



Priscilla Carr, The Wordfest Organizer

Wordfest Saturday Oct. 15, 2 PM

Steve Soreff, MD

Wordfest 2022 will be held at the Nottingham Community Unitarian Universalist Church, 106 Church Street, Saturday, October 15, 2022 from 2-5 PM. For over a decade, this signature literary event has been a long anticipated happening. However, as Priscilla Carr, The Wordfest Organizer, pointed out in this reporter's interview with on Saturday, September 24, at the Blaisdell Memorial Library, "this 15<sup>th</sup> Wordfest, its mission had been modified and expanded." It began in 2008 with part of its origins was to honor [Donald Hall](#). Hall was a New Hampshire poet who was the 14<sup>th</sup> United States Poet Laureate in 2006. He was Priscilla's mentor. Wordfest now focusses on encouraging aspiring people of any age and backgrounds to become emerging artists in a wide variety of areas through a mentorship program. Free mentors are available in the following endeavors: prose-fiction, non-fiction and essay, poetry, speech writing, public speaking, skills such as watercolors, posters, furniture and jewelry making, and painting, music-instrumental and vocal, and theater.

To showcase and highlight these areas, the Wordfest venue will feature themes of resiliency, diversity, and peace. Wordfest 2022 will be in three part program. The first will feature a keynote address by Steven Jones, MD. As Carr indicated he has bridged “the left brain of medicine and science and the brain of the arts”. He will talk of his work on the biographies of women Noble Prize winner.



At the Nobel Peace Center Oslo, Norway The keynote speaker will talks about the lives of a number of women Nobel Prize winners.

The second part is devoted to musical areas with performances by Gary Hume, Dan Raymond, and Craig Werth. All of these performers are mentors. They have demonstrate that they indeed have walked the talk by having brought some aspiring musical artists to emerging musicians.



Gary Hume



Dan Raymond



Craig Werth

The third part offers an opportunity of any who is an aspiring artists in any of those listed area to perform for up to 15 minutes. If persons wish that opportunity please contact [Priscilla Carr](mailto:priscillaecarr@gmail.com) priscillaecarrATgmail.com no later than October 8. Finally, for those attending the Wordfest present, there will be an open mic. All performers that night will receive an honorarium in the form of either cash, educational gift card, scholarships, cultural travel, or a mentorship program.

The focus of Wordfest 2022 is to encourage aspiring artists into a free, no questions asked and no submissions required, mentorship program. The mentors will help each to emerge as better artists. There will be refreshments including pizza donated Liar's Paradise.

See you there.