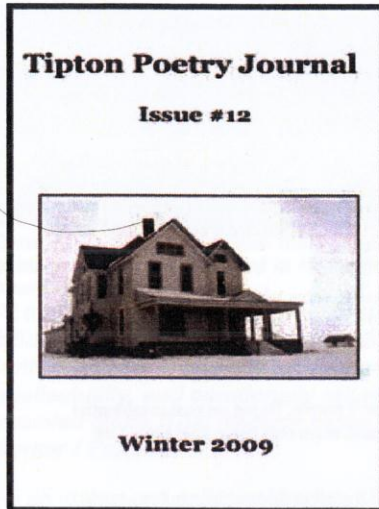


Tipton Poetry Journal – Winter 2009

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The first issue of the *Tipton Poetry Journal* consisted of poems written by poets who had attended the Tipton Poetry Reading, which met monthly from 2002 through 2005. The readings usually featured a prominent Indiana poet, always included an open mic format, and were attended by poets from the countryside and cities around Tipton, Indiana. Although the monthly format no longer exists, the *Tipton Poetry Journal* evolved from the energy of those public readings and is now a printed forum.

The Tipton Poetry Journal, located in the heartland of the Midwest, publishes quality poetry from Indiana and around the world.

Welcome to the Winter 2009 issue, our 12th. Here you will find a whisper poem, a blended poem, and advice on how to write and rodeo a poem. There is a poem on either side of the staple by James Tipton and translated into Spanish by Flor Aguilera García, who were introduced to each other through

their past appearances in the Tipton Poetry Journal. There are seasonally cold poems of snow and ice and other poems vying for your attention in the depth of winter. And there are poems with blackbirds, peacocks, and crows and more crows.

Cover photo by Barry Harris.

The house in the cover photo is The Dunham House, outside Kempton in Tipton County, Indiana. The Dunham House was built by William Riley Dunham, nephew of President Barack Obama's great-great-grandfather, Jacob Mackey Dunham, a farmer in Tipton County. The house is now owned by Shawn Clements. More information about the Dunham House can be found at <http://thedunhamhouse.com>.

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