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Judges announced for second annual Sidewalk Poetry Contest

The Zionsville Cultural District (ZCD) has announced the judges for the second annual Step-on-Us Sidewalk Poetry Contest, now underway. Judges this year are Barry Harris, Jenny Kalahar and Donna Monday.

Barry Harris, editor of the *Tipton Poetry Journal*, is a poet whose work has appeared in the *Kentucky Review*, *Grey Sparrow*, *Boston Literary Magazine* and *Flying Island*, among other publications. One of his poems was on display at the National Museum of Sport and another is painted on a barn on north US 421 in Boone County as a part of a public art project. Harris's poetry has been included in the anthologies *From the Edge of the Prairie*, *Motif 3*; *All the Livelong Day* and *Twin Muses: Art and Poetry*. He is retired from Eli Lilly and Company.

Poet Jenny Kalahar lives in an old schoolhouse where she and her husband collect and sell used and rare books throughout the country. When she isn't penning poems, Kalahar plays percussion in the Alexandria Community Band and writes a humor column for *Tails Magazine*. She is currently writing her seventh book. A collection of her poetry is entitled *One Mile North of Normal*. She has been nominated for a Pushcart Prize in poetry and for Indiana State Poet laureate. She is a member of the Poetry Society of Indiana and is founding president of the Youth Poetry Society of Indiana.

Local writer Donna Monday is a member of the board of the ZCD. A native of Greenfield, Indiana, Donna grew up in James Whitcomb Riley's hometown and attributes that fact alone to an early interest in poetry. Last fall her poem *Under the Bed* took second place in the Riley Days Poetry competition in Greenfield. Monday has lived and worked in Zionsville for nearly four decades and is a former Town Crier. She has been a teacher, an editor, a writer and a car salesman. A collection of her poetry can be found in her book *Dancing in the Alley*.

The deadline to submit poems is Feb. 28. The winning poems will be stamped into concrete on a sidewalk in Zionsville in spring 2018 as part of the Zionsville Street Department's sidewalk repairs program. Two winners will be selected: one in the youth category (17 and under, Zionsville resident) and one in the adult category (18 and over, Indiana resident).

Entries, which must be short, can be mailed to Zionsville Cultural District (225 W. Hawthorne St., Zionsville, IN 46077) or submitted online at www.zionsvilleculturaldistrict.org. Entry fees are \$5 for youth and \$10 for adults. Submitted poems will be judged without the authors' names on them.

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