

Activities 2012 - Friends of Lorine Niedecker

“Solitary Plover” Newsletter Published

- Winter issue #14
 - Summer issue #15
- Amy-Editor, John and Tom current Poetry Editors, circulation approx. 344

Web Initiatives

- Site continues to be updated, embellished and supported by Amy.
- Current “news” posted to the site on a regular basis. Poetry and Archive Item of the Month rotate.
- Lorine has 845 Friends on Facebook. Poems are posted monthly.

Education Initiatives

- Ellen and Amy attended the WCTE conference in Madison to promote Lorine and the study unit.

Public Art Project

- Baileys Harbor Mural project continues, Nancy Rafal initiative.
- Lorine’s poems are featured in the Poetry Trail December 2012 through March 2013 in Newport State Park in Door County. Nancy Rafal initiative.

Lorine Niedecker Wisconsin Poetry Festival

Lorine Niedecker Wisconsin Poetry Festival, November 2 - 4 held at the Dwight Foster Public Library, Café Carpe and Filling Station Bar and Grill. 22 presenters lead 13 events and engaged 384 participants. (This is a duplicated number. Because the event is free we can’t track individual attendance but we can track participation.) Workshops included “How To Read and Present At An Open Mic,” “Assembling Your Work for Chapbook Publication.” Discussion “Nature of Wisconsin Poetry” explored cultural identities. Three Niedecker papers were presented and the play “Niedecker” by Kristine Thatcher was presented. FOLN partnered with La Crosse Public Library to offer poetry events.

Provided Assistance and Support

- Assisted composer, John Harbeson regarding permissions for Tanglewood Music Festival
- Supported playwright Dale Dunn, “Sworn To Water” performed by Theaterwork presenting “Four by Four x 4” in Santa Fe, February 2012, at the James A. Little Theater.
- Supported League of Women Voters event for Margot Peters. Donated Silent Auction items – tour of Lorine’s Fort Atkinson and two LN broadsides.
- Assisted Nicolas Pesques, France, working on a translation of Niedecker poetry.
- Supported creation of a chapbook “That Woman” by Tom Montag. 50 copies donated to FOLN for sale as fundraiser.
- Assisted the family and friends for a Phyllis Walsh Memorial held at the library on November 18, 2012. She was *Hummingbird* Publisher and worked with Lorine at the library. A tribute to Phyllis was also presented by CX Dillhunt at the Festival.

Hosted

- Third Thursday Poetry Readings at the Dwight Foster Public Library

January	Tom Montag	July	Tom Hibbard
February	Tod Highsmith	August	Brenda Cardenas
March	Deaf Jam	September	Robin Chapman
April	Jeanie & Steve Tomasko	October	Marilyn Annucci
May	Lisa Fishman	November	Richard Merelan
June	Fabu	December	James Pollack
- Lorine Niedecker Study Group, Margaret Schroeder initiative. Leaders: 1/7/12 Pat Moran, 2/11 Margot Peters, 3/24 John Lehman, 5/26 Margot Peters, 6/23 Margot Peters, 8/25 Tom Montag, 10/20 Karl Gartung. The group has been named the Solitary Plovers. They also presented “Understanding Lorine” at the Poetry Festival, 40 attended.
- National Poetry Month, April – participated in the “Poetry In Your Pocket” library initiative. Poems could be picked from a fish bowl. Lorine’s poems were used throughout the month.
- Created a regular Lorine Niedecker Tour Agenda for visitors. We are not charging for this service, yet.

There has been a significant increase in visitors. A short list includes:

- Paul E. Nelson – Oregon
- Nicolas Pesques – France
- Chuck Stebleton, Woodland Patter Book Center, Chuck writes:
“Tom Pickard and I took August Kleinzahler out to Blackhawk Island for a quick drive by on Sunday morning, also the mural and Blackhawk Hotel where their mentor Basil Bunting stayed. That was Tom's first time there since visiting Lorine with Stuart Montgomery in 1968. Birding galore even from the car. August gave a terrific talk on Kenneth Cox on Sunday afternoon. All around unforgettable.”
- Professor Chris Fink brought a class from Beloit College.
- Richard Lambert – England. Stop-over in Chicago and rented a car to visit!
- Lake Mills Book Club and Ozaukee County League of Women Voters

