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## Hopkinton poet plays as ‘Artist for Alzheimer’s’

Hopkinton resident and poet Cheryl Perreault recently performed for “Artists for Alzheimer’s,” a non-profit organization that brings together volunteer artists and people with Alzheimer’s and related forms of dementia.

Perreault’s performance was at Hearthstone, an assisted living residence for people with Alzheimer’s disease, located at 50 West Main Street in Hopkinton.

Perreault read from many of her works, while accompanied on guitar by longtime collaborator Steve Rapson.



The spoken words of Perreault’s poetry, along with the melodies provided by Rapson, helped create a strong emotional connection with the audience. Perreault and Rapson introduced many works from their CD, entitled “On Ants, Sandwiches and The Meaning of It All.” Carol Cahill of Hearthstone, who helped coordinate the event, had much praise for the performance. “This performance was a truly uplifting experience for everyone involved,” said Cahill. “The responses and reactions by those in attendance was something to behold. Tears came to my eyes on more than one occasion.”

Perreault and Rapson were presented with an award at the conclusion of their performance, which recognized their contribution to enhancing the cultural life of people living with Alzheimer’s disease. For more information on the artistry of Cheryl Perreault, and to learn about her CD, she has a website at [www.CherylPerreault.com](http://www.CherylPerreault.com). For more information on “Artists for Alzheimer’s,” visit their website at [www.ArtistsForAlzheimers.org](http://www.ArtistsForAlzheimers.org).