

Activities 2021 – Friends of Lorine Niedecker, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin
Mission – Dedicated to preserving and expanding the legacy of Lorine Niedecker.

Limited activities continued this year due to the pandemic.

“Solitary Plover” Newsletter Published

- Winter issue #33
- Summer issue #34

Solitary Plover articles published this year included:

- Lorine Niedecker’s Haiku Library, Michael Dylan Welch
- Poetry in Lorine Niedecker’s Plants, Shanley Wells-Rau
- Lorine, the Farm Lady and the Birdman, Martha Bergland

Circulation – email subscribers 616 (1.98% increase), snail mail 232 (16% increase)

All issues can be found on the Web site. www.lorineniedecker.org

Educational Initiatives

The Lorine Niedecker Fellowship has been created by Ronnie Hess through a partnership between Write On Door County and the Friends of Lorine Niedecker. The purpose of the fellowship, two weeks divided between Fort Atkinson and Door County, is to encourage research into Niedecker’s life and writing, and to promote new work that explores poetry of place.

Web Initiatives

- The Web continues to be Lorine’s link to the world. In 2021 there were 6,570 page views. No comparison as we transitioned to a new Web host.
- Lorine currently has 1,459 Facebook Friends, -2.67% over last year.

Collection Initiatives

The Hoard Museum is reviewing the Niedecker collection. This confirms items and their placement.

Public Art

- The third Poetry Wall was created at 102 S. Main Street /South Water on the north side of the Hometown Pharmacy Building. Jeremy Pinc, the artist for the other two walls, uses the poem “Mergansers.” The press was particularly favorable, two front page articles in the local paper on consecutive evenings, on-line publicity and in the Hoard Museum Newsletter.
- Work continues with Luther Elementary School on their poetry/art installation. Completion date Spring 2022.

Activities

- The Hoard Museum conducted Walking Tours on Saturdays from the Farmers Market. These tours included the two Poetry Walls at the corner of Main Street and Sherman Ave.
- Nancy Rafal has donated a five year Business Membership for the FOLN to Write On Door County.
- A small gathering outdoors on Blackhawk Island at Lorine's cabin celebrated and bid farewell to three retiring Board Members. Tom Montag will continue to be the Poetry Editor for the Solitary Plover, Nancy Shea and Dot Kent will continue to be ambassadors for Lorine. Each has made significant contributions to the legacy of Lorine.

Board Meetings

April 15 (via email)

June 21 Beginning in June the board is now meeting monthly via Zoom.

The board is beginning to assess the possibility of adding a paid position.

Three new board members have been added to the board.

