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Poetry Reading in Juneau Park

Milwaukee, WI (July 28, 2015) – “Poetry in the Park” will bring the art of the spoken word to Juneau Park, Tuesday, Aug. 11 from 6:30–7:30 p.m.

On the bluff overlooking Lake Michigan, local poets will gather around the Solomon Juneau statue and read from their works. Featured will be former Milwaukee poet laureate Susan Firer and UW–Milwaukee graduate students, Tobias Wray and Lindsay Daigle. The site is located at the intersection of Prospect and Kilbourn avenues.

Firer served as the poet laureate of the city from 2008-2010. The Milwaukee Poet Laureate project was initiated in February 2000, is sponsored by the Milwaukee Public Library, and is supported by the Friends of the Milwaukee Public Library.

Firer’s work has received praise from Billy Collins, former Poet Laureate of the United States. "To read the poetry of Susan Firer is to enter a unique building constructed by the imagination, like Kubla Khan's pleasure-dome, out of the shimmering material of words. These poems reveal a love of language both for its own dear sake and for its ability to deliver the news some of us cannot live without."

Juneau Park Friends, the event organizer, invites the public to bring blankets or chairs to sit on during this low-key cultural event. Visitors may also bring snacks and beverages to enjoy during the reading.

The event will take place rain or shine.

For more information about the Juneau Park Friends, visit juneauparkfriends.org.

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