



April 2023 Newsletter

**You Are Invited to
The 2023 Athenæum Vermont Gala
Thursday, May 11, 6:30 pm**



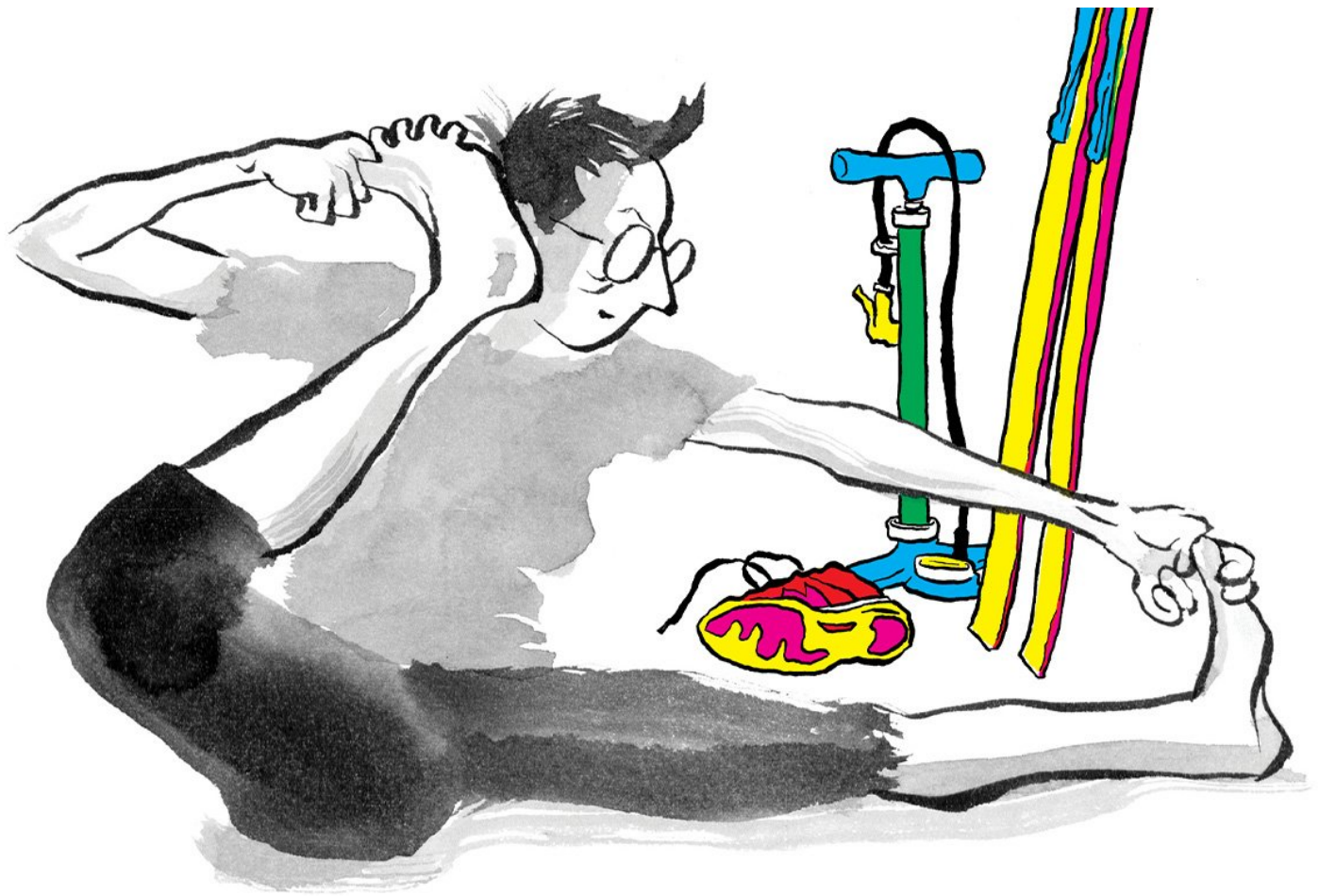
The Gala is back and more fun than ever!

