

Activities 2013 – Friends Of Lorine Niedecker

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Web Initiatives

- The Web continues to be Lorine’s link to the world. There were 57,847 unique visits to the Niedecker Web site between January 1 and December 10 2013.
Early in the year Facebook statistics indicated that Top 10 countries included France, Turkey, Australia, the Philippines and Kenya. Lorine currently has 1,025 Facebook Friends.
- Amy continues to post “news” and events which keep the site current on a monthly, sometimes weekly basis. Publications are posted to the database as we become aware of them. Some papers are posted on the Web in their entirety.
- First musical performance posted. Permissions gathered to post the Jerry Hui musical composition “Three poems by Lorine Niedecker” with performance by the Isthmus Vocal Ensemble.”

Education Initiatives

- Margot Peters updated Lorine Niedecker’s personal library list in the collection. Amy posted this updated and corrected document to the Web and turned the list into a chapbook for sale and distribution.
- Fort Atkinson resident and retired elementary school teacher Kathy Irvine approached a new high school English teacher to introduce him to Lorine. She is a new ambassador for FOLN.

Public Art Projects

- Baileys Harbor mural was completed and dedicated on September 28, 2013! A partnership with the Baileys Harbor Community Mural Project, the Ridges Sanctuary and the Baileys Harbor Historical Society. Artist Ram Rojas.
Thanks to Nancy Rafal.
- Fort Atkinson Poetry Wall was refreshed by artist Jeremy Pinc, funded by Andrew Logan with permission of building owner John Hutchinson.

Regular Events

- **Third Thursday Poetry**

January – Sarah Busse

February – Chuck Stebleton

March - Anjie Kokan

April – Chris Fink

May – John Walsler

June - Fran Abbate

July – Mary Jo Balistreri

August – Tyler Farrell

September – James Pollack

October – LN WI Poetry Festival

November – Rodney Witter

December – no gathering

- **Solitary Plover Study Group**

February – Sarah Busse, August – Bonnie Roub
September – Carol Keleny November – Paul Smyth

- **Lorine Niedecker Wisconsin Poetry Festival**

The Festival was held October 11 and 12 at the Dwight Foster Public Library and the Café Carpe. 11 presenters lead 13 events. Workshops included open mics, research paper and poet presentations, Wisconsin Poet Laureate Max Garland and a writers' workshop on Blackhawk Island. Initiative "Poetry The Art Of It" included creating a Poetry Path at the Farmers Market, Blackout Poetry workshop and the closing event art exhibit of five paintings. Five poets were invited to write poems inspired by the paintings. Approximately 60 unique visitors signed in. Session participation counted 313, average of four sessions per person. Last year we had 384 session participants for a two full day Festival.

Additional Activities

- Ann and Amy participated in six Webinars on Collections Care Basics presented by the Heritage Preservation – National Institute for Conservation.
- Ann and Amy met with Conservation Specialist Kate Mullen as part of the Wisconsin Historical Society archives Mentoring Service on 2/25/13 to review collection storage. Kate's specialty is the care and handling of paper artifacts, including manuscripts and visual materials.
- Sent copy of "Collected Works to Maryam Harati, PhD student in Tehran, Iran
- Assisted PhD student Claire Hurley from UK who visited to research Niedecker.
- Hosted Jude Hartwick's Crossroads class to Blackhawk Island. (M. Schroeder)
- Visited the Poetry Foundation in Chicago. Met with librarian, Lorine is well represented. Donated 5x5 chapbook "Along The River."
- Maintenance to the Niedecker Historical Marker. Tree removed near the cabin.
- Niedecker Traveling Exhibit to Geneva Lake History Museum for April, 2012 Margot Peters presented a program supporting the exhibit.
- Board Meeting on May 4, 2013. The agenda included updating the Friends of Lorine Niedecker bylaws.
- "Lake Superior" – Readings and Celebration on the Poet's 110th Birthday" May 12, 7:00p.m. Karl Gartung, Martha Bergland, Lisa Fishman, Chuck Stibelton at Woodland Pattern Book Center
- Mailed the bi-annual fundraising letter to FOLN list. Raised \$2900.
- Posted 7 minute video "My Life By Water" to YouTube.
- Niedecker and poetry featured at Chamber Concert, Classical Guitar, December 8 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

