

Select October & November 2021 Madison Poet Laureate activities in the community:

- Working Draft Beer Company, 11/14/2021, poetry reading from journal *Hope is the Thing*, published by the Wisconsin Historical Society (WI poets responding to the pandemic, read with local Madison poets)
- Published in national program, Poem-A-Day, November 18, 2021
 - <https://poets.org/poem/discount-lot>
 - reaches 300,000 people per day, selected by former WI Poet Laureate, Kimberly Blaeser (This is a really big deal in the poetry world!)
- 11/4/2021 Haiku Festival, Dekalb, IL original haiku set to music by young composers at Northern Illinois University composers program, short interview with me
 - <https://www.northernpublicradio.org/2021-11-12/young-composers-create-haiku-inspired-music-during-nius-new-music-festival>
- 10/28/2021 spoke to UW-Madison Chicano Studies class, read and discussed poems with young Latinx writers
- 10/21/2021 Green Bay, WI received a 2021 Creative Community Champion Award from Arts Wisconsin and League of Wisconsin Municipalities, traveled to Green Bay with poets laureate from across the state to receive the award and perform poems
- 10/15/2021 Wisconsin Conference on Latinx Arts & Culture 18-minute Ted Talk & Q&A with LOUD (Latinos Organizing for Understanding & Development), a project of former Madison Poet Laureate, Oscar Mireles
- 10/8/2021 MMOCA ekphrastic poetry event, poems in response to current exhibit, wrote original poem, "The Darker Sister Speaks," and performed with other poets in the community, exhibit "Caja de Visiones."

In the second year, I have spent more time mentoring young poets, especially writers of color. I host lunchtime poetry ZOOM meetings which work well with my day job. In 2022 in partnership with the Madison Public Library, my poem, "Tree Friends," will be part of a tool kit and poetry project. I paid for it to be translated in Spanish. This will be a reverse ekphrastic poetry project where participants draw a picture in response to the poem. Also, we are planning three free poetry workshops in 2022 one geared for children, one for adults and one for families. I was one of the libraries judges for their "We Read Youth Voices Contest" and it was wrapped up in September. Bus Lines Poetry Project for 2022 will be back on the buses! Talking with the library about hosting this project in their space and displaying the art in May 2022. In addition to my MPL duties I am publishing and writing. I have another book coming out in January 2022, "My People Redux."

<https://www.finishinglinepress.com/product/my-people-redux-by-angela-trudell-vasquez/>

Thank you for the opportunity to share just a few of the things I have been doing in the last two months! Angie