The Vermont Gala 2023 will be held on Thursday, May 11 at 6:30 pm at the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum. Tickets are \$100. Dress is Vermont Casual. Food by the St. Johnsbury Academy. Meal choice of beef/chicken/vegetarian. Beer and wine included.

Tickets available at <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/everregistra/event/868890/>

Limited tickets available. For more information contact Scott Davis at: sdavis@stjathenaeum.org or 802-745-1393.

**First Wednesdays:
The Secret to Superhuman Strength
Wednesday, April 5, 7 pm**



Celebrated cartoonist Alison Bechdel discusses her work as an illustrator and memoirist, including her most recent book, **The Secret to Superhuman Strength**, a graphic memoir about her lifelong love affair with exercise that won the 2021 Vermont Book Award.

About Alison Bechdel

Cartoonist Alison Bechdel's 2006 graphic novel, **Fun Home: A Family Tragicomic**, was named Best Book of the Year by Time magazine. Much of Bechdel's work focuses on the overlap of the political and the personal spheres, the relationship of the self to the world outside. Her 2012 memoir, **Are You My Mother?** was one of Time magazine's top 10 books of 2012.

Her most recent book, **The Secret to Superhuman Strength**, won a 2021 Vermont Book Award. Bechdel's comic strip, "*Dykes to Watch Out For*," ran for 25 years, until 2008. Bechdel has been awarded Guggenheim and MacArthur fellowships.

This event is free, ADA accessible and open to the public. Assisted listening devices are available upon request. Contact Bob Joly in advance for access to an assisted listening device at bjoly@stjathenaeum.org or 802-745-1389.

Underwriter: Anne Commire Fund for Women in the Humanities.

Statewide Underwriters: Vermont Department of Libraries; Institute of Museum and Library Services

Please contact us at info@vermonthumanities.org for information on disability services. To request a specific accommodation, contact us at least three weeks prior to the event. Vermont Humanities strives to provide accommodations whenever possible. All event locations are ADA accessible.

**PoemTown:
Midday Open Mic Poetry Reading
Thursday, April 6 and April 20, 1 pm
Athenaeum Art Gallery**

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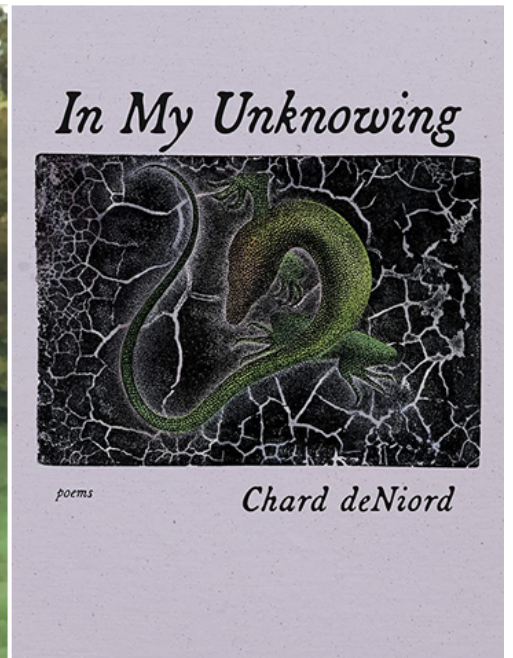
Join us in celebrating Poem Town and National Poetry Month. Share your original poetry or poetry from a favorite poet. Participation in Open Mic is on a first come, first served basis.

You do not need to be a participating poet to attend. Come, sit back and enjoy. Everyone welcome!

This event is free, ADA accessible and open to the public.



