

FRIENDS OF EDGAR LEE MASTERS MEMORIAL HOME AND MUSEUM



A MESSAGE FROM THE ELM BOARD PRESIDENT

Spring is coming and with that a whole new year at Edgar Lee Masters Memorial Home and Museum. We're looking forward to bringing you **Music on the Back Porch** as soon as it warms up and our musicians are ready to go. With Covid it is hard to plan, but we hope to resume **A Night Under the Stars** this summer.

We have accomplished so much at our little house, but have much more to do. This summer we plan to freshen up the home by painting the front and back porches and renovating the landscaping. Our big project will be contracting work on the south window bay, as rot has been found.

We have been overwhelmed by the support you all have shown for the Masters Home and vision. We thank and appreciate you, **Friends of ELM.**

Sincerely,
Kathy Olesen

The springtime is come, the winter
departed,
She wakens from slumber and dances light-
hearted.
The sun is returning
We are done with alarms,
Earth lifts her face burning,
Held close in his arms.
The sun is an eagle

Who broods o'er his young,
The earth is his nursing
In whom he has flung
The life-flame in seed,
In blossom desire,
Till fire become life,
And life become fire.

*Edgar Lee Masters, Spoon River Anthology,
Epilogue, First Voice*

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Museum is supported 100% by donations.

We depend on your donation. Please consider renewing your **Friends** membership.

Thank you from the Board of Directors: Kathy Olesen, President; Dan Robertson, VP; Jane Stephenson, Secretary; Shelly Knuppel, Treasurer; Brandon Lavelly, Gary Maley, and Terri Treacy.

Spring is a time of Renewal as are
Friends of ELM dues!

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- \$15 Writer
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Music on the Back Porch

Last summer we enjoyed three (socially distanced) *Music on the Back Porch* events. There's nothing quite like music to give one positive energy. Many thanks to Larry Dirks, Dan Stephenson, Kathy Olesen and friends who brought some much needed mood enhancement during an otherwise difficult summer! *Music on the Back Porch* will resume this summer.

As a Friend of ELM you'll receive an email invitation. Events will also be announced on our Facebook Group page and the Observer.

Volunteers get things done!

Gary Maley, Dan Roberston and Dan Stephenson took care of lawn mowing all summer. Shelly and Jack Knuppel,



Terri Treacy, Mike Wiant, Alana McKean, Jane Stephenson (and probably others) spent many days over the summer weeding flower beds, deadheading perennials, and cutting back shrubs and vines. Brandon Lavley can always be counted on to shut off the water during cold snaps! And, Shelly and Jack Knuppel cleaned up debris after the January ice storm. Thank you all!

With spring upon us, projects we'll be getting underway. We can always use more help. If you're interested in volunteering for projects such as lawn care, garden bed maintenance, painting, etc., or have other skills you'd like to share, please let us know.

If we all continue to stay the course,
Masks and social distancing enforced,
We'll soon be able to engage in much longed-for discourse.

with apologies to Edgar Lee Masters and all poets everywhere....