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MEET BRANFORD'S FIRST POET LAUREATE

The Town of Branford, in cooperation with the Trustees of The Blackstone Library, is pleased to announce the establishment of the office of Poet Laureate. A Selection Committee was formed, comprised of Frank Carrano (President, Branford Arts and Cultural Alliance – BACA), Chad Edgar (Blackstone Library Trustee), Katy McNicol (Blackstone Library Director), Laureen Mutuski (Branford High School English Department), and Alice Pentz (Willoughby Wallace Library Director). After a careful review of applications and interviews with the finalists, the Committee selected Judith K. Liebmann as the first to hold the position of Poet Laureate.

Liebmann brings decades of experience writing, publishing, teaching and sharing poetry with others to the position, and plans to dedicate her three-year appointment to using her experience to open the world of poetry to Branford residents of all ages – in workshops, lectures, readings and mixed media events.

“Dr. Liebmann’s extensive experience teaching and writing poetry makes her a perfect inaugural Poet Laureate,” says McNicol. “Her enthusiasm for sharing her insights into poetry is evident, and we are looking forward to working with her to foster an appreciation of poetry throughout the Branford community.”

