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### **Walk this way: Sidewalk poetry contest is back for second year**

*Zionsville's second annual contest to transform downtown sidewalks*

Got a rhyme? Got a thought? Got a poem for a sidewalk? Put that poem in writing and submit it to the Zionsville Cultural District (ZCD). That organization is sponsoring the second annual "Step-On-Us Sidewalk Poetry Contest."

Last year's contest drew 169 entries from 22 Indiana communities. "It was an impressive response. We struck a poetic nerve," said poetry contest committee member Donna Monday.

Last year's winners, Carrie Ciula and Megan Alms, saw their work stamped into the sidewalk on Sycamore Street between Main and First.

"The Zionsville Cultural District extends a heartfelt thank you to everyone who participated in last year's sidewalk poetry contest," said Carla Howie, President of the ZCD. "It was a tremendous success, and we look forward to determining who will have their poems stamped in the sidewalks in 2018. Our partnerships with the town government, local merchants and area donors attest to the value of public art, and it is with pride we extend this opportunity again.

The winning poems will be imprinted in conjunction with the Zionsville Street & Stormwater Department's ongoing sidewalk repair schedule.

Zionsville Mayor Tim Haak also praised the contest. "The sidewalk poetry contest is quickly becoming a one-of-a-kind Zionsville tradition that we believe students and adults will look forward to participating in year after year," says Haak. "This is a unique public art initiative that will make Zionsville even more of a destination for businesses, residents and visitors."

Poems may be simple or profound but may not be political or profane. They must be short. Poets are divided into two categories—youth (17 and under, Zionsville residents) and adult (18 and over, Indiana residents). Entry fees are \$5 for youth and \$10 for adults.

Entries are due Feb. 14 with the winners announced in March. Entries can be mailed to Zionsville Cultural District (225 W. Hawthorne St., Zionsville, IN 46077) or submitted online at [www.zionsvilleculturaldistrict.org](http://www.zionsvilleculturaldistrict.org). Submitted poems will be judged without the authors' names on them.

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