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T H E P O E T R Y I S S U E

Is it my imagination, or has poetry become very cool? I think of all those slam poets competing at every level throughout the country, the thriving online and print journals for the more academic sorts, the poet laureates of every state—and the *youth* poet laureates—and I can only conclude that poetry has survived our post-industrial transformation and passed robustly into whatever it is we are now—an infotocracy? A knowledge-based economy? A know-nothing electorate? A senescent democracy? However, we choose to characterize ourselves, I know one thing for sure: words matter.

Why do we care about words? I'll skip the exegesis on John 1:1 ("In the beginning there was the Word"), feeling cowed by the vast scholarship that springs from this not-so-simple sentence. But "word" *signifies*. And words, arranged artfully, spark our well adapted neurons into overdrive as we drench ourselves in the hormones of long lost associations, the electricity of strong emotions, and brain storms of thoughts we wish we could ignore or forget.

I've come to believe that honest poets, like prophets, are usually a pain in the ass--all that truth, beauty, and inspiration notwithstanding. They make us feel difficult-to-manage feelings and think unwelcome thoughts. For every Ogden Nash or light-hearted limerick there's an Edgar Allan Poe (Oh, the bells, bells, bells!/What a tale their terror tells/Of Despair!) or a Sylvia Plath (Soon, soon the flesh/The grave cave ate will be/At home on me). Why do we bother?

The question begs a full fledged conversation for another day, so for the moment let me leave

you with this invitation...

Welcome to the Sixth Annual Poetry Issue of the *Roosevelt Borough Bulletin*—a publication that comes with a guarantee: if you read the poems herein, one after another, start to finish, you will be awed, inspired, charged up, saddened, enlivened, angered, outraged, and just generally moved. And then when you consider that most of these poets live across the street or around the corner, you might start looking at our town a little differently.

In Roosevelt, we enlighten ourselves with beauty. We entertain ourselves with words. We relish a poetic rhythm and an elegant turn of phrase. We walk our Woodland Trail and then hear the poetry of the trees rustling through the poetry of our neighbors. The guarantee is that you will find all that within these pages—or your money back!

Rick Pressler
Managing Editor

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to the 44th edition of the Roosevelt Borough Bulletin. Issues run from September through July. We will not publish in January and August.

Roosevelt Borough Bulletin Submission Process

The Bulletin welcomes submissions for news items, information of local interest, letters to the editor, poetry, and visual arts. We ask all contributors to adhere to the following submission guidelines:

- Send your submission to the email: rooseveltbulletin submissions@gmail.com.
- Send your submission as a Microsoft Word attachment or as plain text with in the body of your email. Please do not send PDFs.
- Please include images as separate files.
- The deadline for submissions is the 15th of the month prior to publication (e.g., January 15 for the February issue). Submissions received after the 15th will normally be printed in the issue following the one currently in production.
- Most submissions will also be added to the Bulletin web site. Allow up to one week for submissions to appear online after publication of the print edition.
- Please name your files with your last name, or the name of your organization, and the month.

It's natural that people have second thoughts about what they've written, but we want to discourage multiple submissions of the same thing, whenever possible. When this is necessary, the revised version should be clearly named as a revision.

The Bulletin board members are thrilled to see that people are utilizing the Bulletin as a forum for communicating about our community's most critical issues. And it is impressive that Roosevelt has supported this publication for so many decades by contributing both financially and intellectually. We are committed to providing you with the best publication possible—your support of our submission guidelines will enable our volunteers to most effectively meet that goal.

The MEALS ON WHEELS program delivers prepared meals to Roosevelt seniors who need this assistance. Though meals are provided free of charge to recipients, the cost to the program is \$2.50 per meal. Donations to help cover these costs may be sent to Interfaith Neighbors, 810 Fourth Avenue, Asbury Park, NJ 07712

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If you wish to go, you must call the S.C.A.T. bus at 732-431-6485 and press 1. Give them your name, address, and the town you are from, and where you wish to go.

An archive of all past issues of the Bulletin can be found online at www.mazicmusic.com/rbb.htm, courtesy of Mark Zuckerman. Current and recent issues can also be found online at www.rooseveltboroughbulletin.org, the official website of the Borough Bulletin. To have the Bulletin sent to you by email, please send your request to rpessler32@gmail.com.

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Borough to Consider Legalization of Cannabis Cultivation

At its May 16 meeting, the Borough Council heard a presentation by Hightstown-based CPA Neil Schloss about possible legalization of cultivation of cannabis, commonly known as marijuana, in the Borough's northern agricultural zone. Since the enactment on February 22, 2021, of the New Jersey Cannabis Regulatory Enforcement Assistance and Marketplace Modernization Act, the cultivation, manufacture, distribution, and sale of cannabis have been legal in the state, subject to municipal ordinances.

