

short on words

A POETRY & SHORT STORY EVENT

Meet the Judges



Ellen Demray is the proud principal of Grandview Elementary School in the Clarenceville Public School System. Grandview received the State of Michigan Exemplary Blue Ribbon School Award in 2005, the same year Mrs. Demray was named State Principal of the Year by the Michigan Elementary and Middle School Principals Association! Ellen was honored to represent Michigan in Washington DC as a National Distinguished Principal in 2006. Now in her 41st year in education, she still loves working with children and encouraging them to do their best. The school theme this year is: Discover Your Supers Powers at Grandview – Learning Saves the Day!



Michele Fecht has been a writer and editor for more than 30 years. She began her journalism career as a reporter for The Northville Record, and later worked as a reporter and assistant editor at The Detroit News. She has been a contract writer for The Chicago Tribune, and her work has appeared in the Detroit Free Press, Hour magazine and other publications. A resident of the City of Northville since 1986, Fecht currently serves on the Northville City Council, a position she has held since 2005. She also serves on the Northville Senior Advisory Commission, Northville Housing Commission and Northville Historical Society Board of Directors. She and her husband Steve have two children, Clara and David.



Pat Feldt is new to the Northville community but her love for reading and writing extends to her childhood. Pat's Irish heritage may have something to do with her passion, as her great-grandfather was an Irish poet. She has been a storyteller for as long as she can remember. Ms. Feldt had a piece published in *The MacGuffin* while in college and had a one-act play performed by the Livonia Redford Community Theater. She wrote travel pieces for *The Nomad* for several years. Pat is now happy to be part of the Preservation Dental team: "I'm excited to be involved with the "Short on Words" competition. They say a picture is worth 1,000 words (*or in this case 1,500*). And what fun to see how Dr. Demray's photos inspired the writers."



Linda Liedel and her husband have lived in Northville for 20 years. She became involved with the Northville Art House seven years ago as a volunteer. After working 23 years in education, Linda retired and has since joined the Board of the Northville Arts Commission to help support the arts in her community. Retirement has allowed Linda to more actively enjoy her passion for painting and writing children's books. "I am excited to be involved with fostering the talents of Michigan writers through the "Short on Words" competition."