

# THE BULLETIN



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**The 59th Annual PST Awards Banquet Registration Form is Enclosed and on the PST Website**

### Minutes of the Poetry Society of Texas

Saturday, October 10, 2015 in Dallas, Texas

by Recording Secretary Barbara Blanks

**President Catherine L'Herisson** opened the meeting and welcomed our speaker, past president and current vice-president, Budd Powell Mahan.

**Director Barbara Terrell Goerdel** gave the September Membership Report for **Membership Chair Lynn Lewis**.

President L'Herisson gave a brief September financial report for **Treasurer Aman Khan**. Most income continued to be from renewing memberships and contest entry fees.

**Librarian Barbara Blanks** reported on five books donated to the PST permanent collection (see page 6 for membership and book reports).

President L'Herisson noted that many poems entered in our Annual Contests were disqualified. They were either over the total line limit stated in each category, or they had lines containing more than 60 characters. Some poems were double-spaced and therefore eliminated. As has been emphasized previously in the *Bulletin* and clearly stated in the rules for both annual and monthly contests: lines must not contain more than 60 characters. "Characters" are not the words themselves. "Characters" include letters, spaces, and punctuation marks. None of the judges relished eliminating entries. **READ AND FOLLOW THE RULES!**

The Verification Committee (president, vice-president, treasurer, and annual contest chair) meets on October 17 to ensure winners' names and poems match. After verification, postcards will be sent to winners via email or snail mail. The Awards Banquet is set for November 14. A banquet information flier with the registration form is enclosed with this *Bulletin*, or can be printed off our Website.

Sometimes the *Bulletin* is delayed in the mail. Please note that you can always read the newest *Bulletin* at our Website: www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org. As soon as the editor completes the *Bulletin* (usually one or two days after the 15th news deadline), she sends it simultaneously to the printer and to Annie Neugebauer, our terrific Webmaster, who immediately posts it on our Website. Members can read the *Bulletin* on the Website before it is even printed.

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### OCTOBER MONTHLY CONTEST WINNERS

**Critic Judge:** Valerie Martin Bailey ~ San Antonio

**First Place:** Linda Banks, Mesquite ~ "Earth-Eating Woman"

**Second Place:** Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas

**Third Place:** Loretta Diane Walker

#### Book Prizes

**Reader:** Alice Parker, Dallas

**Popular Prize:** Catherine L'Herisson, Garland

**A Galaxy of Verse Prize:** Hilda Wales, Albuquerque, NM

**Poetry for Poets Award:** Naomi Stroud Simmons, Fort Worth

**William D. Barney Mem.:** Lois V. Chapman, Denton

**M. Tandy Duemke Prize:** Patrick Marshall, Keller

**Other Poems Read By:** J. Paul Holcomb, Marilyn Stacy, Beth Honeycutt, Amy Sandburg, and Susan Maxwell Campbell

**Laugh Lines Judge:** Catherine L'Herisson, Garland

**Laugh Lines Winner:** Naomi Stroud Simmons, Fort Worth

Send contest entries before the 15th of each month to the Contest Chair, Irene Robertson at 1625 Gayla Creek Drive, Little Elm, TX 75068. The e-mail address is: yranie@att.net

### Important Rule Reminders for Monthly Contests

Several poems entered in the monthly contests were typed in a tiny font, probably 7 points. A magnifying glass was used to read them. Please submit poems in a plain 12 point font, preferably Times New Roman. There is no reason to use smaller than a 12 point font. Some poems had misspelled words or violated line lengths or character length—these were disqualified. Please send monthly poems in an attached document, not in the body of an e-mail. Many poems in the annual contests are also being disqualified for line and character count violations. Don't be disqualified—be careful!

**NOTICE:** There will be no monthly General or Laugh Lines contests for the month of November. The monthly contests resume in December, and the poems are due by November 15 for those two contests. To keep winners' ID's secret, the November *Bulletin* is prepared by Nancy Baass, contest chair, and will contain only the Annual Contest winners' list.

NOTE: We still need a PST summer conference host for 2016. Plans must be made in advance, so please contact Beth Ayers or President L'Herisson if your chapter is up for the fun and prestige of hosting a state conference.

President Catherine L'Herisson presented to members present at the September 12, 2015, state meeting, proposed changes to three PST Bylaws. These proposed changes were published in the September *Bulletin*. Bylaws are in the 2015 *A Book of the Year*:

Members present at this October 10 meeting voted on each of the three proposed bylaw changes, and each change was unanimously approved.

Current bylaw is listed first. Approved change is second:

**1. Page 177, Article III:** "Councilors shall be appointed for a term of two years by the President. . . ."

**Approved Change:** Eliminate "...for a term of two years," to read simply: "Councilors shall be appointed by the President. . . ."