The legalization statute provided that all aspects of the cannabis business would be permitted if no ordinance were adopted to prohibit them. Since rules to implement the statute had not yet been adopted, Roosevelt, like most municipalities, decided that the most prudent course to follow would be to pass an ordinance prohibiting all cannabis businesses in order to give the municipality the opportu-

nity to consider all options and make an informed decision at a later date. The ordinance prohibiting all cannabis businesses anywhere in the Borough was thus duly enacted and is currently in effect. Since it is zoning ordinance, it would have to be amended, after review by the Planning Board, in order for any cannabis cultivation, or any other cannabis business, to be legal.

Mr. Schloss, who has been working with people interested in starting different sorts of cannabis businesses, approached the Council to discuss options that might be advantageous both to the Borough and to farmers who might wish to grow cannabis, of whom he said he had spoken to at least three, all of whom favored the idea. He estimated that the Borough might gain at least \$240,000 in new revenue from the 2% fee levied on sales of harvested cannabis. It would be the responsibility of the farmers to ensure the security of their crop,

an obvious concern given that the value of cannabis far exceeds that of the corn and soybeans traditionally planted in this area, as well as that Roosevelt does not have local police.

The Council's planned workshop meeting, originally scheduled for June 6, was postponed due to a death in the family of Councilman Joe Trammel. That meeting was intended to be an opportunity to discuss potential zoning changes that would be required if the Borough were to allow legal cultivation of cannabis in the northern agricultural zone.

If the Council decides to proceed and introduce the necessary amendment to the zoning ordinance, the matter would then be referred to the Planning Board. Only after the Planning Board has issued its recommendations can the Council schedule a second reading, which must include a public hearing, on the proposed zoning change.

Please Support the Bulletin

The Bulletin is the only publication covering the news of our town. It is our only source of information about what's happening in local government, the school, and our local civic organizations. It provides a forum, through the Letters to the Editor, for anyone to express their opinions on the issues important to the community, and it is committed to featuring the writing—memoirs, poetry, articles of general interest—of all community members willing to share their work. If you value these services that the Bulletin provides, please help us to continue publication.

Any contributions you could make at this time, no matter how small, would be greatly appreciated. Many of those listed on our Contributors page last donated at this time in 2022, and we would greatly appreciate if you would renew your support at this time. If every household that receives the Bulletin contributed as little as \$10 each year, that would provide sufficient revenue to keep us going.

Contributions may be sent to P.O. Box 221, Roosevelt, NJ 08555. The Bulletin is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and your contributions may be tax deductible.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

--Kevin McNally, Treasurer and Board Member

Summer camp in Roosevelt, like all else here, has ebbs and flows. Unlike the Deli, it has been back awhile. When my own children were little (they are in their twenties now, early and late), the recreation camp was held at the school.

My children didn't want to go to camp. I was home, we had a pool, they wanted to argue with me, etc. But when I finally convinced them to try, they enjoyed it. When my eldest went he was in the Pre-K, or kiddie camp, I don't remember what it was called, but I remember Joanne Parker ran it and she had a teepee in the room and the kids loved it. I remember she was some kind of saint and seemed to make magic. Later her son Jamison produced the same magic for the little ones.

The legend goes that before that camp run by the recreation department, there was a camp run by the PTA. Ask Sheila Jaeger or Judith Goetzmann. Apparently, they raised so much money with an artist sale that they were able to fund a camp in the summer with such icons as Mr. Kaufman and Ms. Ilene running games and crafts. Also, in the mythical camp of legend, the recently passed Margaret Shilinsky ran the theatre section, told stories and awed all. I believe it went back to recreation run when Ms. Barbara (Atwood) was part of it, again, a legend in her own right. The campers made projects I still have! They also swam at the neighborhood pool twice a week (now the LeCompte house) and spent the whole day swimming and crafting. Even RPS teacher Mr. Santanello got into the act for camp a few years.

Then, for reasons I don't know (this is not a research article, I could have found out, but that would have taken the mystery away) the camp went away for a while. Perhaps everyone went back to work and needed full time care for their children, or perhaps everyone tried fancier camps

that travelled and were based out of town.

In any case, sometime around 2014 (again, not fact checking) I thought it might be fun to bring the camp back again. The recreation department allowed me to do it and we ran a camp for several years. We had local counselors, (my middle son, Luke, his friend Luke and Luke's sister Cheyenne, local Ellen, the list goes on!) It went well. We expanded the next year from 3 to 4 hours. The year after, we added an "after camp" which brought my eldest son Gus into the picture. I would like to take credit for this spurring his interest in children and adventures, but I guess he always had it in him and had already worked for several years at another local camp. Gus of course took the after-camp students on adventures outside. He walked trails, played games and inspired minds. Soon afterwards, Gus worked in an outdoor camp in Maine for 3 different seasons (as in fall, spring and summer.) It was here he learned not just outdoor games but social emotional learning in group settings. He continued researching camps in Maine and Massachusetts and soon brought his knowledge back home to his roots.

For a couple years after that, Gus took over directing the recreation camp (I worked for him, that's another article!) We took weekly trips and had a wonderful time. We had campers who became counselors (Rhiannon, Lily), and locals Crystal and Mark. (All of whom had a solid Kindergarten foundation I might add!)

