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First Thursday: Poets of the Past

A tribute to Fitchburg poets of the past and present.

FITCHBURG - The Fitchburg Historical Society, Stratton Players, Bonfire Bookshop and InTown Fitchburg celebrate Poetry Month at Mill St. in Fitchburg on Thursday, April 6, starting at 5:30 pm until 8:30 pm.

The night will feature the unveiling of “Return of the Regiment,” a newly-discovered poem about the return of Fitchburg soldiers after the Battle of Fredericksburg , 1863, written by Caroline Atherton Mason, Fitchburg’s Poet Laureate. “Mason was extremely prolific, and works were widely published in her lifetime,” says writer Sally Cragin, who discovered the poem. “However, “Return of the Regiment” is a real gem as she goes into lyrical detail about the gratitude the people of Fitchburg feel about the returning soldiers, as well as direct allusions to the violence and danger of warfare. The poem will be of interest to writers, of course, but people with a passion for the Civil War will also enjoy hearing this remarkable poem.”

Performers from Stratton Players will present “Return of the Regiment” in period costume, and other area writers will each share a tribute to Mason followed by one original work.

After the Tribute, an open mike will be available to attendees who wish to read a poem.

The event will take place outdoors at Mill Street Stage, Fitchburg, in the event of inclement weather it will take place in the hallway of the Dickinson Building at Bonfire Bookshop in Fitchburg.

The event is part of the InTown Fitchburg First Thursday event series on April 6 from 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. The agenda for the event will be, music, reading of “Return of the Regiment,” and other works by Caroline Atherton Mason and historical Fitchburg poets, featured Poets Original Works and an Open Mic Poetry Night.

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