

—Slug:.....COMM-0868.arts.poems_around_town
—Contributor.....
—Contributor email.....
—For section..... The Arts
—Format..... News - no byline
—Dateline..... Brattleboro
—Article Number:..... 43675



Notes from editor (not for publication):



HEADLINE ELEMENTS:

####BEGIN HED####

1 Poems Around Town project publishes new anthology

####END HED####

####BEGIN SUBHED####

2

####END SUBHED####

3 TEXT BODY:

####BEGIN TEXT####

4 Write Action, Brattleboro’s local group for poets and
5 writers of all genres, announces the publication of its 2026
6 anthology, *Through the Windows of Brattleboro*.

7 The anthology brings together 87 poems by 53 poets
8 from Brattleboro and surrounding towns, all of which appeared in
9 the windows of the downtown and Canal Street businesses during
10 this year’s National Poetry Month. *Through the Windows of*

11 *Brattleboro* will be for sale for \$15, plus tax, at Byway Books &
12 More, 399 Canal St.; and at Everyone’s Books, 23 Eliot St.

13 Celebrating April as National Poetry Month was
14 introduced in 1996 and organized by the Academy of American
15 Poets as a way to increase awareness and appreciation of poetry
16 in the United States.

17 The celebration of Poetry Month through posting poems
18 in the windows of local businesses first began in 2010 in
19 Montpelier with Poetry Alive! and the event was subsequently
20 credited in local media as transforming Montpelier into “Poem
21 City” each April. The Montpelier event was organized in great
22 part through the Kellogg-Hubbard Library, and, today, including
23 Brattleboro, the total number of towns in Vermont celebrating
24 poetry in April in this manner stands at seven, with more towns
25 planning to join.

26 Brattleboro, has created unique extension of the project
27 through Write Action, supported by Brooks Memorial Library and
28 ByWay Books. Called “Poems Around Town” (PAT), this project
29 started six years ago during the isolation of the Covid pandemic.

30 An anthology of that year’s poems was published as
31 *Poems in the Time of Covid*. Recent years have included a public
32 reading of the posted poems at Brooks Library.

33 “Thanks to the welcoming windows of Brattleboro’s
34 businesses,” wrote organizers in a news release, “this year brings
35 together another collection of poems penned by writers living in
36 Brattleboro and nearby towns.” For more information, email
37 info@writeaction.org.

####END TEXT####

BIO/COATTAIL:

####BEGIN BIO/COATTAIL####

38

####END BIO/COATTAIL####

LAST ISSUE IN WHICH THIS FILE CAN BE RUN:

39 #####BEGIN MAXISSUE#####
0
#####END MAXISSUE#####

LINKS:

40 #####BEGIN LINKS#####
#####END LINKS#####

VIDEO:

41 #####BEGIN VIDEO#####
#####END VIDEO#####

LOGLINE (SOCIAL MEDIA):

42 #####BEGIN LOGLINE#####
#####END LOGLINE#####