**2. Page 178, Article VII, Section 4:** "Each annual contest shall be judged by one or three competent judges."

**Approved Change:** "Each annual contest shall be judged by one or more competent judges."

**3. Page 178, Article IX:** (PST's permanent collection of books) "...shall be maintained in the Texas History, Local History and Genealogy Department, Dallas Public Library."

**Approved Change:** "...shall be stored at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library, Dallas."

National Poetry Day is October 15. If you or your chapter

does anything special to celebrate this day, please notify Beth Ayers and Valerie Bailey for their reports.

**Spotlight on Members Chair, Jessica Gonsoulin** introduced our **Spotlight Poet, Barbara Terrell Goerdel**, of Arlington. Barbara, a Director on the Board, read three poems.

President L'Herisson introduced our program speaker, **Budd Powell Mahan, of Dallas**. Budd has too many credits to list here, so suffice to say he is twice past president, current vice-president, former NFSPS president, Student Awards Chairman, and he won the NFSPS Stevens book award and the Edwin M. Eakin manuscript award in the same year. Budd spent ten years researching his book, *A History of the Poetry Society of Texas*. He spoke about all the past presidents and/or founders of PST, and displayed many of the poetry books they wrote. Budd was animated and humorous as he related love stories, intrigues, scandals, and funny episodes in PST's history. He noted Don Stodghill was the only president who didn't write poetry; that another president was involved in two controversies and wound up resigning; that Pat Stodghill was our first female president, and Jeannette Strother, our first African-American president. He noted Jack Murphy "brought Freeda Murphy to us, who did so much for so many years." Budd's book is a fascinating, must-have history of our society. He signed books during the break. Please contact him directly if you would like to buy a copy.

After the break, **Monthly Contest Chair Irene Robertson** announced the winners for October (see the winners in the monthly contest box on page 1). The meeting was adjourned.

## *From Our Member Chapters ...*



## *Poetry News From Across Texas*

### **ALAMO AREA POETS of TEXAS**

#### *Iris Maahs, Reporting*

The Alamo Area Poets of Texas gathered for their October meeting at Incarnate Word University. Thirteen members and three guests from the Incarnate Word Community attended. Sheila Moore presented awards for the September assigned topic contest as follows: 3rd HM—Peter Holland, 2nd HM—Don Mathis, 1st HM—Toni Murguia, 3rd—Peggy Mott, 2nd—Iris Maahs, 1st—Sheila Moore. Awards for the September open topic contest were 3rd HM—Peggy Mott, 2nd HM—Peter Holland, 1st HM—Toni Murguia, 3rd—Linda Crow, 2nd—Sheila Moore, 1st—Billie Stroud. AAPT thanks Shirley Cosby for judging these poems.

After a break for refreshments provided by Kim Mott, the October poems were read. The October assigned topics were: "The Center of a Cyclone" and "Where the Sidewalk Ends." October's judge will be Budd Powell Mahan.

Members of AAPT continue to participate in the San Antonio poetry scene. Antoinette Winstead announced a creative writing program with emphasis on social justice to

begin soon at Our Lady of the Lake University. It will include fiction, non-fiction, poetry, screen writing, and technical writing. Antoinette will lead the screen writing program. Peter Holland and Toni Murguia will have poems published in the upcoming Chupacabra book by Juan and Malia Perez. Lea Fagin, who recently returned from a trip to London and Paris, was welcomed home. After the poetry book raffle, the meeting was adjourned.

### **BEAUMONT CHAPTER**

#### *Barbara Green Powell Reporting*

This reporter is happy to be back in the groove after a recent bout with cancer. I was able to attend our September meeting and it was great being back among friends and get together to judge our PST Chapter contest. We always get members to read and select the top 15 or so poems before getting together to make the final selections. Barbara Green Powell and Lounell Whitaker were given the privilege of judging the friend/friendship contest. It is interesting to see what other poets are writing and choose the best of the best. It's a challenge, but a nice one. We were happy to match on 12 poems in the prejudging.

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Members will host a reading on October 10 from 1 to 3 p.m. at Barnes and Noble on Dowlen Road in Beaumont. This is a good way to share our poetry with others, and we have signed up several new members this way. One member recently moved to another state to live with her daughter. We hope she continues to write poetry.

We are all crossing our fingers that we will get the coveted card by email or snail mail inviting us to the annual PST Awards Banquet in Dallas. We hope you all attend even if you don't get a card. It is exciting to see our friends and help them celebrate their winning poems. Birma and Barbara both got to read winning poems last November, but we try to always attend whether we win or not. Last year, we took a new member, Laura Kolp. She was in the top three and got to hear her name called. That's always a thrill. She will surely get a card this year, as she has already published two books of poetry and has been a great asset to our group. Hope to see you all in November.

