Red Wing Arts
presents

20TH ANNUAL
POET ARTIST COLLABORATION

"The Stump"

It fell in a late September storm
before its leaves had a chance to turn,
a sugar maple laid across one lane of
traffic
in a tangle of shattered green.
After the storm, chainsaws came
and swarmed around the wreck,
filled the air with sawdust and racket,
left nothing behind but a stump.
It's hard to let go of absence.
It's what remains. In the spring,
the roots felt warmth on phantom limbs,
and from the blind earth
drew sap to fill the memory of buds.
The stump was glazed
with a maple's sticky sweet hereafter.
One last time it seemed to blossom
as the butterflies came to drink,
orange wings like the resurrection
of autumn leaves, wind-shaken
and suddenly falling upward.

Rob Hardy | Northfield Poet Laureate

Exhibit Dates: April 30 - June 20

Virtual Reception: April 30th @ 7pm

See website for details

In-person poetry readings by participating poets at Red Wing Arts Depot Gallery Saturdays during exhibit @ 1pm

RED WING ARTS

418 Levee St
Red Wing, MN 55066

651-388-7569
redwingarts.org

Gallery Hours: Thur-Mon 12-5 or by appointment beginning May 1

THIS ACTIVITY IS MADE POSSIBLE BY THE VOTERS OF MINNESOTA THROUGH A MINNESOTA STATE ARTS BOARD OPERATING SUPPORT GRANT, THANKS TO A LEGISLATIVE APPROPRIATION FROM THE ARTS AND CULTURAL HERITAGE FUND.

Eternal Spirit | Mary Nagel Klein