Then the world stopped with Covid. All bets were off in terms of children playing together. It was at that point that Gus created The Adventures Camp. During the first Covid summer, he took small masked groups of 2-4 children on trails, bike rides, kayaking and inventive outdoor activities, all the while stressing group harmony and

leadership learning. The school was closed at this point, so he was based entirely outside, yes, entirely, yes, for everything, yes. That is how the Adventure Camp began.

The next year, we stayed outside despite less Covid worries, because, as it turns out, Roosevelt and the surrounding areas are a paradise (I actually heard a camper say he thought we were in paradise on one of our hikes) of opportunities. Last year, in larger groups, but still only outside, campers hiked (sometimes grueling but always rewarding), biked, played in water, learned outdoor games and skills, climbed trees, made nature obstacle courses, painted with mud, kayaked, fished and most importantly, learned how to treat each other with respect, learned confidence in themselves, learned how to handle conflict and had a great summer. Other former Kindergarteners joined us as counselors (Liam) and few local East Windsor-ites. The camp has a "home" feeling for sure.

This year, the fun continues. It is truly an honor to see campers (and some of my former Kindergarteners) come back after enjoying their summers and want to now share the experience with younger Velters and neighboring friends.

Who knows what the future will hold? The legends continue, the summers continue, as they should, playing and being with friends, respecting the outdoors and that becoming part of a daily routine. Ahhhh, summer, I can smell the marshmallows already.





Roosevelt Adventures – (609) 462 3041 – gus@rooseveltadventures.com



Roosevelt Adventure Camp and Teen Exploration Club in 2022! Register Today!

Roosevelt Adventure Camp is back in 2022! We are so excited for another summer outside exploring all of the beautiful trails, lakes, parks, streams, and forests of our amazing town! Once again, we will be busy on Bike Rides, Trail Walks, Kayak Explorations, Outdoor Skill Development, Leadership Skills, Creative Arts, Community Education, Teambuilding Challenges, and Traditional Camp Games led by experienced counselors from your community

This summer we are starting our first Teen Exploration and Adventure Club for older students and campers interested in taking their outdoor skills and experiences to the next level! Branching off of some of our Roosevelt Adventure Camp experiences, the Exploration and Adventure Club is for campers looking to expand their adventures, learn advanced outdoor skills, and participate in challenging activities to inspire and develop confidence, social-emotional tools, and personal growth. Using our kayaks, bikes, and legs, we are excited to explore all the corners of our community and the surrounding wilderness with our older crew!

When? Available 6 weeks

Day Camp- Monday through Friday, July 5th -August 12th (No Camp 7/4), 9AM-1PM

Teen Exploration Club- Tuesdays and Thursdays, July 7th to August 16th, 10AM-2PM

Flexible Hours and Weekly Commitments Available

Who? Day Camp- Campers entering 1st-7th grade

Teen Exploration Club- Campers entering 7th to 10th grade

Where? Rotating Locations around greater Roosevelt and the Assunpink Wildlife Management Area

How does the registration/payment work? Please register your camper(s) with a \$100 deposit/camper to reserve their spot and schedule the dates using the Registration sheet as soon as you know what your family is interested in. This allows us to best plan our activities and counselor schedules in a timely manner. Your deposit will be applied to the last week booked on your schedule and can be returned in the event of any cancellation. The remaining camper dues will be invoiced to you bi-weekly (3 times/season). The bi-weekly billing allows for easier accounting in the event of weather cancellations.

What will the lessons and activities be like? Pulling from our combination of active social-emotional and teambuilding activities, wilderness education, and summer camp experiences, we will be customizing each adventure experience to best fit your camper and your camper's group's personal interests and passions. Your camper will be outside, moving around, collaborating, competing, learning, and being challenged!

What is the cost? Suggested pricing will be determined on a sliding scale with the days/week table listed below.

Family discounts include 25% off for a second camper and 50% any additional camper(s). SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE! NO CAMPER/FAMILY WILL EVER BE TURNED AWAY!

Roosevelt Adventure Day Camp Suggested Cost Scale

Days/wk	1	2	3	4	5
Suggested Cost (\$) p/Wk	68	116	150	176	200

For more details, registration, information, or inquiries visit

Rooseveltadventures.com or contact via

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Margaret Schlinski

By Frances Duckett

Margaret died on April 28, 2022 in New York. Margaret was born in New York, but came to Roosevelt in her teens. She attended Allentown High School. Then, as an aspiring actress, she went back to New York. Her son, Benjamin List, told me that she dated Robert Downey and in the '60's appeared with him in a film called Chafed Elbows, which is available on You Tube! Margaret told me she had worked at the Shakespeare Theatre at Stratford, CT.

When I first met Margaret, in 1970, she was separated from her first husband, Daniel List, and living on Rochdale Avenue. Her children introduced us. Soon I was involved, acting and doing scenic design for the productions she directed (entirely pro bono) and in which my children were involved. Soon she married Edward Schlinski, a handyman, builder, and papier mache artist. They had a kind of salon, with endless coffee, artists like Herb Steinberg, and collectors like Allen Newrath hung out at their kitchen table under Ed's frieze of the Seven Deadly Sins. They gave great Labor Day parties. Margaret gave birth to twins, Abraham and Evelyn.