### **DENTON POETS' ASSEMBLY**

#### ***Richard Weatherly Reporting***

Denton Poet's Assembly welcomed members and guests to our October 17 meeting at Emily Fowler Central Library. The meeting was called to order, and we discussed the status of "Merging Visions" for 2016, along with other business. DPA welcomed two new members; Mary Lou Jaeger and Rebecca Glasser.

J. Paul Holcomb delivered the October lesson on writing a Pantoum: Tired of repeating yourself? Do it with class inside a pantoum. For the October assignments, members read poems concerning "freshness." J. Paul challenged us to develop a poem with universal relevance, while keeping the poem fresh so the reader won't think, "Boring... I've heard this before." We read our assignments, took a break, and read our free choice poems.

In DPA News: We recognized two members for their recently published poetry; Jacqueline Stem for *This and That* and Marjorie Jo Chesebro for *Mental States: A Poet's Journey*, both available on Amazon.

On October 3, Molly Middleton Meyer presented a workshop, "Riding on Dragons." In this unique workshop, poets learned to fly from the conscious mind to the unconscious mind and back again, all within a single poem. DPA members Patrick Marshall, Christine and John Irving, Richard Weatherly, Marjorie Chesebro, Nancy de Honores, and Ione Hunt von Herbing participated.

On October 15, several DPA members attended the *Rhythms of Pen and Brush* event at the McKinney Performing Arts Center.

### **GULF COAST POETS**

#### ***Daniel Carrington, Reporting***

In October, Gulf Coast Poets set aside the monthly meeting to host Poetry Out of Bounds, our satellite event in association

with the Houston Poetry Fest. We welcomed distinguished poet Jerry Hamby as our featured reader along with a host of guests and invited poets from the GCP roll call. Many thanks to GCP Recording Secretary Laura Peña for organizing the event.

In individual news, GCP recognizes members Jane Chance, Cindy Huyser, and Choonhwa Moon on their selection as Juried Poets for the 2015 Houston Poetry Fest. Members John Gorman and Glynn Monroe Irby were Guest and Featured Poet respectively. We are also pleased to announce that Choonhwa Moon will be next year's Featured Poet, an honor reserved for the year's highest-scoring Juried Poet. Congratulations to all! In other news, member Terry Jude Miller recently completed work on the second installment of his Texas Poets Podcast initiative. This episode featured 2005 Poet Laureate of Texas Alan Birkelbach discussing a poem by William Barney. You can check it out at [www.inspiritry.com](http://www.inspiritry.com).

### **MOCKINGBIRD CHAPTER**

#### ***Jessica Gonsoulin Reporting***

By the time you get this *Bulletin*, our exciting event, *Rhythms of Pen and Brush* presented in partnership with the McKinney Performing Arts Center and Music Guild to celebrate National Poetry Day 2015 will be unforgettable history.

At our October 3 meeting, President Aman Khan had passed out large cards with a picture of nationally acclaimed poet, Robert Blanco and information on his program. Blanco, a historic inaugural poet, travels the world opening minds and encouraging people to see beyond their differences. The evening also featured work by visual artists, jazz musicians from the University of North Texas, poets and actors.

A workshop was held, then a reception and Blanco's presentation. Cuban food was served, and there were poems about pictures and pictures of poems. A lot of hard work went into the event, and it was worth it. PST president, Catherine L'Herisson attended the event, along with poets from all over our area.

### **POETS NORTHWEST**

#### ***Sharon Young Reporting***

PST's Edwin M. Eakin Book Award winner, Lisa Salinas, was the featured guest at the PNW September meeting. She read from her newly published poetry collection titled *Smallest Leaf*. Fourteen guests enjoyed her presentation and were duly impressed and inspired by her writing and reading abilities.

The read-around prize was sponsored by David Orchard on the subject "What you hope to do in the afterlife." Mike Owens won the \$10 prize in a random drawing. The monthly door prize was donated by Lisa Salinas.

Members are preparing two poems to be published in the Poets Northwest Anthology, *Hometowns*. A contest is underway for cover art with three entries competing for the \$25 prize. The anthology is scheduled to be distributed at the December Holiday party.

The October meeting will be an eclectic surprise! Mem-

bers are asked to bring reports on their efforts to share and celebrate poetry on National Poetry Day, October 15. The monthly read-around theme will be on "Homecoming" and is sponsored by Carol Taylor. Readers who bring a newly written poem on this topic will be eligible for the \$10 drawing.

Nominations for November elections are as follows: Mike Owens, President; Karen Mastracchio, Vice-President/Program Chair; Lynn Roberts Grice, Newsletter/Historian; Bob Kohanski, Treasurer/Membership; Sharon Young, Secretary; Lisa Salinas, Publicity; Maxine Kohanski, Events Coordinator/Fundraising; David Orchard, Judge.

