save your October for Cracked Walnut!

The 2023 Agates Anthology is available.

The League of Minnesota Poets is taking Agates on the road with its Agates IndieBookstore Tour. Dates and locations are included in the Upcoming Events. Go to mnpoets.org for more information.

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:

September 20, 7:00 p.m.: The 100th Edition of Poets and Pints at Sisyphus Brewing. FREE tickets are available through Eventbrite

September 23, 11:00 to 2:00: CW Vice-president William Anderson and his alter ego A. W. Powers will be at Hearthside Books in Watertown, MN, signing books

from his Psychic Guardian Angel Series of paranormal thrillers.

September 27, 6:00 p.m.: Cracked Walnut Writing Collective at the Merriam Park Library

September 30, 10:00: CW members C. N. Buchholz and William Anderson will be appearing at the Friends of the Princeton Library 40th Anniversary event, Princeton, MN

October 1, 2:00: Literary Bridges kicks off the Cracked Walnut Literary Festival by featuring contributors to the new Cracked Walnut anthology *Rewilding Hope*.

October 2, 7:00: Up Close, the Poets Behind the Verse presents an online Festival Reading with past Up Close guests. See the website or Facebook for the link.

October 4, 7:00: The Penned Poets Chapter of the League of Minnesota Poets joins the Cracked Walnut Literary Festival with an online reading by some of its members. Go to the website for the Zoom link.

October 4, 7:30: The Cracked Walnut Literary Festival is at Squirrel Haus Arts for a performance of *Beowulf*

October 5, 7:00: The Cracked Walnut Literary Festival is at The Museum of Russian Art

October 7, 10:00 to 12:00: The Cracked Walnut Poetry Workshop presents a Literary Festival reading. by some of its regular participants.

October 7, 2:00 to 4:00: The Cracked Walnut Literary Festival calls the Northfield Depot home for a reading curated and hosted by the Northfield Poet Laureates.

October 8, 3:00: The Cracked Walnut Literary Festival presents a special, in-person Up Close: The Poet Behind the Verse with River Urke and Heidi Barr, at the Saint Croix River National Park Visitor Center, St. Croix Falls, WI

October 10, 7:00: The East Side Freedom Library presents a reading, presentation and discussion on the topic of Mental Health as part of the Cracked Walnut Literary Festival.

October 11, 6:00 to 7:45: The Cracked Walnut Writing Collective sponsors a reading curated by the Givens Foundation for African-American Literature.

October 14, 10:00 to 5:00: The League of Minnesota Poets and Cracked Walnut will be at Rain Taxi's Twin Cities Book Festival. Watch for updates.

October 14, 2:00 to 4:00: The Cracked Walnut Literary Festival features poets from the Mississippi Valley Poets and Writers Chapter of the League of Minnesota Poets reading their work at the Village Shores in Richfield.

October 15, 3:30: The Mississippi Valley Poets and Writers Chapter hosts another reading by their members as part of the Cracked Walnut Literary Festival. This one is at Moon Palace Books.

October 18, 6:00: Agates IndieBookstore Tour, Four Pines Books, Bemidji, MN.

October 18, 7:00 to 9:00: Poets and Pints at Sisyphus Brewing for a special evening of poetry as part of the Cracked Walnut Literary Festival.

October 19, 6:30 to 8:00: As part of the Cracked Walnut literary Festival, Blank Verse is presenting a reading curated by Yara Omer, one of the editors of Rewilding Hope.

October 21, 10:30 to 12:30: CW Vice-president William Anderson and his alter ego A. W. Powers will be at Buffalo Books and Coffee in Buffalo, MN, signing books from his Psychic Guardian Angel Series of paranormal thrillers.

October 21, 4:30: Autumn Leaves – Poetry and Music, a Cracked Walnut Literary Festival event at the Unity Church-Unitarian in St. Paul.

October 22, 2:00: The East Side Freedom Library hosts a LGBTQ+ themed event as part of the Cracked Walnut Literary Festival.

