

**Exhibit 12 Chairs**

In various places in the museum you will find Poetry Chairs—chairs inspired by poems and poets. A few can be sat on—all are for viewing and reading.



*Anne Sexton Poet Chair*

**Outside**

\*Paint a step on the Teasdale Treehouse and then put a poetic line or phrase on it.

\*Write on the concrete of the Poetry Porch—in paint or sidewalk chalk.

# POETRY:



**THIS MACHINE  
KILLS FASCISTS**

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**ROMP  
Field Guide**



Rural Oklahoma  
Museum of Poetry

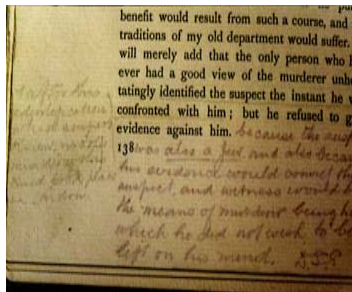
**Poetry for the People**

Locust Grove, Oklahoma

## Guide to Exhibits

### Exhibit 1 Marginalia

Ever pick up an old book in a thrift store or yard sale and find someone's notes written inside it? I can't resist them. In this exhibit, you will see the marginalia from an old literature textbook. Taken from the book, the marginalia becomes poetry.



### Exhibit 2 Poker

This is not just an exhibit. This is a chance to play a game of poker with words. Best poem or poker hand (or both!) wins. Sit down at the poker poetry table with other visitors and see what's in the cards.

### Exhibit 3 Pockets

What's in your pocket or your purse? Whatever it is, there's a poem in it. Take it out, write about it on a sticky note. Leave it or draw it or explain what it is. Put it in the case waiting for it.

### Exhibit 4 Blocks

Who doesn't like to play with wooden blocks? Add some words to them and mix them up and see what poetry you can find and create.

### Exhibit 5 Doors



Doors and doorways are significant in poetry . . . And they have rich meaning in our lives. All kinds of doors. All kinds of meanings. Enjoy these doors and the poetry inspired by and about doors and doorways.

### Exhibit 6 Cats

T.S. Eliot made cats famous on Broadway, but in their own minds, cats have and will always be famous. Cats are often depicted most vividly through metaphor. Do you have a comparison for your cat? For any cat? Pick a cat from the case and write a metaphor to go with it.

### Exhibit 7 C-List

Read a few of the sample poems inspired by Craig's List ads and then pick a whiteboard and read the ad on the back and write your own Craig's List poem for it. Hang it up for us all to see.

### Exhibit 8 Listen

Poetry must be heard. It must be spoken. Hear and speak some poetry at this desk. Open it up and take out the recorder. Get a blank cassette and record a poem or listen to one someone else has recorded. Choose a poem you know or one from a book on the shelf behind you. Label the cassette when finished.

### Exhibit 9 Secrets

The Secret Corner is for secrets, so I can't tell you what do here. Make it up yourself. Go ahead.

### Exhibit 10 Symbols

One of the ways that poetry stays in our memory is



through its imagery, through its pictures so real and vivid they take on extra meaning. In the red wheelbarrow, you will find various symbols from poetry. Can you match each symbol in the wheelbarrow to its poem title?

### Exhibit 11 Poetry-Wear

Wear some poetry—keep it alive and constant in your memory. Pick a line from a poem or make one of your own and make a bracelet, ring, earring, and more at the Poetry-Wear corner.