

Activities 2023 – Friends of Lorine Niedecker, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin

Mission – Dedicated to preserving and expanding the legacy of Lorine Niedecker.

“Solitary Plover” Newsletter Published

- Spring issue #37, articles included:
“A Founding Friend, Bonnie Roub” by Karl Gartung
“Blackhawk Island Celebration”
“Inaugural Lorine Niedecker Fellowship Winner Announced, Lauren Carlson”
- Summer issue #38, articles included:
“All One In The End Water or Lorine Niedecker, Poet of Outer Place, Inner Life”
by Lorine Carlson
“Lorine Niedecker, River Cabin, Blackhawk Island, WI” by Shanley Wells Rau
“Lorine Niedecker’s Influence” by Linda Voit and John Levy

All issues can be found on the Web site. <https://lorineniedecker.org/solitary-plover/>

Virtual Readings (Public events via Zoom.)

North Central Readings, March 26 – Shannon Tharp, Noah Zanella

October 1 – Tirzah Goldenburg, Joshua Beckman

Solitary Plover Readings, April 13 and August 24, 2023 (Poets published in the Solitary Plover.)

Web Initiatives

Plans are underway to redesign the Web site. The goal is to provide a user-friendly browsing experience for all visitors that honors the life and work of Lorine Niedecker.

Education Initiatives

The Lorine Niedecker Fellowship, a partnership between Write On Door County and the Friends of Lorine Niedecker announced Lauren Carlson as the first Lorine Niedecker Fellow.

The purpose of the Fellowship is to encourage research into Niedecker’s life and writing and to promote new work that explores poetry of place. The Fellowship is offered every two years to an established or emerging poet familiar with the work of Lorine Niedecker. Two weeks were divided between Fort Atkinson and Door County in May. Lauren made presentations in both locations.

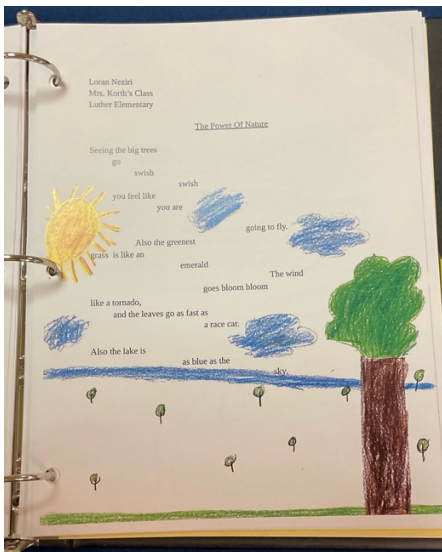
The Hoard Historical Museum recognized the 4th grade study unit on poetry and Lorine Niedecker. Four public schools participated to write their own poetry in the style of Lorine Niedecker. The students visit the museum to learn more about Niedecker and her influences and visit Blackhawk Island to see her cabin. *A sample poem is pictured below.

Activities and Presentations

- **Write On The River** – May 11 – 13 This three day event the first time Fort Atkinson Tourism/Chamber of Commerce generated a Fort Atkinson destination writing event including Lorine Niedecker.
 - Lorine Niedecker Talks
 - Nick Gulig, partnership with Dwight Foster Public Library
 - Lauren Carlson, partnership with Hoard Historical Museum
 - Open Mic, hosted by the Café Carpe
- **‘Very Veery’ Lorine Niedecker Week in Wisconsin** - September 10 -17. Events were held in Fort Atkinson (Hoard Museum), Kenosha (Carthage College), Fish Creek (Write on Door County), Milwaukee (Woodland Pattern) Bailey’s Harbor (The Ridges Sanctuary)
 - Readings included:
 - September 13, @ Carthage College, Kenosha, Kate Colby and Richard Meier
 - September 15, @ Write On Door County, Kate Colby and Nick Gulig
 - September 17, @ Woodland Pattern Book Center, Milwaukee, Kate Colby and Chuck Stebelton
 - Talk - September 10, @ Hoard Museum, “Trim Green Thought” Jenny Penberthy, Lauren Carlson, Flora Coker

Board Initiatives

The board approved, with support from the Dwight Foster Public Library and Hoard Historical Museum boards, moving the Lorine Niedecker collection at the library to the museum. Lorine Niedecker materials will be in one place to support research requests. Move will occur in 2024.



*Each school has a notebook of poems from inspired 4th grade students. These collections are truly remarkable and will be archived at the Hoard Museum.