Also Worth Noting

- Performance, "9 Settings of Lorine Niedecker" by Harrison Birtwistle (including Lorine poems) was performed in San Diego at Springfest 2012 – a week of Experimental Music, April 11 – 18, 2013 (Program in FOLN 20113 scrapbook)
- Study Group formed in Toronto, Canada by poet Hoa Nguyen
- Poetry Wall (corner of Main/Sherman) re-painted and sealed through a donation from Andrew Logan, Fort Atkinson.

Acquisitions - 2013

- Correspondence exchange with C. Wiman, "The Open Door, 100 Poems 100 Years of Poetry Magazine, Edited by Don Share and Christian Wiman, indicating a word error/change in Lorine's poem "Three Poems" from Poetry Magazine 102.5 (August 1963) Penberthy footnote from "Collected Works" indicates it was an error, based on manuscript review. (TidBit file)
- Reading pairing from Chuck Stebelton, Third Thursday poet, 2/21/13 – Lorine letter to Z., Sulfer 18, winter 1987 and from "Bird Companions" by Angelia Kumlien Main (granddaughter to Thure) on the English Sparrow. (Inspired by Lorine file)
- The Paris Review Number Vol. 8, No. 32 Summer-Fall 1964 (Paperback) by George, Peter Matthiessen, Robert Silvers and Blair Fuller, editors Includes two Lorine Niedecker Poems. This volume was listed in the Lorine Niedecker Library but has been missing. Purchased by FOLN.)
- Book, ""Lake Superior," Lorine Niedecker's Poem and Journal, Along With Other Sources, Documents, and Readings," Wave Books, Seattle and New York 2013, Edited by Joshua Beckman (Commemorative hard copy and public copy)
- Photos, donated by Ann Engelman from Julie Schoessow, March 2013 Lorine's cottage under construction, 1964
1) front from river 2) back from driveway. (Photo box)
- Photos, donated by Ann Engelman from Julie Schoessow, August 2012 Lorine's cottage completed, 1966
1) front from river w/Lorine, Al, Gene, Steve and Bonnie
2) back from driveway, Steve and Bonnie (Julie and Gene's) (Photo box)
- Broadside "After Lorine" by Edward Smallfield Woodland Pattern Book Center, June 10, 2011 donated by Chuck Stebelton Poem inspired by Niedecker.
- Paper by Martha Bergland, read at ""Lake Superior" – Readings and Celebration on the Poet's 110th Birthday," May 12, 7:00p.m. at Woodland Pattern Book Center
- Article "Center Stillness: Conversations with Phyllis Walsh & CX Dillhunt" from Verse Wisconsin, Issue 111, April 2013
- Book "Bird Companions" by Angela Kumlien Main.
- Hummingbird, Magazine of the Short Poem, An Anthology Issue: September 1990 – June 2000, CX Dillhunt, Editor, Vol. 23, No. 1, June 2013
- Broadside "Your Erudition" donated by Richard McCleery. Now in the newly, more prominently located, Library Poetry Corner.
- Article/List, Susan Tichy's "Field Guide to the Birds of Lorine Niedecker's Collected Works" All mentions of birds in Lorine's poetry.
- Painting, donated to FOLN collection by Diane Washa. (From "Poetry the Art of It" exhibit.)
- Books, donated by Joan Hyer (Formerly Untamed Shrew Books) "Between Your House and Mine" Letters of Lorine Niedecker and Cid Corman, 3 copies, mint condition; "Niedecker" (play) Kristine Thatcher, five copies, "Lorine Niedecker" Jane Shaw Knox, 5 copies, "Lorine Niedecker Solitary Plover" Phyllis Walsh, 5 copies.
- Article, Wisconsin Trails, "Stories From a Wisconsin Bookshelf" by Faith Miracle, Jan/Feb 1993, page 28