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2020 City of St. Albert Poet Laureate call for nominations is open

ST. ALBERT – Nominations for St. Albert’s Poet Laureate are now open and will be accepted until end of day on Monday, March 9, thanks to a continuing partnership between St. Albert Public Library and The City of St. Albert. The Poet Laureate Committee welcomes nominations of all poets who live, work or play in St. Albert and who are over the age of 16.

The Poet Laureate, ‘the people’s poet,’ is an honorary position with a term of two years. During that term, the Laureate will be recognized as a cultural and literary ambassador, act as a champion for poetry, language, and the arts, and represent the City as Laureate during readings at civic functions and public poetry events. The Poet Laureate will receive \$1,000 annually.

St. Albert’s second Poet Laureate will be announced in April in celebration of National Poetry Month.

St. Albert Public Library Assistant and Poet Laureate Committee Chair Geoff Manderscheid is excited about the continuation of the Poet Laureate position. “The Poet Laureate creates and presents original works that reflect and represent culture, ideas, and issues of importance to the people of St. Albert and beyond. In a city that is committed to the creation, delivery and expression of culture, the Poet Laureate will act as a connector of voices and ideas, and a celebrant of the many ways the arts intersect with citizens’ daily lives.”

Nominations will be accepted online until 11:59 p.m. on Monday, March 9. Nominees will have until Friday, March 20 to submit their required documents and forms. Visit www.sapl.ca for more information and to make your nomination.

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