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## **Emily Dickinson Museum to Celebrate National Poetry Month with Second Annual “A little Madness in the Spring” April 22 and 23**

AMHERST, Mass.—The Emily Dickinson Museum: The Homestead and The Evergreens will sponsor the second annual “A little Madness in the Spring” event in honor of National Poetry Month on Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23. In addition to an extended tour schedule for the two days of festivities, the Museum will offer activities for children, lectures, a concert, a café and a hike on the newly named Emily Dickinson trail at Amherst’s Groff Park. Many events are free and open to the public.

Participatory dramatic readings, prepared by Professor Karen Sanchez-Eppler’s Amherst College English seminar, are among the many highlights of the two days. Friday’s lecture will feature Marta Werner of D’Youville College in Buffalo, N.Y., speaking on “Dickinson’s Fragments” at Frost Library on the Amherst College campus at 4 p.m. On Saturday, in addition to the 11 a.m. walk in Groff Park, outdoor enthusiasts will enjoy a 1:30 p.m. lecture by Judith Farr, author of *The Gardens of Emily Dickinson*. Concluding the two-day program, Harvard’s Jorie Graham will give a 4 p.m. poetry reading at the First Congregational Church in Amherst, across the street from the Museum. A complete schedule for both days is attached.

“Our first foray into ‘Madness’ last year was great fun and a great success,” said Cindy Dickinson, the Museum’s director of interpretation and programming. “This year we hope to provide the public with another diverse array of activities that promote the enjoyment of and appreciation for poetry.”

The Emily Dickinson Museum’s days and hours of operation change seasonally. In April and May, the Museum is open Wednesday through Saturday, from 1 to 4 p.m. Beginning in June and continuing through August, the Museum will be open Wednesday through Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sundays 1 to 5 p.m. Admission is \$8 for adults, \$7 for seniors/students, \$5 for young people ages 6 to 18, and no charge for children under 6.

The Museum is located at 280 Main Street in Amherst and is owned by the Trustees of Amherst College. For more information about the Emily Dickinson Museum: The Homestead and The Evergreens please call 413/542-8161 or visit [www.emilydickinsonmuseum.org](http://www.emilydickinsonmuseum.org). Wheelchair accessible parking is available at the Homestead; all other vehicles are asked to park on the street or in an Amherst College lot on Spring Street. Call for more information about accessibility.

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