Poet Chard deNiord
Wednesday, April 12, 7 pm



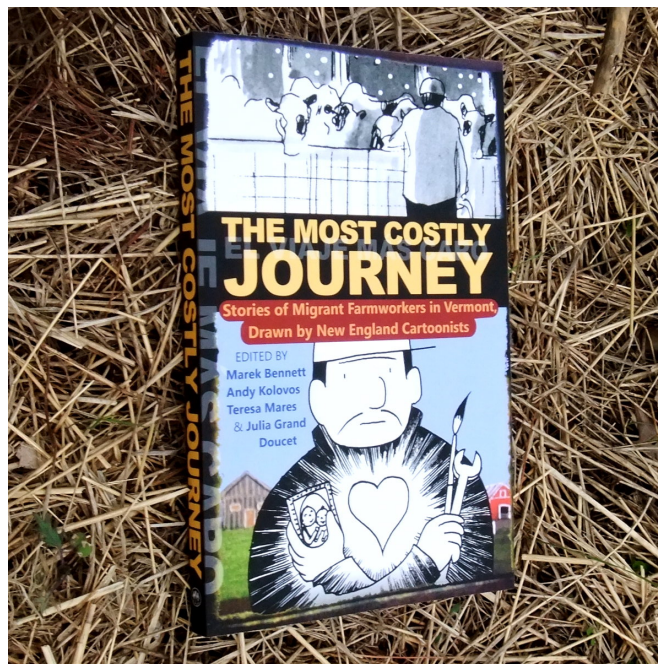
Chard deNiord is the author of six books of poetry, the latest, *In My Unknowing* (University of Pittsburgh Press 2020). He is also the author of two books of interviews with eminent American poets: *Sad Friends, Drowned Lovers, Stapled Songs, Conversations and Reflections on 20th Century Poetry*, and *I Would Lie To You If I Could*, and co-edited *Roads Taken: Contemporary Vermont Poetry*.

Chard was poet laureate of Vermont from 2016-2019 and co-founded The Ruth Stone Foundation. He retired from teaching at Providence College in 2020, where he is now Professor Emeritus of English

and Creative Writing. He serves as board member of the Sundog Poetry Center in Vermont, is the essay editor at Plume Poetry Journal. He lives in Westminster West, Vermont with his wife, Liz.

This event is free, ADA accessible and open to the public.

The Most Costly Journey: Community Book Discussion (at Pope Memorial Library Community Building) Friday, April 21, 1:30 pm



Come to the Pope Memorial Library to join in an interesting and informative community book discussion of *The Most Costly Journey*, Vermont Reads book. *The Most Costly Journey* tells the stories of 19 migrant farm workers in their own words, illustrated by New England cartoonists in a variety of styles.

Each short chapter describes aspects of life as an immigrant farm worker in Vermont.

Books are available now at the Pope Memorial Library and St. Johnsbury Athenaeum circulation desks to read before the book discussion.

Questions? Contact Adele West-Fisher at 802-748-8291 or awestfisher@stjathenaeum.org, or Shara McCaffrey at 802-684-2256.

This Vermont Reads event is sponsored by Vermont Humanities, St. Johnsbury Athenaeum, Cobleigh Public Library, Migrant Justice, and Catamount Arts.

**Friends of the Athenaeum &
Secondhand Prose
Maple Fest Sidewalk Sale
Saturday, April 22, 11 am-3 pm**



**Friends of the
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum
and
Secondhand Prose
Bookstore**



Secondhand Prose will have a sidewalk sale outside its shop at 1222 Main Street during Maple Festival! Come check out a great selection of gently used books for sale. Free book with each book purchased!

**Inquisitive Readers Book Club
Thursday, April 25, 6 pm**

INQUISITIVE READERS BOOK CLUB

The Inquisitive Readers Book Club moves from the 3rd Thursday of the month to the 4th Thursday of the month.

Looking for an in-person Book Club? Inquisitive Readers Book Club will be meeting the 4th Thursday of each month.

Contact the Book Club facilitator Maurine Hennings at Henningsmh@yahoo.com to indicate your interest.

April 25: *Great Witch of Brittany* by Louisa Martin

May 25: *Saving Fish from Drowning* by Amy Tan
and *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes

June 22: *Zorro* by Isabel Allende

**Friends of the St. Johnsbury Athenaeum
Annual Meeting
Thursday, April 27, 10:30 am**



**Friends of the
St. Johnsbury Athenaeum
and
Secondhand Prose
Bookstore**



Athenaeum Hall, 2nd Floor.