October 23, 7:00: The Cracked Walnut Literary Festival invades the new home of the American School of Storytelling for a reading.

October 24, 6:30: Agates IndieBookstore Tour, Sweet Reads, Austin, MN.

October 24, 7:00: Natrium in Saint Louis Park hosts a reading as part of the Cracked Walnut Literary Festival.

October 25, 6:00: The Cracked Walnut Writing Collective will host a read-around by its participants and anyone who drops by. It's not an official Literary Festival event but why would we take the night off.

October 26, 6:30: Agates IndieBookstore Tour, Garden Party Books, Rochester, MN.

October 28, 6:00: Agates IndieBookstore Tour, Drury Lane Books, Grand Marais, MN.

November 2, 6:45: Book Release for CW member Frank Gioia's *The Mercury Man: Remembering Brooklyn*, St Louis Park Library, 3240 Library Lane

November 3 – 5: League of Minnesota Poets Fall Conference. Go to mnpoeets.org for more information. Rumors are ax throwing will be involved. Can't imagine anything more fun than poets with sharp objects.

November 4, 12:00 to 2:00: CW Vice-president William Anderson and his alter ego A. W. Powers will be at the Once Upon a Crime Bookstore in Minneapolis, signing books from his Psychic Guardian Angel Series of paranormal thrillers.

November 9, 7:00: Agates IndieBookstore Tour, Content Books, Northfield, MN

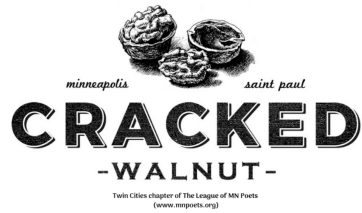
November 13, 7:00: Club Book, a program of the Metropolitan Library Service Agency, is hosting an online conversation featuring Tracy K. Smith, 22nd U.S. Poet Laureate, and Minnesota's own Michael Kieber-Diggs. You'll want to tune in...

November 29, 6:00: Cracked Walnut unleashes a new reading series, **the 5th Wednesday Reading Series**, at the Merriam Park Library. More information to follow.

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

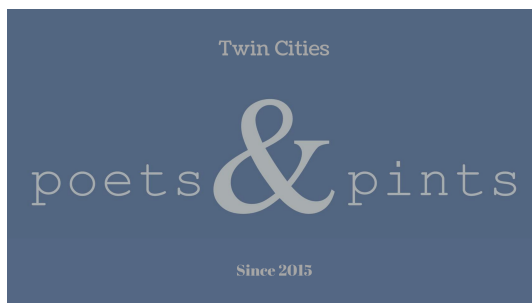
Be part of the Cracked Walnut Poetry Workshop--bring about ten copies of an original poem to share and critique to Highland Park Library and Community Center, 1974 Ford Pkwy., St. Paul, MN, Highland Park First Floor Meeting Room, 10:00 am-12:00 pm, on the first Saturday of every month. RSVP to host poet, 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.

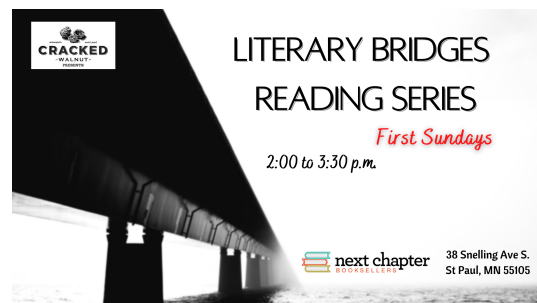
Cracked Walnut Writing Collective

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.



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

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 October 19, 2023 at 6:30 p.m., at the Northtown Branch of the Anoka County Library, 711 County Highway 10 Frontage Road, Blaine, 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 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.

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. We are changing things up for the Literary Festival and they will be October 2nd via zoom & in person October 8th. 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 Chapter has planned for 2023 and beyond.

You can be part of it.

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