At one point Margaret was employed as a lunch aide at Roosevelt Public School. She organized ball games during lunch hour and kept the gym open some nights for floor hockey and basketball. Edward Schlinski died in 1983. Margaret acted as a faithful caregiver to her stepmother, Evelyn Meigs, through three strokes. Evelyn lived with them and was good company, until the last.

In 1991, when I returned to Roosevelt, it was in part because Margaret had offered me a job at the summer camp she was running at the Pine Valley Swim Club. She taught drama; I taught art. Margaret was addicted to heroin, but this did not apparently prevent her from running

the camp creditably. Soon after, though, she left town to go to her son Benjamin in Florida. He was recuperating from surgery and needed after-school care for his son Daniel. In Florida, Margaret quit heroin.

In 2005 Margaret came back to Roosevelt, staying with me and putting on Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in my backyard, an event covered by two newspapers. Margaret had a gift for mobilizing volunteers. She knew who and how to ask. June Counterman helped with costumes, Ani Roskam, a professional artist, put up a lovely acoustic set, Gert Edelstein loaned a sculpture of a running nymph, and the little girls across the street helped us count the house. It was a

triumphant comeback, and was followed by two other productions.

During her last years, Margaret lived at the Solar Village, where she volunteered with Meals on Wheels and contracted Parkinson's Disease. Daughters Tessie and Evelyn and son Ben cared for her. She is survived by brothers Frederick and George Meigs, sons Ben List and Abraham Schlinski, daughter Evelyn Schlinski, grandsons Daniel, Arthur and Ignatz List, and neice and nephew Nora and Avery Meigs.

A Partial List of the Productions Directed by Margaret Schlinski in Roosevelt

Children's Theater Workshop
Monsters and Marigolds
Death Knocks The Grass Harp
Many Moons
Fantasia
No Exit

Roosevelt Players
Chamber Music
Madeline (this went on the road!)
Our Town Under Milkwood (a reading)
A Midsummer Night's Dream
Scuba Duba

The War

Even 200 miles away,
in a tiny medieval town in Moldova, she could see
smoke drifting in the distance –
where explosions were as constant as heartbeats.

The uncertainty and fear were nothing new –
she had grown up hearing such stories.
What was different now was she had children to shield.

She kissed the lips of the man
who stayed behind to defend them,
and in the next breath she cursed
man kind in general.

Except for this one, this old one –
the one with the liver spots on his forehead
and hands, and the white sagging mustache.
The one who had opened his house to them –

and had said, when she had asked,
"No worry. This is your home now.
You can stay here as long as you want."

-- Ron Kostar

LETTERS

Dear Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation Supporters & Donors,

As we wind down the 2021-2022 school year, we would like to thank all who support and donate to RPSEF. This year, as the students entered the first full-day in-person school year since March 2020, we were able to support the students and teachers through grant funds. These funds would not be possible without the kindness of our donors. Thank you.

The RPS students enjoyed many activities this year. Here is a list of grants provided by RPSEF during this school year.

- K-5 Student agenda books and folders
- PreK, Pumpkin Hayride at West Haven Farm in Allentown.
- K 1, Apple Picking at Von Thun Farm in Dayton.
- K 1, Sea Life Education at Jenkinson's Aquarium in Point Pleasant.
- K 1, Insect Education at Insectropolis in Toms River.
- 5th grade graduation trip to Escapology, an Escape Room in Holmdel, and Oasis VRX, a VR experience in Holmdel.
- Prek-5th Book Swap one new book per student.
- Field Day t-shirts for students and staff.

RPSEF has an upcoming Ice Cream Social at Four Boys Ice Cream located at 122 South Main Street in downtown Hightstown on Friday, June 3rd, from 6pm to 8pm. CASH ONLY! 20% of all sales will go towards RPSEF to fund grants. Weather permitting, we will purchase our ice cream and meet across the street near Peddie Lake to enjoy the company of one another. We hope to meet some supporters and donors there!

Our foundation was gifted 70 prints of the Stefan Martin wood engraving "World in their Hands" by his generous family. Many thanks to the Martin family for their kindness. The prints were originally sold as a fundraiser for the Cooperative Nursery School that was housed in the Roosevelt synagogue. The pre-K in Roosevelt School is a successor to that program. We are still holding this fundraiser. Currently, there are 30 prints remaining for \$100 per print. Please contact Dianna Moore, an original board member of the Cooperative Nursery School, via call or text at 609-903-5874, or via email to diannaashtonrealty160@aol.com. Checks should be made out to RPSEF and be given to Dianna or mailed to:

RPSEF
P.O. Box 22
Roosevelt, NJ
08555.

