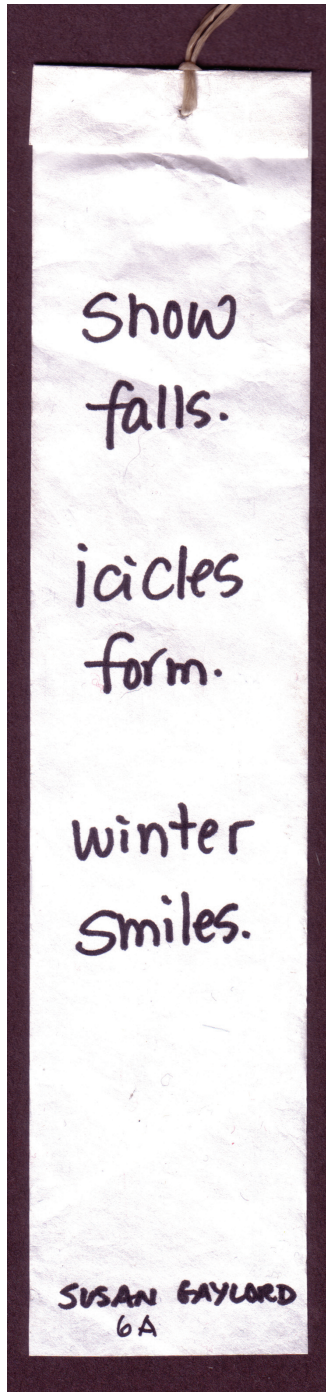


The Poetree Project



The 2008 Newburyport Literary Festival honors local poet Rhina Espaillat. To complement the aural experience of hearing poetry read and discussed with visual representations, there will be several projects involving students in the Newburyport Public Schools. *The Poetree Project*, which was inspired by a folding screen by a seventeenth century Japanese artist, will be an outdoor installation of poems. Short poems written by students at the Nock Middle School on strips of weatherproof tyvek will hang from trees in front of some of the Literary Festival venues and in downtown Newburyport. In addition, poems by Festival poets will be hung from a small weeping cherry in front of the library that was planted in honor of Rhina.

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