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Typewriter troubadour
Poetry and Valentine’s Day make for the perfect mix at Betty’s Typewriter Love Fest in the Staten Island Museum. Page A 4

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An eye for the classics
Pat Lamano has bought, restored and sold hundreds of classic cars in the last 25 years. See Page A 8
Typewriters and poetry featured at Staten Island Museum’s ‘Love Fest’

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I love handwriting, but there’s something about the instrumentation of the typewriter — every letter matters, and there’s something beautiful about ink to paper, immediacy, poetry,” Robinson says. She hands over the finished product, which inevitably causes a smile on each person’s face and finds a little bit of themselves in a poem.

“It’s just an opportunity for a lightened connection between strangers,” says Bilmarie.

It’s a pretty lively process. The room reverberates with conversation, and the individuals waiting for their poem don’t sit silently.

They keep talking, other people walk up and see what is happening and Bilmarie responds to everyone in between, posing and tapping on the keys.

“You just have a conversation with the poet, who’s lovely, and before you know it you have your very own personalized poem for Valentine’s Day,” says Mary Alestra of Silver Lake.

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