Information about the Roosevelt Public School Education Foundation, as well as a link to donate, can be found by visiting



our website www.rpsef.org. We look forward to continuing the support of our students and teachers. We appreciate all the community connections, support and donations. Please reach out to us any time. Please check our website and also our Facebook page for up to date information about upcoming events and grants funded. Our foundation appreciates you!

Thank you for a wonderful school year.

Corin Schack
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xii.7.75 By the canal near Griggstown

from a long way across the flats and their dried grasses
(seeing the way the land lies, the
way grass lies in the flood plain---
pointing
the last current's course),
across all this gray/white/beige and
under the gray/white/beige light of winter sky slit with
blue,

under all this,
the dust rising behind my son's feet like smoke--
as if their small flames escape
spotting brushfires through the field.
I will stand in this tall hollow trunk above the woodchuck
hole and

show myself when called.
I'm cold.
I love them.
That's all.

--Rod Tulloss
from *December 1975*

Oak Trees

To sit beneath the spreading oak,
A pleasant thing, it's said,
But I think, it's just a joke
As acorns bang my head

-- Steve Taylor

The Moonlight

I waited on

In the late autumn moonlight,
A train droning out of thought—

The mind on moonlight

And on trains.

Blind as a thread of water

Stirring through a cold like dust,

Lonely beyond all silence

And humming this to children,

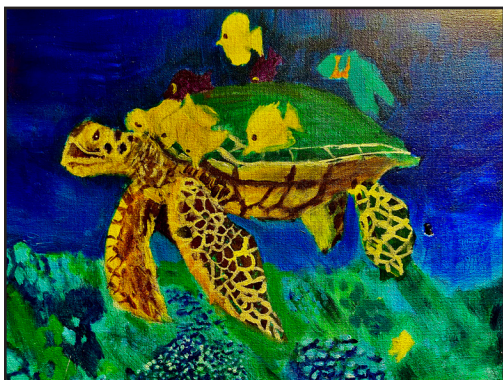
The nostalgic listeners in sleep,

Because no guardian

Strides through distance upon distance,

His eyes a web of sleep.

--Yvor Winters, (1900-1968)



Acrylic on canvas by Zach Pressler

From Nameful Nameless Light

#494.

Three eggs lined up, evenly spaced on my counter
in front of a morning window

bestowing upon each of their humble crowns a phosphorescent gift.
In return, they gesture onto the air a glaze of joy.

My bones vibrate in harp-string dance.

The three eggs stay as still as eggs in their light-self.

536.

In the dustlight of war
a teenage soldier in helmet and flakvest reaching out
bending to a small boy.
Behind them a hospital, destroyed, still smoking.

The soldier placing his hands on the boy's shoulders
as gently as distant foglight.

The boy's face unknots, lines of hope open a road
from the bodies beside him.

- Ukraine, March, 2022

#537.

After rain so gentle it touched the earth no harder than sunlight,
I walked in the orchard. The ground that inhaled the rain
now exhales. And I am taken by its petrichor,
bouquet from clay, mineral, weed of place.

And after the clouds dissipate, I find myself
caught up in a dialogue between earth & sky,
petrichor breath and sunlight chorus in airy conversation.
I can't talk. I am lifted and grounded at once.

My guilt means nothing. My fears insignificant, failure forgotten.

#543.

Bare unbarked tree limbs.
Their chalky shine in a spring
not yet sprung. Just bones.
I can't accept such a lie.
Gorgeous sculptures know spring now.

#546.

The sea's intense horizon line,
why do we never hear it snap?

The cloud-mountain suspended so high,
why such massive force indifferent?

The granite boulder's glister focused,
why do I not burst in flame?

#549.

The wise child asks: Every day I see the sun's hammer raised at noon,
why do we never hear it strike the earth?

The wicked child asks: Why, stone still in bed at night, do bad thoughts slide me
into peaceful sleep? And answers:
obsidian blackness and obsidian are one.

The simple child asks: How can such huge light fit into this day?

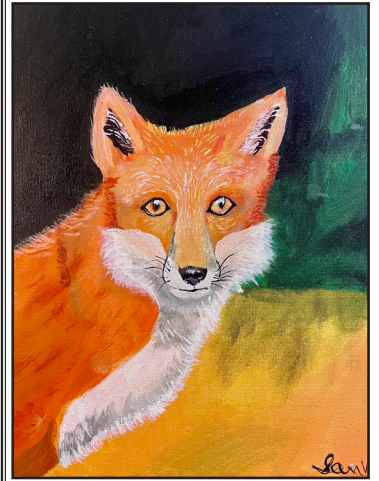
The silent child asks nothing because she knows:
Light and silence are one.

--David Sten Herrstrom

Chestnut Trees

A smithy 'neath a chestnut-tree
Was once a common sight,
Alas, the chestnut is no more;
A victim of the blight.

