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**Poet Jeffrey Bean comes to Maine to read at the Page Gallery in Camden July 26th and Waterfall Arts in Belfast July 27th.**

Selected by the distinguished poet Naomi Shihab Nye as the winner of the 2022 Poetry Chapbook Contest sponsored by The Poets Corner and Maine Media Workshops & College, Jeffrey Bean will be in Maine for these two in-person readings. Both events are free and open to the public. Bean will read from his winning chapbook, *Ella's Plan*.

Naomi Shihab Nye selected *Ella's Plan* by Jeffrey Bean, saying “*I could not look away from these magical poems.*”

About her choice of *Ella's Plan* as the prize winner, Nye wrote:

*“ELLA’S PLAN is mesmerizing, embodying the real presence of an imaginative, eccentric, tender daydreamer-child. I felt riveted by the series of exquisite poems with such potent, occasionally chilling (as in the unforgettable poem “Truths” about an abusive babysitter) images. I could not look away from these magical poems. I felt I had known and treasured this child all my life, but never read this much about her before. I felt these poems rising out of deepest understanding and care for the outcast, the wayward creative. I adore them. There would be no way for this NOT to be the winner. I can imagine how utterly sensational this chapbook will be, and can’t wait to hold it in my hands.”*

The evening events will also include conversation with Richard Reitz Smith, chair of the Book Arts & Design program at Maine Media Workshops + College who designed, printed and assembled the letterpress edition of *Ella's Plan*.

Copies of the letterpress edition of 250, designed by Richard Reitz Smith and printed in the Charles Altschul Studio for Book Art at Maine Media Workshops + College, are for sale on The Poets Corner website [www.thepoetscorner.org/shop](http://www.thepoetscorner.org/shop).

READING AT THE PAGE GALLERY FROM 7:00-8:00 P.M. ON TUES. JULY 26TH,  
23 BAYVIEW STREET IN CAMDEN.

READING AT WATERFALL ARTS, FROM 6-7:30 P.M. ON WED., JULY 27TH.  
256 HIGH STREET IN BELFAST

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#### ABOUT THE ARTIST:

Jeffrey Bean is Professor of English/Creative Writing at Central Michigan University. He is the author of two chapbooks and the poetry collections *Diminished Fifth* and *Woman Putting on Pearls*, winner of the 2016 Red Mountain Prize for Poetry. His poems have been featured in the *New Poetry from the Midwest* anthologies and online at Poets.org and Verse Daily. Recent poems appear or are forthcoming in *The Southern Review*, *Colorado Review*, *Cherry Tree*, *Sugar House Review*, *South Dakota Review*, and *Poet Lore*, among other journals. [www.jeffreybeanpoet.com](http://www.jeffreybeanpoet.com)

The Poets Corner is a platform created to foster community among writers and readers of poetry and short prose. Founded by former Maine Media Workshops + College president Meg Weston and author/writing coach Kathrin Seitz, The Poets Corner is based in Mid-coast Maine, and hosts virtual readings on the second Sunday of each month.

Launched in 2000, Waterfall Arts is a community arts center that offers resources to arts enthusiasts of all ages and abilities. We welcome the public to engage in the arts through classes, exhibitions, art events, performances, public art projects, open studios (in clay, glass, print, and darkroom photography) and more. For more information, visit [waterfallarts.org](http://waterfallarts.org) or call 207-338-2222.



Jeffrey Bean



Naomi Shihab Nye