

The Birchbark Books Reading Series
celebrates a
half century of
Michael Kiesow Moore
with a special birthday reading

Wednesday, May 12, 2010
7:00 p.m.

Featured will be a reading by Michael, an open mic reading from the audience (one poem per reader), and music performances by Bob Walser and Prudence Johnson



Michael Kiesow Moore's short stories, poetry, and creative nonfiction have been published in *Water~Stone*, *Evergreen Chronicles*, and the *James White Review*, and in the book *A Loving Testimony: Remembering Loved Ones Lost to AIDS*. He is a recipient of a Minnesota State Arts Board artist fellowship and participated in both the Loft's Gay and Lesbian Inroads program and Mentor program (2004–5). He holds an MFA in creative writing from Hamline University. A writing instructor at The Loft, Michael also facilitates the Loft's Peace and Social Justice Writers Group, and is the curator for the Birchbark Books Reading Series. He also dances with the Ramsey's Braggarts Morris Men.

Prudence Johnson's career has taken her from honky-tonks to Carnegie Hall, from the theater stage to the Silver Screen, from the Midwest to the Middle East. She is well known to public radio listeners for her many years as a frequent guest on Garrison Keillor's *A Prairie Home Companion*. She appeared in Robert Altman's film *A Prairie Home Companion* and Robert Redford's *A River Runs Through It*. Her most recent recording project, *A Girl Named Vincent*, features musical settings of the poetry of Edna St Vincent Millay. She is the winner of a McKnight Fellowship for Performing Musicians, an Artists Initiative Grant from the MN State Arts Board, and enjoys a steady schedule of concert appearances across the US, Canada, and, most recently, Sweden.



Bob Walser received his Ph.D. in ethnomusicology from the University of London, School of Oriental and African Studies. He has presented Folklore In Action folk music and dance programs as an artist-in-residence in schools across the USA. Formerly music coordinator in the education department of Mystic Seaport Museum in Mystic, Connecticut, he also served as consultant to the education division of the National Park Service at Hyde Street Pier in San Francisco. Bob has two CDs to his credit as well as guest appearances on numerous other recordings. Bob is also a dancer and musician with the Ramsey's Braggarts Morris Men.

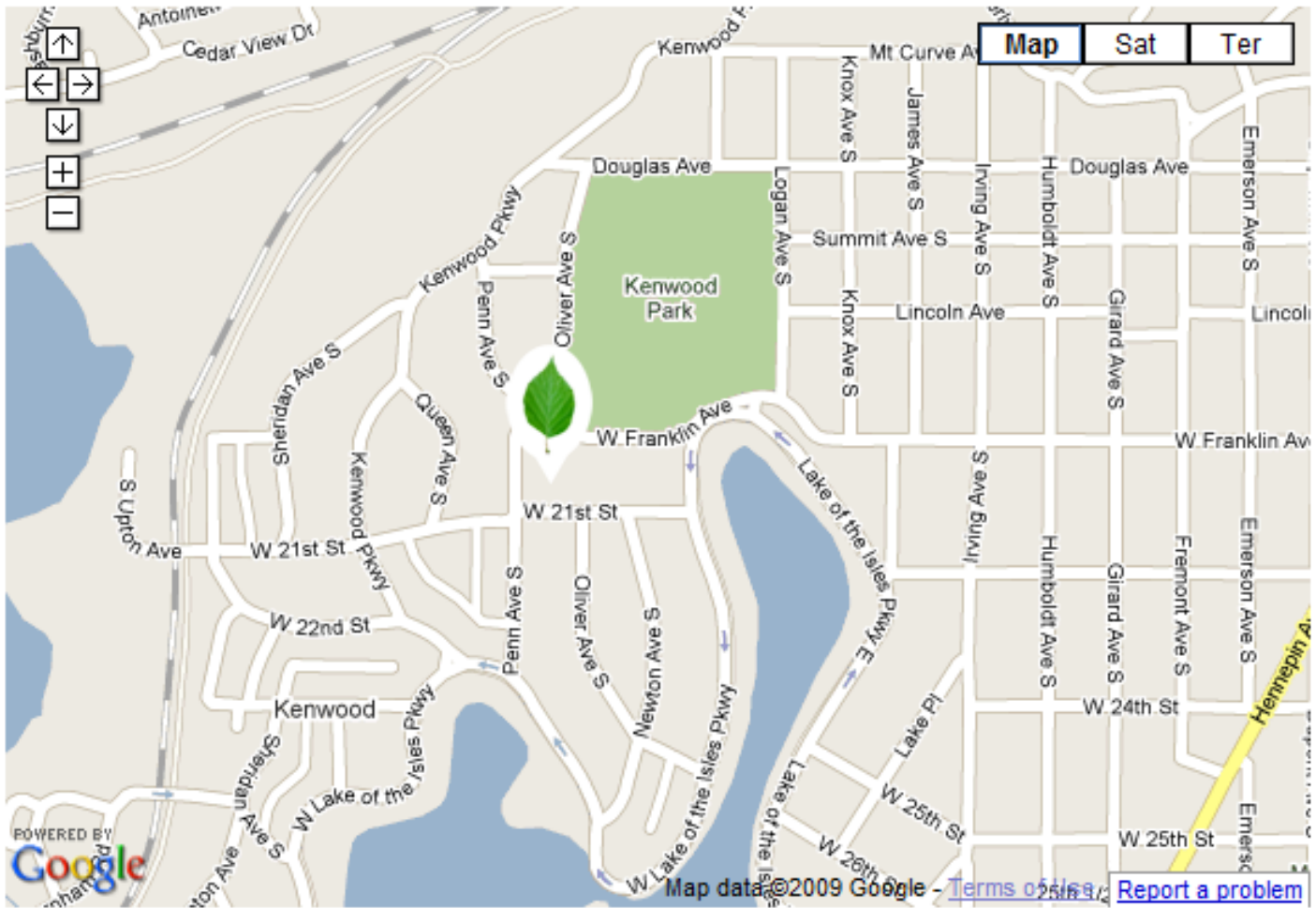


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