

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



UPDATE from the City Manager for Sunday, September 13, 2020

Portsmouth Protection Plan: Do your part. Wear a mask.

Deaths to date from COVID-19: US: 194,698. NH: 435. Rockingham County: 101.

Cumulative cases: US: 6,539,184.

Cumulative cases in NH: 7,692. Rockingham County: 1,905. Portsmouth: 108.

Current cases in NH: 297. Rockingham County: 93. In Portsmouth: fewer than 5.

For the complete, NH Department of Health & Human Services dashboard <http://www.nh.gov/covid19>

Click here for the entire Advisory collection of poems by Portsmouth Poet Laureate Tammi Truax.

<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/portsmouth-poet-laureate>

Ars Poetica

Poetry is the morning kitchen.
First there is the slipper-clad facing
of the bright or breaking light.

Then a harsh grinding of beans,
soon, one takes a few slow sips
whether scalding, warm or weak.

Next comes a clattering at the table.
Plates, bowls, cups filled from a ladle that
portions ever so carefully.

Some gentle stirring ... taste-testing
with the mouth, ear, eye ... seasonings adjusted.
Eventually there is satiety. Or compost.

The writer rises, pats mouth with napkin,
pauses to ponder something new at the window,
scuffs off to another room.

-- Tammi J Truax

Portsmouth Poet Laureate 2019-2021/Maine Beat Poet Laureate 2018-2020