



# Everyday Poems for City Sidewalk

Saint Paul Public Works Poetry Contest

Deadline: Friday, May 29, 2009

Up to 5 poets will receive a \$150 prize and citywide honor!



Saint Paul's Department of Public Works and Public Art Saint Paul bring you our innovative sidewalk poetry program for a second year. We invite residents to enter our contest to have their poems permanently installed in city sidewalks. We are looking for short poems that provide a delightful moment of outdoor reading. Poems may be inspiring, funny, meaningful, cynical, mundane... anything appropriate for the general public. There's a poet in each of us, and we encourage you to enter.

Here's an example of an entry poem by Saint Paul's Poet Laureate Carol Connolly:

## A Gentleman's Invitation

*Meet me at six o'clock at the New French Café.  
We will share, says he, a cup of consommé.  
Handsome is he and debonair. His smile  
is as wide as the English Channel.  
But a hungry woman searching for substance  
could drown in a cup of consommé  
at six o'clock at the New French Café.*

## Guidelines:

- Open only to Saint Paul residents—professional or amateur writers of any age
- Each resident may submit up to two poems on any topic appropriate for the general public.
- Poems should be short, no longer than 300 characters including spaces. Poems must be in English.
- Entries must be original work by the entrant, either previously published or new work.
- Selected poets will receive a \$150 prize and publication in city sidewalks. Poets' names will be credited on the project website, not in the sidewalk.
- All entries are reviewed through an anonymous process by a panel of writers and artists.
- Deadline for submissions is Friday, May 29, 2009. Winners will be announced on [www.stpaul.gov/poetry](http://www.stpaul.gov/poetry) by June 26, 2009.

**To enter, please visit: [www.stpaul.gov/poetry](http://www.stpaul.gov/poetry). Entries are accepted only online, not by mail. Each entrant must also send a \$3 fee payable to Public Art Saint Paul. This is a processing fee; donations are also appreciated.**

Send the \$3 entry fee to:  
Everyday Poems for City Sidewalk  
c/o Public Art Saint Paul  
253 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, #201  
Saint Paul, MN 55101

For more information and to see last year's selected poems, visit: [www.stpaul.gov/poetry](http://www.stpaul.gov/poetry). For questions, please contact Dave Hunt at [dave.hunt@ci.stpaul.mn.us](mailto:dave.hunt@ci.stpaul.mn.us), 651-266 - 6134. Thank you!

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