BRIEF HISTORY AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Life Events

- May 28, 1913: Anna Thilda May Swenson was born. This day is recognized by the State of Utah as May Swenson Day.
- 1930: Logan High Graduate.
- 1934: Utah State Graduate.
- December 4, 1989: May died.
 She is buried in the Logan City Cemetery.
- 1997: The May Swenson Poetry Award annual competition created to honor her as one of America's most vital and provocative writers.
- 1954: The New Yorker published her poem "Snow by Morning."
- 1980-89: Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets.
- 1987: MacArthur Foundation Fellowship, also known as the "Genius Award."

Achievements

• 2005: Her portrait is hung in the National Gallery in Washington DC, one of only three Utah citizens to achieve this honor.

Path Purpose

May Swenson is widely recognized in the literature world as a highly influential Twentieth Century poet. The purpose of the Poetry Path is to promote appreciation and awareness of her work as one of Utah's most influential figures.

For more info visit: http://www.mayswensonsociety.org/ http://www.poetryfoundation.org/bio /may-swenson When I was little, when the poplar was in leaf, its shadow made a sheaf, the quill of a great pen dark upon the lawn where I used to play.

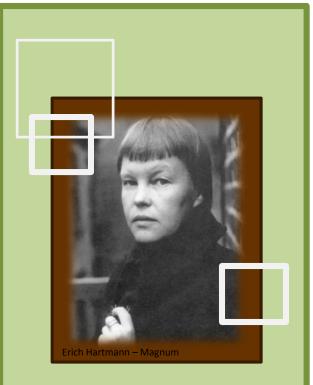
("The Poplar's Shadow" stz. 1)





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MAY SWENSON POETRY PATH

Logan, Utah

THE MAY SWENSON POETRY PATH

USU Research Greenhouses

Swenson poem on display 1410 North 800 East 1

Logan City Cemetery

1000 North 1200 East Site of May Swenson's burial. Enter Logan Cemetery at 900 North and 1200 East at the east gate. Turn left immediately. Turn right on the first road. Go one block and turn right. The grave is on the right-hand side.

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Swenson Room: Merrill-Cazier Library

Area dedicated to May Swenson (USU '34) USU Campus. Fourth Floor Lounge. 3

Swenson Room: Ray B. West

Memorabilia of May Swenson USU Campus, Second Floor 4

Childhood Home Plaque

Swenson's family home 669 East 500 North 5

Logan Public Library

May Swenson poem hung on display 255 North Main St 6

Logan High School

Swenson graduated 1930, poem on display 162 West 100 South

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Willow Park Zoo

Poem hung in gift shop 419 West 700 South 8

Bear Lake Overlook

Plaque dedicated to May Swenson U.S. Highway 89, milepost 493

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