

CITY OF PORTSMOUTH



UPDATE from the City Manager for Sunday, November 29, 2020

**GOVERNOR SUNUNU ISSUES [STATEDWIDE MASK MANDATE](#).
[Portsmouth Mask Ordinance](#) still in effect. Do your part. Wear a mask.**

Deaths to date from COVID-19: US: 267,192. NH: 523. Rockingham County: 108.
Cumulative cases: US: 13,451,000. NH: 20,002. Rockingham County: 4,474.
Current cases in NH: 4,837. Rockingham County: 903. Portsmouth: 59
For the latest NH information from the Department of Health & Human Services, [click here](#).

Click here for the entire Advisory collection of poems by Portsmouth Poet Laureate Tammi Truax.
<https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/city-manager/portsmouth-poet-laureate>

Second Best

Not as nimble as the Nimzo,
rarely as exciting as the KID,
not as provocative as the Slav,

Still
the Queen's gambit
is a bold move.

From the ancient Italian *gambetto*,
meaning to trip, she intends to
trick, deceive, bear down on

you. And in so doing
she sacrifices something,
someone, a lowly pawn,

with the slow graceful goal
of gaining total control,
to allow no recourse.

It works better for white,
and the King's gambit
is the best move of all,

of course.

-- Tammi J Truax

Portsmouth Poet Laureate 2019-2021/Maine Beat Poet Laureate 2018-2020

Tammi also announces the Portsmouth Poet Laureate Program "A Bridge to Japan: A Poetry Broadside Contest." Winning entries will be awarded cash prizes and the broadside will be gifted to Portsmouth's sister city, Nichinan, Japan. Deadline: midnight Jan. 31, 2021. For full details and rules, click here.
https://www.cityofportsmouth.com/sites/default/files/2020-11/Broadside_contest.pdf