



The First Friday Play Reading on September 7 at 6:30 p.m. features a script by Anna Cora Mowatt, a major female playwright of the 19<sup>th</sup> century, is generally regarded as a significant contributor to the development of American drama. Her most successful play is “Fashion”, produced on Broadway in 1845. Imaginative and articulate, this play satirizes the obsession of Americans with Europeans clothing fashions. French fashions and nobility are skewered as they are adopted by an American upper-class family.

Mowatt, raised Episcopalian and coming from a socially prominent family, was the first upper-middle-class woman to make a public career in the theater, and her successes helped to legitimize acting as an occupation for women.

Please join us on Sept. 7 at 6:30 p.m. in the Bloom Room to read if you wish or participate as “audience”; scripts are provided. **Sharon McKenzie** and **Nanalee Raphael** are the facilitators, both long-time theatre aficionados. This script is suitable for folks of all ages.

***There is no admission charge, however a donation of canned food such as hearty soup, ravioli, chili or tuna for the Joseph's Food Pantry at Grace St. Paul's would be greatly appreciated.***