General Business Meeting; membership not required to attend. Everyone welcome!

Refreshments provided. RSVP to Adele West-Fisher: awestfisher@stjathenaeum.org or 802-748-8291.

**Sing Along with
Ed The Music Man
Friday, April 28, 1:30 pm
Athenaeum Art Gallery**



A sing along in the Art Gallery for grownups featuring classic songs from the 50's, 60's, and 70's. Not a singer? Come, sit back and enjoy the music and the beautiful art.

This event is free, ADA accessible and open to the public.

Youth Events

Lapsit Storytime
Every Thursday in April, 10 am



LAP SIT
STORYTIME

Join us in the Children's Library for a 20 minute lap program of stories, songs and fingerplays. For ages birth to 18 months with caregiver. Siblings welcome.

Sing-a-long with "Music Man" Ed Morgan
Friday, April 7, 10 am



Join us in the Children's Library the first Friday of the month to listen & sing-a-long with the Music Man.

Ed Morgan is better known simply as "The Music Man." For over 10 years he has delighted kids and grownups alike with his interactive blend of original & traditional children's songs. Singing and dancing for kids ages 1-99!

Contact Becky Hatfield, Youth Services Librarian by email: bhatfield@stjathenaeum.org or by phone: 802-745-1391.

Get Crafty
Tuesday, April 11 3 pm



Stop by the Children's Library to create fun crafts.

For kids ages 5-up, siblings welcome.

Homeschool Book Fair
Tuesday, April 18, 10-11:30 am



Celebrate Your Favorite Books!

- Select a favorite book
- Create an unique display based about your book
- Displays can be Art work, dioramas or backboards
- Displays could be information about the plot, setting, characters, time period and more
- Display space measures 36" W X 30" D, approximately
- Space is limited to 20 participants
- Use your imaginations and have fun!

To register contact Becky Hatfield, Youth Services Librarian, by email: bhatfield@stjathenaeum.org or phone: 802-745-1391

Maple Festival Storytime

Saturday, April 22, 10 am



Join us in the Children's Library for a very special maple themed story time. All families welcome.

For more information, contact Becky Hatfield, Youth Service Librarian by email: bhatfield@stjathenaeum.org or by phone: 802-745-1391.

Acorn Club Storytime
Mondays* @ 2 pm & Fridays @ 10 am**



Join us at the Athenaeum for 30 minutes of stories, songs and play. Each child will receive a coloring sheet.

For ages up to 5 years old with caregiver. Older sibling welcome.

Contact Becky Hatfield, Youth Services Librarian by email: bhatfield@stjathenaeum.org or by phone: 802-745-1391.

* *There is no Storytime on Monday, April 10.*

**The first Friday of the month is *Sing-along with "Music Man" Ed Morgan.*

Dance Party Mondays Monday, April 17 & 24, 10 am



Get energized and celebrate with this 30-minute unstructured dance party in the Children's Library. We'll have music, props and lots of fun.

For ages birth to 5 with caregiver. Siblings welcome.

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Tween Book Club Wednesday, April 26, 4 pm



Let's Talk about Books!

Join us the last Wednesday of each month to share our favorite reads. Tasty snacks and a lively book discussion will be provided.

For ages 10-14.

For more information, contact Becky Hatfield, Youth Services Librarian by email: bhatfield@stjathenaem.org or by phone: 802-745-1391.

Brick Math Education Kits



Brick Math Teaching Math Using LEGO® Bricks

Looking for a fun, hands-on way to teach math to your kids? The Children's Library has a collection of educational books and brick sets for loan to families, teachers and tutors.

Topics include: Counting/Cardinality, Addition, Subtraction, Fractions, Measurements, Multiplication & Division.

Brick Sets can only be borrowed with a Brick Math Educational Book Set.

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Support the Athenaeum

Your investment in the Athenaeum supports events, buys books and other library materials, maintains the unique art gallery, and allows us to continue serving St. Johnsbury, the Northeast Kingdom, and visitors from around the world.





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