

## **ZONA GALE (PHS 1891)**

Pulitzer Prize winning author, Zona Gale was a journalist, poet, essayist, civil and minority rights advocate, political progressive, peace activist, University of Wisconsin Regent and very supportive of the arts. Her deep affection for Portage was reflected in her Friendship Village stories and, to this day, a celebration is held in her honor the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in August each year. A true daughter of Portage, Ms. Gale married William Breese in 1928 and the home they lived in was deeded to the city of Portage as a library. Upon completion of the new library, the Portage Historical Society now resides in this home. Her home on Edgewater Street was deeded to the Women's Civic League.

For more information regarding Ms. Gale, please see  
[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zona\\_Gale](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Zona_Gale)