

short^{on} words

A POETRY & SHORT STORY EVENT

MEET THE JUDGES



Ellen Demray is proud principal of Grandview Elementary School in the Clarenceville District. 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. She recently took on the new and exciting role as first-time grandmother to Taylor Mae.



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 at The Detroit News. Michelle has been a contract writer for The Chicago Tribune, and her work has appeared in Hour Detroit magazine and other publications. A resident of the City of Northville since 1986, Mrs. Fecht serves on the Northville City Council, a position she has held since 2005. She and her husband Steve have two children, Clara and David.



Patricia Feldt enjoys reading and writing - and she has since childhood. Pat's Irish heritage may have something to do with her passion, 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. Pat is the mother of nine and the grandmother of five, so far....



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. Linda retired from the education community and is now a very active Board member on the Northville Arts Commission. Retirement has allowed her to enjoy a 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."



Gail Gotthelf works for Hour Media. She has long been a “journal” writer and avid reader of poetry. Gail has experience writing press releases, travel and tourism related articles, as well as television and radio spots. As Director of the Birmingham Principal Shopping District, Ms. Gotthelf was the editor of the Birmingham Magazine. She was an active volunteer with the Arts Council and ArtServe while working for the City of Dearborn. Gail is now a mentor with Women of Tomorrow, encouraging high school girls to discover their potential.



Tim Rosalik has been a creative talent with top ad agencies in metro Detroit for over 30 years, working primarily with the automotive industry including notable brands Cadillac and Harley Davidson. As a free lance writer his work has appeared in national publications and Hour Detroit magazine. Mr. Rosalik has served as an adjunct professor at Center for Creative Studies (CCS), teaching copywriting. He is working to attain a literary fellowship through CCS to publish a “slim volume” of his own poetry. He enjoys telling tales of his childhood summers in rural Texas.



Lisa Barry is an “on air” personality who has been heard on radio stations WNIC, WYCD, WXYT and currently on WJR. She has interviewed presidents, movie stars, news makers and music makers. Ms. Barry has been active with several local charities, including Children’s Miracle Network and Make-A-Wish. Lisa received the “Outstanding Woman in Communications” award from the American Women in Radio and Television Organization. She is currently promoting “Positive Public Speaking”, sits on the Board for the Northville Community Foundation and is one of the emcees for Northville’s annual 4th of July parade.



Kurt Kuban is the Editor of the Northville Record. He has his B. A. from the University of Tampa where the focus of his studies were writing, history and political science and a Graduate Fellowship from the University of Ottawa. Mr. Kuban has received awards from the Michigan Press Association, Suburban Newspapers of America and the Society of Professional Journalists. He is the owner/editor of Streamside Journal.com. and an organizer of the annual Rouge Rescue event in the City of Wayne - where recently he was honored with the James Poplin Award for volunteerism. Kurt is married to Cheryl and the father of three - Maggie, Kameron and Kaden.