

**Lorine Niedecker Wisconsin Poetry Festival
September 29 and 30, 2017
Hoard Historical Museum, Fort Atkinson, WI**

Friday, Sept. 29

- 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Dwight Foster Library is open **Library**
Lorine Niedecker Room opens for reading, writing and quiet reflection
- 9:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. Hoard Historical Museum is open **Museum**
Exhibits include the Lorine Niedecker Room and Native American and regional history, books and regional gifts.
Festival info, maps, information for self-guided tours of LN sites including her cabin on Blackhawk Island and gravesite will be available at the Museum and Library.
- 5:00 Dinner gathering **Café Carp**
- 6:30 Open Mic –James Roberts, moderator **Dwight Foster Library**

Saturday, Sept. 30

- 8:00 Farmers Market, Poem While You Wait, Paul Wiegel, Fox River Poetry **Across from Library**
- 10:00 Poetry Café and Poetry Store Open **Hoard Museum**
Registration, freebies, exchanges, light refreshment, Poet's book shop
- 10:00 Festival Welcome and Niedecker News and LOTS of it - Ann Engelman
- 10:15 40 Years Later - David Pavelich, Director UW-Madison Special Collections
Taking inspiration from the recent rediscovery and return to Fort Atkinson of over 100 books and literary magazines from Lorine Niedecker's personal library, this presentation discusses the poet's fascinating book collection: how was it formed? What does it include? And most importantly, what does the book collection tell us – if anything – about Lorine Niedecker?
- 11:00 Lorine For a New Generation - Several educators and community members will present their programs and resources that have engaged students and poets in the spirit of Lorine. Specific ideas will be shared. Panel: Jean Preston – Carthage College, Joel Van Haaften – Fort Schools, Chris Fink – Beloit College, Amy Lutzke – Friends Of Lorine Niedecker
- 12:00 Lunch** (Box lunch available, sign up open in August.)
- 1:00 Blackhawk Island Writer's Workshops **Blackhawk Island**
- Lorine's Cabin. Rita Mae Reese facilitator (Free, limit to 20, registration required.)
 - BHI Walk and Observational Poetry. Chuck Stebelton and Richard Meier (Free, registration required.)
This approx. 2 mile walk will start at the top of Blackhawk Island Road and end at the Island Bar and Grill.
 - Rock River. Explore the Rock River Walk in Fort Atkinson on your own, curl up in the Lorine Niedecker Room or other Lorine destination to write.
- 4:00 Wisconsin Poetry Festival Open Mic — Moderator-Rita Mae Reese **Island Bar and Grill**
This Open Mic is open to all. Participants of the Writer's Workshops are especially encouraged to read poems from the afternoon, or bring another poem to share.
- 5:15 Island Bar and Grill for dinner and the Lorine Niedecker Grasshopper Invitational.

*More information about the Festival presenters is available on the Web site.
www.lorineniedecker.org or Google Wisconsin Poetry Festival.*