

POESIA

A Celebration of Portuguese Poetry, Culture, & Fall River Poets

Saturday, April 27, 2024
10:00am - 3:30pm



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Event Program

10am-10:45am

Location 1: Gates of Fall River and Sister City Ponta Delgada, Azores

10:00-10:10am Welcome: Professora Odete Amarelo

10:10-10:20am Dignitaries Remarks

10:20-10:40am Presentations

Professora Odete Amarelo: Sister City Relationship

Professor Carlos Almeida, Ph.D.: Portuguese Diaspora

10:40-10:45am

Poem by Fall River Poet, Al Rocheleau "Streets of Fall River"
Reader: Irene de Amaral, Ph.D., Responsible for management
of Casa da Saudade Library, New Bedford

10:45-11:00am

Walk from The Gates of the City to Fall River Heritage State
Park, João Teixeira de Medeiros Monument

11am-11:25am

Location 2: João Teixeira de Medeiros Monument

Professor Onésimo Almeida, Ph.D. will speak on the significance of Fall River
Poet João Teixeira de Medeiros, his inspiration for this beautiful monument,
and what it symbolizes for Fall River.

There will also be a reading of poetry by and about João Teixeira de Medeiros.

Presented in English by: Scott Edward Anderson

Presented in Portuguese by: José Francisco Costa, Ph.D.



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11:30am-11:50am

Location 3: Heritage State Park Visitors Center, Front Room

- 11:30-11:35am Welcome: Jim Lopes, Visitor Services Supervisor, Fall River Heritage State Park
- 11:35-11:50am Opening Reception
Refreshments & Music by acclaimed local musician João Silva, Viola-Da Terra and Classical Guitar

11:55am-2:50pm

Location 4: Heritage State Park Visitors Center, Auditorium

- 11:55-Noon Welcome, Brief Overview of Program
Professora Odete Amarelo
- 12:00-12:30pm Poetry Reading: Scott Edward Anderson will read from his books *Wine-Dark Sea*, Published by Shanti Arts Publishing, and *Azorean Suite/Suite Açoriana* Published by Letras Lavadas
Presented in Portuguese by: José Francisco Costa, Ph.D.
- 12:30-12:50pm Poetry by Ana Luísa Amaral (1956-2022) from *The Art of Being a Tiger, Selected Poems*, translated by Margaret Jull Costa, series editor for the US edition, Professor Anna M. Klobucka, Ph.D., Published by Tagus Press
Presented in Portuguese by: Professor Anna M. Klobucka, Ph.D., UMass Dartmouth
Presented in English by: Grace Holleran, Ph.D. Candidate, UMass Dartmouth
- 12:50-1:00pm Short Break



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1:00-2:20pm

BILINGUAL PRESENTATION OF SELECT MAJOR PORTUGUESE POETS

- 1:00-1:40pm Luis Vaz de Camões (1524-1525- June 10, 1580)
Presentation: Camões' *The Lusíads*, - on the early modern traces in a Renaissance epic poem, by Professor Onésimo T. Almeida, Ph.D.
Excerpts from *The Lusíads*, Oxford World's Classics, translated by Langdeg White
Presented in English by: Scott Edward Anderson
Presented in Portuguese by: José Francisco Costa, Ph.D.
Select poems presented from *The Collected Lyric Poems of Luís Vaz de Camões* translated by Langdeg White, by the presenters noted above.
- 1:40-2:00pm Sophia de Mello Breyner Andresen (1919-2004)
Poems from *Log Book: Selected Poems (Aspects of Portugal)*
Translated by Richard Zenith
Published by Carcanet Press Ltd.
Presented in English by: Grace Holleran
Presented in Portuguese by: Professor Anna M. Klobucka, Ph.D.
- 2:00-2:20pm Pedro Da Silveira (1922-2003)
Poems In Absentia & Poems from the Island and the World
Translated by George Monteiro
Published by Tagus Press Gávea Brown Publications, Bellis Azorica Series; and Translations by Scott Edward Anderson from Pedro Da Silveira's book *A ilha e o mundo*
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Youth Poets' Presentation

2:20-2:40pm Contest winners of T(w)een Poetry Contest in Grades 6-12, Fall River Schools, will read their poems, with a special presentation by children in Grade 5 from Doran Elementary School

Closing Remarks

2:40-2:50pm Professor Onésimo T. Almeida, Ph.D.

Closing Reception

2:50-3:30pm Refreshments & Music by acclaimed local musician João Silva, Viola-Da Terra and Classical Guitar

*Thank you
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Poets & Presenters

Carlos A. Almeida, Ph.D., Onesimo T. Almeida, Ph.D., Odete Amarelo, Scott Edward Anderson, José F. Costa, Ph.D., Irene De Amaral, Ph.D., Grace Holleran, Anna M. Klobucka, Ph.D., Al Rocheleau, João Silva

With gratitude to these extraordinary poets featured today, whose words live on forever: Ana Luísa Amaral, Pedro Da Silveira, Luis de Camões, Sophia de Mello Breyner Andresen, George Monteiro, João Teixeira de Medeiros

Musician

João Silva

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Special Thank You to All Our Guests.

We appreciate all our guests who joined us to celebrate the First Annual POESIA: A Celebration of Portuguese Poetry, Culture, and Fall River Poets. We hope you enjoyed the poetry, presentations, music, and refreshments.

We will present the Second Annual POESIA during April 2025! Date will be announced during the summer.