Additional Activities

- July 27, Ann attended the Wisconsin Council for Local History and Wisconsin Historical Society Southeast Regional Meeting to introduce these groups to Lorine and the collections. FOLN have been invited to become an affiliate of the Wisconsin Historical society. An application will be made when time allows.
- Kristine Thatcher’s play was presented in Door County on February 27th
- July – Hoard Museum screened “Immortal Cupboard’ during the hottest of days. A cooling opportunity to get out of the heat.
- Hoard Historical Museum continues to feature a Lorine Niedecker poem in their quarterly newsletter.
- Isthmus Vocal Ensemble commissioned Jerry Hui to compose a piece for their 10th Anniversary. He created three poem songs inspired by Lorine’s poetry. Ann and Margot attended this performance.
- Re-printed the “Along the River” chapbook. (500)
- Margot Peters made 24 presentations state wide on behalf of Lorine’s biography.
- Poet Lisa Fishman, on sabbatical from Columbia College, Chicago, resided at the Velveteen Rabbit for the month of November and wrote at Lorine’s on BHI.

Acquisitions

- Article "The Federal Writers Project in Wisconsin 1935 – 1942 by Michael Edmonds, from the Wisconsin Magazine of History, Spring 2011
- Materials from Faith Miracle on the Federal Writers Project relating to Lorine.
- Book Reviews: Lorine Niedecker: A Poet's Life" by Margot Peters, 2011
 - London Review of Books
 - Verse Wisconsin Online, April 2012
 - The Atlantic, January/February, 2012, Book Review

Photos

2042 S. 6th Street, Milwaukee, Lorine and Al's apartment in Milwaukee (View A)

2042 S. 6th Street, Milwaukee, Lorine and Al's apartment in Milwaukee (View B)

Donated by Dorothy Boyer, July 2012, archive location: with box frames/box 10a

Books

- From Mary Gates – "Lorine Niedecker Woman and Poet," Edited by Jenny Penberthy and "Radical Vernacular, Lorine Niedecker and the Poetics of Place," Edited by Elizabeth Willis.
- From Nan Watkins, Cullowhee, North Carolina - Asheville Poetry Review, 10 Great Neglected Poets of the 20th Century, Vol. 7, No. 1
- FOLN Poetry Magazine, "Objectivists" 1931, a special issue of Poetry: A Magazine of Verse, edited by Harriet Monroe (Vol. 37, No. 5, February 1931)
- Wintergreen Ridge chapbook compiled by Nancy Rafal, to benefit Baileys Harbor Mural Project, Wintergreen Ridge 75th Anniversary Celebration of The Ridges Sanctuary.
- Louange Du Lieu et autre poemes 1949 – 1970, French translation by Abigail Lang & Nicolas Pesques, sent by the author. Location: Book Cupboard
- Objectivists 1931 a special issue of Poetry: A Magazine of Verse, edited by Harriet Monroe (Vol. 37, No. 5, February 1931). Purchased by FOLN \$295.76, March 28, 2012 Location - Archive Box #1
- Poetry a Magazine of Verse, edited by Harriet Monroe (Vol. 34, No. 3, June 1929) Includes Louis Zukofsky poem in 4 parts "Siren and Signal"
Donated by Ann Engelman (found at antique store in Pardeville, WI)
Archive Box #1
- Asheville Poetry Review, 10 Great Neglected Poets of the 20th Century
Vol. 7, No. 1 edited by Keith Flynn and Thomas Rain Crowe, additional research and archive materials provided by Nan Watkins. Sent by Nan Watkins, p.o. Box 661 Cullowhee, NC 28723, March 9, 2012
- "That Woman" by Tom Montag, 2012 Chapbook, located in book cupboard
- "A Model of Order, Selected Letters On Poetry and Making" Ian Hamilton Findlay, Edited by Thomas A. Clark, 2009 Purchased at Woodland Pattern Book Center, donated by Ann Engelman 12/12/12. Location: Archive box
- "Handmade Poems Lorine Niedecker" John Harkey, editor, Lost and Found, The Cuny Poetics Document Initiative, Series 3, Number 2, Spring 2012
The Center for the Humanities, The Graduate Center of New York
Location: book cupboard
- "The Ridges Sanctuary" Roy Lukes, 1988 Donated by Lee Traven, August 29, 2010 following the Niedecker seminar held at Bjorklund in Door County. Location: book cupboard
- "The Ridges Sanctuary Trail Guide" 2004 Donated by Lee Traven, August 29, 2010 following the Niedecker seminar held at Bjorklund in Door County. Location: book cupboard
- "Memories, The Ridges Sanctuary, Bringing Nature To Life Since 1937"
Not sure where this came from. Location: book cupboard