

# Poet Laureate 2004

Chris Weiss



Chris began playing with words after discovering Roget's Thesaurus in the sixth grade. Poetry written in high school led to winning 3rd in a Wisconsin poetry contest and publication in a nationwide magazine for high school arts.

Technical writing and scientific papers displaced creative writing while Chris worked at the Wisconsin Primate Center, OSU School of Veterinary Medicine and as an electron microscopist. Fascinated by Racter the poetry spouting computer program, she began taking computer science classes with a focus on artificial intelligence.

Chris moved from the rainy Northwest to Petersburg where she lives with her husband, two cats, and a yard full of pink, plastic flamingos.