-- Steve Taylor



Acrylic on canvas by Sam Vo

If They Dropped

If they dropped copies of *Crime and Punishment*
I'd applaud
If they dropped the poems of Osip Mandelstam with an apology
I'd nod
If they dropped borsch and *galumkis* and fish soup and a samovar
I'd smile
And say thank you
And while you're at it would you drop
The scores of *The Nutcracker* and the *Rite of Spring* and a book of Chekov's
short stories and a plate of *golabkis*
But they don't
They don't.
He drops bombs

-- Ron Kostar

Poems by Roosevelt Public School students in
Ms. Gazanni's 3rd Grade Class

"Yellow"

Yellow is a meadow covered in butterflies dancing among
the dandelions
Yellow smells like lemon roses in a beautiful bowl during
spring Yellow feels like a nice beach day with sand rolling
through my toes
Yellow sounds like a goldfinch chomping on bird seed
outside our window
Yellow tastes like fluffy cotton candy at the circus
Yellow looks like a happy family
Yellow

--Loukia Petrillo

Red

Red is the love that blows through the Earth
Red smells like the strawberry pancakes
That water in my mouth
Red feels like my dark red best friend
Foxy
Red tastes like the tomato sauce on my
favorite pasta for dinner
Red sounds like the fox party in my dreams with
Foxy
Red looks like robins in the morning flying with their
friends
Red

--Lucinda Goncalves

Cyan

Cyan smells like blueberries fresh out of the farm
Cyan feels like cookie monster eating cookies
Cyan sounds like waves in the sea
splashing against the shore
Cyan looks like the sea splashing on to a
big blue whale
Cyan tastes like blueberries smashing against
my teeth

-- August Marut

L is for Language, pictures drawn by the Lenape Indians to tell stories.
A is for Awesome words to listen to.
N is Necessary to draw to talk to each other.
G is for Garden, planted among the burned tree stumps.
U is for a Unique and very special language.
A is for Ahikta, which means yes, in the Lenape language.
G is for Gathering fruits and vegetables from the garden.
E is for Eagles, hunted by the Lenape.

--Ethan Guzman

"Rose Gold Pink"

Rose gold pink is a pink rose in a purple, yellow, and green garden
Rose gold pink smells like soft cotton candy on a bright 80 degrees Fahrenheit day in the afternoon
Rose gold pink feels like a flamingo's tail tickling my warm face
Rose gold pink sounds like pink lemonade dripping slowly on a butterfly head
Rose gold pink tastes like my mom's happiness swishing in my mouth
Rose gold pink looks like a strawberry ice cream dripping from the cone

"Rose Gold Pink"

-- Milana Paige Pavlushkin

December Fishing

Deep in the dark cold,
carp believe the world is flat,
weighing down on them; the
carp believe silence sits on a cold, stiff chair,
gripping the arms,
panting and goggle-eyed;
and carp believe a bit of worm will cure them
of their scales and gills and foul-smelling skin
so they'll fly up like birds,
like manna with
a return ticket.

for Mark and David

--Rod Tulloss
from *The Machine Shuts Down, Selected Poems: 1969-1976*

Haikus by Roosevelt Public
School students in
Ms. Gazanni's 3rd Grade Class

One Day at the Beach

Water hits my legs
Sand is hot among my toes
Smells like salt water

-- Hudson Culver

"The Magical Meadow"

Wind blowing flowers
Pollen drifting calm and slow
Butterflies flying

-- Delaney Hopf

"The Life of a Bird"

The bird leaves the nest
A Beautiful blue sky
Wings Flap with the wind

-- Isaiah Larane

"My River Cruise"

Tropical river
the Amazon Rainforest
gentle breeze floats by

--Parker Locasto

"100 legs"

A centipede lives
A hundred legs in total
Long as the Nile

-- Julian Vethake

TRAILBLAZER

- A Be your own trailblazer! Why wait for the crowd?
B But if you're that far ahead of the game, who's going to appreciate you?
A Other trailblazers.
B Few and far between; sounds lonesome to me.
A I have no choice. It's what I am.
B Which – a trailblazer, or lonesome?
A Both.
B How do you know you're a trailblazer?
A When you get told, over and over, that you're twenty years ahead
of your time.
B I guess it depends on who's doing the counting. But careful you don't
take up the
misunderstood genius role, o.k.?
A I just get so tired of what is. So I go foraging around in the wilderness,
looking for something that speaks to me.
B I hope you're left with more than the trees for company, then.
A I like trees. They grow, they care for one another. Ever hear of a
thoughtless, self-centered tree?
B No. But then again, I never heard of a tree ahead of its time, either.

