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## Program recognizes National Poet

**BAYFIELD** — In recognition of April as National Poetry Month, the Bayfield Public Library is presenting an evening of poetry and discussion on Saturday, April 21, as Howard Paap, Bayfield's Poet Laureate for 2017-18, will read and discuss a selection of his work as part of a program that runs from 6-7:30 p.m.

Paap and his wife Marlene have resided permanently in the Bayfield-Red Cliff region since 2003 and today both re-

main employed in Bayfield. He will comment on his life as a sometime poet, how he began writing poems in the 1940s and how his childhood and youth spent on small Wisconsin family dairy farms, his military service and his eventual study of anthropology have influenced his work. He also will read and comment on selected poems from writers and thinkers like Robert Frost, May Sarton, Robert Monro, Robert Bly, Rob Gason, Janet

Lewis and Amy Jo Barker.

The challenge of writing new and creditable work about the community that is the Bayfield and Red Cliff region will be discussed.

"I feel a laureate's efforts should carry a bit of the unexpected," he said. "In this case, it should be a departure from our old-time adoration of our big lake, the islands and our four amazing seasons. All of these are important, of course, and we love their inte-

gral part of our lives today, but we also must recognize our contemporary world with its demands and rewards. The region's history and how to put it to verse is endlessly interesting, but I hope I am doing well with speaking to today's realities as well."

The program is free and open to the public and is planned to run just over an hour. A brief intermission will be given and free refreshments will be available.

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