

*Introducing the NEW Madison Poets Laureate,*  
**Sarah Busse and Wendy Vardaman**  
with guests, **the Wisconsin Poet Laureate, Bruce Dethlefsen,**  
**Andrea Musher, Madison Poet Laureate, 2001-2007**  
and the Hibiscus Collective  
**Fabu, Madison Poet Laureate, 2008-2011, M.C.**

**Saturday, February 11, 1:30-3:30 p.m.**  
**Goodman South Madison Branch Library**

2222 S. Park St. Room 115

**Inaugural Reception with refreshments and book signing to follow.**  
Free and open to the public



**Sarah Busse** is co-editor of *Verse Wisconsin* ([versewisconsin.org](http://versewisconsin.org)) and Cowfeather Press ([cowfeatherpress.org](http://cowfeatherpress.org)) and contributing scholar to the Mezzo Cammin Women Poets Timeline project. Her poetry has been published in a wide variety of journals and received the WFOP Chapbook Prize, as well as Pushcart Prize, in 2011. She is the author of two chapbooks, and her first full-length collection, *Somewhere Piano*, will be published by Mayapple Press in 2012.



**Wendy Vardaman** ([wendyvardaman.com](http://wendyvardaman.com)) has a Ph.D. from University of Pennsylvania. Co-editor/web master of *Verse Wisconsin*, as well as Cowfeather Press, she is the author of *Obstructed View* (Fireweed Press, 2009). She works for the children's theatre company, The Young Shakespeare Players. In addition to poetry, she writes reviews, essays and interviews which have appeared in *Poetry Daily*, *The Women's Review of Books* and *Poets.org*, among other places.



Wisconsin Poet Laureate (2011-2012), **Bruce Dethlefsen**, has two chapbooks, *A Decent Reed* and *Something Near the Dance Floor*, and his full-length book, *Breather*, published by Fireweed Press, won an Outstanding Achievement Award in Poetry from the Wisconsin Library Association. His new book, *Unexpected Shiny Things*, is published by Cowfeather Press. A retired educator and public library director, he lives in Westfield, Wisconsin.



**Fabu**, Madison Poet Laureate (2008-2011), "writes and works to encourage, inspire and remind." Her greatest accomplishment as Poet Laureate was to put poetry in unusual places, such as buses, sidewalks, *Madison Magazine*, *Madison Times*, and *Capital City Hues*. Her published works include *Poems, Dreams and Roses* (Madison Arts Commission, 2009), *In Our Own Tongues* (The University of Nairobi Press, 2011) and *Journey to Wisconsin: African American Life in Haiku* (Parallel Press, 2011). Fabu was the artistic director for The Mary Lou Williams Centennial Celebration in 2010.



**Andrea Musher** served as the second Poet Laureate of Madison from January 2001 through December 2007. During her tenure, she gave countless poetry readings, judged numerous poetry contests, hosted weekly broadcasts and created poetry cds in conjunction with WORT. She served as co-editor of the quarterly journal, *Cup of Poems and a Side of Prose* (cop & sop), wrote poems for events such as Madison's sesquicentennial and the mayoral inauguration, and sponsored readings for peace in 2003. She taught classes in the Department of Languages and Literature as well as in the Department of Women's Studies at UW-Whitewater for 26 years, from which she retired as an Associate Professor in June 2011. Musher was instrumental in formalizing the position of Poet Laureate under the Madison Arts Commission, generously establishing a fund to insure its future.

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