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Zionsville Cultural District announces winners of poetry contest

Winners poems stamped onto Village sidewalk

Zionsville Cultural District (ZCD), in partnership with the Town of Zionsville, has announced the winners of the inaugural [“Step-On-Us Sidewalk Poetry Contest,”](#) which launched in February. In the adult category, Carrie Ciula has been selected as the first place winner and in the youth category, Megan Alms has been selected as the first place winner.

Megan Alms is a sophomore at Taylor University pursuing a Professional Writing major and was raised in Zionsville. She attended Pleasant View Elementary, Zionsville Middle School and Zionsville Community High School. "I entered this poetry contest because I loved the idea of decorating Zionsville with words," Alms said. "I can't think of a better way to leave my mark on my hometown than using words to make it more beautiful."

Carrie Ciula is a local writer focused on whole and wild foods, community, connection, spirituality and sustainability. "Entering this contest felt like a good and fun way to support our community, so I sent in a few words," Ciula said.

In total, 69 poetry entries were submitted in the youth category and 99 entries were submitted in the adult category. Adult entries came from 22 Indiana communities.

Media are invited to attend the official poetry unveiling and reception with Alms and Ciula, Mayor Haak, ZCD board members and Town of Zionsville officials on Friday, July 21 at 10:30 a.m. at the corner of Sycamore and First Street. A reception at SullivanMunce will follow.

The poetry contest, unique in Indiana and one of only a handful in the nation, was open to all Indiana adult residents and Zionsville youth ages 18 and under. Entries were accepted through March 30. The program was created to promote the arts in Zionsville, transform the sidewalks and inspire residents of all ages to appreciate the arts.

"This is a unique project that we were happy to get on board with since it makes our downtown an even more vibrant destination for residents and visitors and promotes the diversity of the arts," Mayor Tim Haak said. "We look forward to seeing the contest expand each year."

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