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## **Native American Poets to Give Readings in Juneau Park** *Wisconsin Poet Laureate Among Presenters*

Milwaukee, WI (Oct. 20, 2015) – Juneau Park Friends will bring a fall edition of “Poetry in the Park” to Juneau Park, Sunday, Oct. 25, from 1–2 p.m. Art of the spoken word will be presented by three Native American poets, including the current Wisconsin Poet Laureate, Kimberly Blaeser.

Joining Blaeser will be b: william bearheart and Franklin K.R. Cline. The poets will gather around the Solomon Juneau statue on the bluff overlooking Lake Michigan and will read from their works. The site is located at the intersection of Prospect and Kilbourn avenues.

Blaeser is serving as the state’s poet laureate from 2015-2016. The Wisconsin Poet Laureate program was created in 2000 by then-Governor Tommy Thompson. The role of the poet laureate is to keep the creative arts accessible and vital to all age groups.

According to the website of the Wisconsin Poet Laureate Commission, Blaeser was selected for her passion for the arts and her ability to reach broad audiences through poems that explore her Native culture, poems of place and community, poems centered in women’s experience, and poems with a sly sense of humor.

Juneau Park Friends, the event organizer, held its first Poetry in the Park in August, drawing over 100 people. The Friends 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 event updates, visit [facebook.com/events/1082027935170509](https://facebook.com/events/1082027935170509).

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