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--Judith McNally

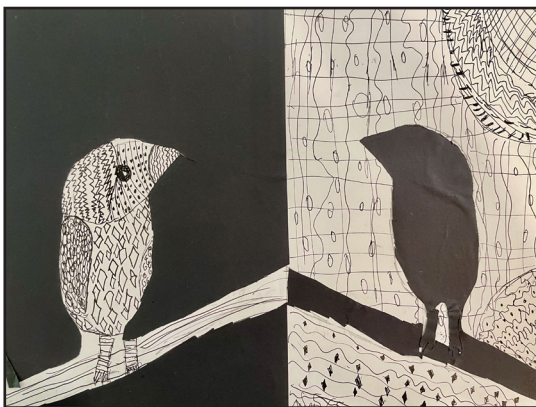


Ink on paper by Sam Vo

THE FARMERS' CHILDREN

Porcupines are drawn to human salt licks on the dying farms.
America has found a sport better than football.
Plymouth Rock has hatched—hair of wild animals matted with
blood and clay and
tiny birds with the faces of old Indian fighters.
They fly into our mouths when we sleep.
The hair falls in our meats and in the printer's ink.
It causes beautiful new words to appear in the newspapers;
they lie voluptuously in the mouth--
"death orchard"—
it is like velvet on our bodies.
Butchers and college professors stroke themselves with these words.
They think a knife or a bullet enters a man like Huck Finn's toes
sinking in the mud.
In the Department of Agriculture there is a box of small gray stones.
Tomorrow they will offer them to us in exchange for our children.
We have had two presidents in a row
who placed their children in an old Volksbus
on a hill
and released the emergency brake.

--Rod Tulloss
from *The Machine Shuts Down, Selected Poems: 1969-1976*



Pen on paper by Lois Pressler

Oi gevalt!

The bulletin needs a poem
I don't know what to give 'em?
I looked all over the brain
All I found was tons to drain
Sayings I'm saving for a year
That I wanted to read and hear
But all that works I see
Thoughts don't travel through the body
From one aperture to another with no clue
What is wrong with you
I ask melodramatically
Why it doesn't work mechanically
Where is the sound of what I found?
My sight is willing, but I have no brainstem
For the beautiful looking poem.

--Albert Hepner

Young People in Mexico City

The young people flying by on bikes in Mexico City are sexy!

The young people with colorful tattoos on their bare bronze
arms and legs are sexy!

Young people with green and purple hair are sexy!

The young people with tattoos and purple hair flying by on
bikes in Mexico City are sexy!

We were young once. We were! And we're still alive.

And sexy.

You just have to sit down and talk to us.

-- Ron Kostar

Rising Sun Lake Clean Up

Join Sam Vo and Zach Pressler in their joint Girl Scout Silver Award/ Bar Mitzvah service project to clean up litter at Rising Sun Lake.

Date: July 10th at 1:00 pm

Location: Rising Sun Lake

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The Ex-Astronaut

Even though it's been years since he orbited the earth

We surrounded him like awed schoolchildren

He wore a taupe suit and was unfazed by the attention

When he smiled his eyes slitted behind rimless glasses

The rest of the wedding guests headed to the dance floor or bar

While we lingered longer with someone who bit the stars

Wes Czystewski

THE COUNTING

A So how's your sleep lately?

B Not so good. I get anxious.

A I just heard some sleep advice from a pastor, on a podcast.

B There's a pastor with a talk show?

A He works in a hospital. He said if you're upset about something, write it down three hours before bedtime.

B Three hours?

A Yes. Then throw it away.

B It's the three hour part. In that much time, I could get upset all over again.

A Well, that's what I heard.

B Couldn't it be shorter? Like an hour?

A I guess it depends on how fast a writer you are.

B I'm a turtle.

A Because by the time you finished writing, it might be time to brush your teeth and fall into bed.

B There still might be time to get upset again.

A Well, how about writing with a flashlight, under the blankets?

B I'll try. It's just that I have so many things to resolve. But I am getting tired of counting sheep.

A I didn't know.

B In fact, sometimes the sheep actually keep me from falling asleep.

A How so?

B You know – all that baah-ing and bleating.

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.-Judith McNally

THE WINNOWING

- A Hi – what have you been doing?
- B I've been winnowing stuff around the house. Lots donated to the local thrift shop. Our place looks more spacious now, but it sure stirred up a lot of memories.
- A How long have you lived there?
- B Thirty-two years.
- A A person can accumulate a lot of junk in thirty-two years!
- B I used to go to a lot of yard sales, lots of gift shops on our travels, and roadside free stuff – furniture, bookshelves, knick-knacks – you name it.
- A That's very anti-consumerism; you're supposed to go to stores and buy something. Or these days, shop online.
- B Tried that, too. Got some nice things. But then I ended up with two pairs of shoes with heels too high. And then I got ripped off by an online place that turned out to be fraudulent.
- A How much did you lose?
- B Thirty-five dollars. The bank said they would try to get me a refund.
- A Not a huge sum.
- B No. But enough to put a damper on buying anything more.
- A A buyer no more.
- B Well, not quite.
- A Oh?
- B I did stop at a yard sale yesterday.
- A Did you buy anything?
- B One ceramic cannister, and a large wicker basket.
- A To be used for?
- B I have no idea.

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--Judith McNally

Error

The crow again.
Every winter I see him, early
on my way to work,
rowing crystal air at zero
with tiny slow turns
at the tips of his wings,
his eye intent
no matter where he glances.
Every year I want this of him:
the smallest bit
of the least particle of God
to be known once
like a stone or pain.

1.13.77
Hopewell

--Rod Tulloss

*from US1: An Anthology,
Contemporary Writing from
New Jersey*

She Wakes Up in the Morning

She wakes up in the morning
and cooks for her people.
Then she goes outside and plants seeds.

