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## WRITING AWARDS

Northeastern Minnesota Book Award, 2<sup>nd</sup> place in fiction, poetry, drama, 2007  
Arrowhead Regional Arts Council Opportunity Grant, 2007  
Northeastern Minnesota Book Award, 1<sup>st</sup> place, fiction, poetry, drama, 2003  
Arrowhead Regional Arts Council Fellowship in Poetry, 2002  
Arrowhead Regional Arts Council Fellowship in Poetry, 1998  
Loft McKnight Fellowship Award for Creative Prose, 1996  
Poetry Prize, Finnish American Reporter, 1995  
Loft Mentor Award for Poetry. 1992-1993  
Loft McKnight Fellowship Award for Poetry, 1986

## PUBLICATIONS

Poetry book: *The Mother Tongue*, Calyx Press, c2007

Poetry chapbooks: *Fearful Journey*, c2008, Wildwood River Press; *Dear Bird*, c2006; *Always Saying Good-bye*, c1998, Poetry Harbor; collections: *Across the Fence*, Tamarack Press, c1983; *Uncommon Light*, Tamarack Press, c2003

Fiction: "The Cure," *O Finland*, Otsa Press, c1998; "Under the Weather," *Sidewalks*, Spring 1998; "Honey," *Evergreen Chronicles*, Fall 1997; "Sparky," *Forkroads*, Fall 1996; "Smoke," *One Minute of Knowing*, Loft Publication, 1996

Essays: "Up the Hawse Pipe: A Brief History of a Ship's Engineer," *Nor'Easter: Journal of the Lake Superior Marine Museum Association*, c2009; "The North Shore" *North Writers, II*, ed John Hendricksson, University of Minnesota Press c1997; "Owning the Poetic Voice," *A View from the Loft*, May 1994, "Feminist Mothering," *Wellsprings*, ed. Denise Tracy, Delphi Resources, c1992; "Journal of a Pregnancy," *Women's Times*, 1984 Annual Issue

Poetry: magazines: *Ploughshares*, *Earth's Daughters*, *Sing Heavenly Muse*, *Wolfhead Quarterly*, *Hurricane Alice*, *Main Channel Voices*, *Minnesota Poetry Calendar*, *Sinister Wisdom*, *Rag Mag*, *Sidewalks*, *North Coast Review*, *Loonfeather*, *Finnish American Reporter*, *Zenith City Arts*, *Metis*, *Forkroads*, *Women's Times*, *YourLife magazine*, *Canal Park Times*, *The Weaver's Friend*, *The Poet's Touchstone*

Anthologies: *Beloved on the Earth: 150 Poems of Grief and Gratitude*, Holy Cow Press, c2009; *Trail Guide to the Northland Experience in Prints and Poetry*, Calyx Press, c2008; *To Sing Along the Way: Minnesota Women Poets from Pre-territorial Days to the Present*, New Rivers Press, c2006; *Erotic Justice*, Calyx Press, c2007; *Response*, Calyx Press, c2006; *Shared Visions*, Calyx Press, c2004, *Uncommon Light*, Tamarack Press, c2003; *Across the Fence*, Tamarack Press, c1983; *Sampo: The Magic Mill: A Collection of Finnish American Writers*, New Rivers Press, c1989; *Red, White and a Paler Shade of Blue: Poems on the Finnish American Experience*, ed. Mary Kinnunen, FinnFest USA c1996; *My Lover Is a Woman*, ed. Leslea Newman, Ballantine Press, NY, c1996; *Poets Who Haven't Moved to Minneapolis* and *Poets Who Haven't Moved to St. Paul*, Poetry Harbor, 1991

Broadside: "Between Us" poem for the Tweed 13 Broadside Project, c1996, in the permanent collection of the Tweed and Walker Museum

Book reviews: *Finnish American Reporter*, 2007; *Hodge Podge* 1997; *The New Review*, c1996; *Duluth News Tribune*, c1996

Editor: Café au Lake, c1998, c1999; Love Out Loud chapbook, c1998 (for Women's Coffeehouse, Duluth); 1999 Spring/Summer *North Coast Review*

Performance: Wildwood River: spoken word performance with cellist, Kathy McTavish (I've performed at the Loft, Banfill Locke Nature Center, Intermedia Arts GLBT Writers Series, Spirit Lake Poetry Series, Duluth, and other venues; former member of the the artists' collaborative performance group Café au Lake that sponsors poetry, music, visual art and dance; numerous poetry readings

#### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

College Writing Instructor: adjunct, Lake Superior College, 2002-2008

Workshops: Ongoing: Poetry group, Lake Superior Writers, weekly meetings; Ironworld, Chisholm, MN: lecture "Impact on the Iron Range on my Writing," March 2008; "Memoir Writing Workshop," March 16, 2009; Poetry Workshops: Lake Superior Writers, Nettleton Elementary School, Chester Park Elementary, Duluth East High School, Harbor City International School, Goddard College

#### ARTS ORGANIZATIONS

Board Member, Lake Superior Writers, Duluth, 2008-present

Judge, Poetry Out Loud, High School Poetry Recitation, Arrowhead Region, 2009