Later that afternoon, the musicians show up
with their instruments of destruction,
and mimicking the birds, they play
music for the people who can't afford airline tickets

But who come here with open ears
to hear the music.

As do the deer and wild turkeys, rabbits and vultures
who stand reticently at the edge of the woods
listening, too, and hoping

That maybe, just maybe --
these impulsive, unpredictable and often-violent
two-legged creatures will put down
their grievances and guns.

-- Ron Kostar

Is It Worth It?

The raven flies over a field of flowers
Soaring above the trees
Their black feathers shining from the moonlight
They land on a tree branch to rest
The wolf pup sits alone drinking from a river
The wolf pup feels water at its paws
Soon the wolf pup feels itself being pulled down the river
Is it worth it?
The wolf pup thought
Is it worth it?
The raven looked down at the mud below
The wolf pup stuck in it
Creatures stalked around it
The raven stops itself from saving the wolf pup
Is it worth it?
Is it worth it?
The raven repeated in its head
Finally the raven knew what to do.
The human stopped before throwing the plastic bottle
On to the ground
Is it worth it?
Is it worth it?
They thought
To pollute the earth
Because I do not want to walk over to the garbage can?
Finally they knew what to do

--Lois Pressler



Watercolor by Zach Pressler

Airless Room

We are all we can do,
And all we cannot.

This doing of things,
Of all that occurs in
The chaos of particles and waves,
Breaks like sweat beneath our clothes,
And sustains the lies we tell ourselves
about position and speed.

What we assume
We also dread:
The inability to know or remember,
The hapless fingers that untie no knots,
A fine line of drool that descends in a thread,
Like a spiderless web that offers no volition of its own.

How we would have escaped if we could,
To wander freely on other shores,
Bare feet warm in the sand,
Sunburnt and thin in our austerity,
But intact.

This death of senses and sense,
Descends on an airless room.

We are all we can do,
And all we cannot.

Les Manley

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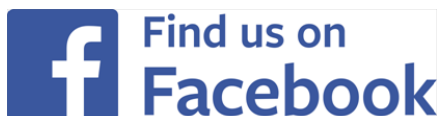
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- It's better for the community because it supports and creates a connection with local farm families.
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In Roosevelt, locally grown food is available at Mendies Farm, which operates a roadside stand and CSA (Community Supported Agriculture, where members buy a share of the produce grown on the farm). The farm is owned and managed by Roosevelt residents Lawrence and Heidi Mendies.

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In neighboring towns, locations offering locally grown food include:

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PROTOCOL

- A I'm so tired of rules and regulations, and protocol.
- B Aren't rules made to be broken?
- A Not these days. Seems like things are tightening up like a fist.
- B What happened now?
- A I couldn't be at home, for a delivery, so I left a note with my signature, on the door. The delivery person refused to leave the package because my signature wasn't on the right piece of paper.
- B Protocol. He needed to keep his job.
- A Then, I tried to order one item over the phone, and the woman plowed on through a ten-minute sales talk, even though I offered my credit card number and said I was about to hang up. She said, "I understand," and went right on with her spiel.
- B As the message says every time, "This call may be recorded or monitored for quality control and training." She was just trying to keep her job. Protocol again.
- A Then today I called to re-schedule a doctor appointment, and the woman insisted on having my new insurance card number right then. It wasn't nearby, and I asked if I could bring the card to the appointment. No.
- B You're ranting.
- A What happened to the good ole' days, when there was trust? Protocol – it clogs things up. I can't stand it anymore!
- B Well, you have two options for unclogging.
- A Which are...?
- B You can either use Draino, or call the plumber.

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--Judith McNally

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JUNE

8	Weds.	Recycling Pickup	
13	Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting, by video conference. See online agenda for details: https://www.rooseveltnj.us/government/council-agendas-minutes Peggy Malkin, Mayor
14	Tues.	7:00 pm	Planning Board, meeting conducted by video conference. See online agenda for details: https://www.rooseveltnj.us/planning-board-agenda
15	Weds.	7:00 pm	Environmental Commission, conducted by video conference. See agenda for details: https://www.rooseveltnj.us/ec-agendas-minutes
18 Sat.	12:00pm- 5:00 pm	Roosevelt Arts Project Presents: A Collaboration Involving Painting, Writing, and Music. 2 School Lane, Roosevelt, NJ 08555 Please bring a cell phone with a QR Code application and earbuds so you can listen to the music There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person.	
19	Sun.	Father's Day	
20	Mon.	7:00 pm	Council Meeting, by video conference. See online agenda for details: https://www.rooseveltnj.us/government/council-agendas-minutes Peggy Malkin, Mayor
22	Weds.	Recycling Pickup	
23	Thurs.	7:30 pm	RPS Board of Education, by video conference. Ken LeCompte, President

JULY

4	Mon.	Independence Day – Celebration at Roosevelt Public School sponsored by Borough Council. Music, food, entertainment, bounce slide. Bring a dish! Free.	
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