Meetings are scheduled every third Saturday at the Pearl Fincher Museum in Spring. Poets and guests are encouraged to read original or favorite works during the second half of the meeting. Poets Northwest is on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest](http://www.facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest) and on the Web at [www.poetsnw.com](http://www.poetsnw.com).

## POETS OF TARRANT COUNTY

### *Lynn Lewis Reporting*

The October meeting of the Poets of Tarrant County was called to order by President Ron Eddins. Minutes for the September meeting were approved and Naomi Simmons gave a preview of the treasury report. Hollis Davis was the Spotlight Poet/Singer. The official treasury report was given by Chuck Poole.

"Provenance" and "Clint Hartung Remembers," by Alan Berecka, were read by Contemporary Poet Reader J. Paul Holcomb. Vice-President Hollis Davis introduced our featured speaker, Fil Peach, who performed his original poetry. The Spontaneous Discussion topic centered on Fil's ability to speak Navajo and the possible origins for why their word for Texans means "broken down boots."

An announcement was made to bring donations to our November meeting for the 5th Street Kitchen, our FUMC venue's soup kitchen for the homeless. The deadline for entry into the *Galaxy of Verse* contests is October 18, and the deadline for our annual Poets of Tarrant County Members' Contest is November 2. President Eddins read the Kudos list. Assignment poems were read after the break. The meeting was then adjourned by President Eddins.

## RUSK COUNTY POETRY SOCIETY

### *Vina Lee Hathaway Reporting*

The East Texas Fall Festival of Poetry Awards Banquet was held Saturday at the Summit Club in Longview, sponsored by the Rusk County Poetry Society of Henderson and the Rose Garden Poetry Society of Tyler.

Carol Thompson of Tyler was named Poet of the Year, and coveted awards were presented to poets of East Texas. Presenters included Dr. David Craig, Richard Hurzeler, Sue Roberts, Mary Tindall, and Sharon Taylor. The invocation was given by Robert Bowman and the banquet blessing was by Jo Morrow.

Special judges and members of the Poetry Society of Texas and the National Federation of State Poetry Societies include

Birma Castle (Beaumont), Evelyn Appelbee (Henderson), Shirley Cosby (Emory), and Budd Powell Mahan (Dallas). Decorations were by Geniva and Robert Bowman of New London and the Rose Garden Poetry Society. A special donation to the Fall Festival was given by Woodine Wylie of Lubbock.

Awards were received by: Kaye Hart (Hallsville), Jane Cheatham (Palestine), Mary Tindall (Whitehouse), Marie Dixon (Tyler), Tammy Rosin (Chugiak, Alaska), Mary Ellen Wood (Tyler), Joye Greenwalt (Nacogdoches), Jo Morrow (Henderson), Sue Roberts (Arp), Richard Hurzeler (Tyler), Carol Thompson (Tyler), Betty Norman (Marshall), Sharon Taylor (Longview), Evelyn Appelbee (Henderson), Joyce McGee (Gary), Cherry Day (Tyler), Tim Winn (Lubbock), Adrienne Pamplin (Longview), Linda Simpson (Plano), and Vina Lee Hathaway (Gary). Honorable Mentions went to Russell Winn (Lubbock), Linda Amos (Pennsylvania), and Norma Sanford (Diboll).

Dr. David Craig of Craig Eye Associates in Henderson, deserves special recognition for his outstanding readings of first place poems whose authors were unable to attend. The Societies also express their appreciation for those professionals and businesses that sponsor awards each year, and for Festival Chairs Vina Hathaway and Sharon Taylor for their dedication and expertise in promoting the day's success, and for all who came to enjoy and share their literary talents. We also thank the Summit staff and Tony.

## SAN ANTONIO POETS ASSOCIATION

### *Valerie Martin Bailey Reporting*

President Sheila Moore called the September meeting to order with twenty members present. After the pledge to the flag and the approval of the minutes and treasurer's report, Program Chairman Michaud Lamrouex introduced our speaker, Valerie Martin Bailey, the 2015-2016 SAPA Poet Laureate for the eleventh time. Valerie spoke on the subject of "unforgettable poetry." She talked about her mother who was a member of SAPA for many years and a frequent contest winner. She brought a 1993 *Inkwell Echoes* that featured her mother's photo and a Memorial Tribute to Mary Martin, with one of her poems. Valerie read four of her own poems, three of her mother's poems and six poems by other SAPA members. She gave members a six page handout on "unforgettable poetry" to take home.

Contest Chair Wallace Vaughan announced the winners of the May contests. The assigned topic "Something Grand," was judged by Michael Baldwin of Benbrook. Winners were: 1st—Lois Heger, 2nd—Sheila Moore, 3rd—Valerie Bailey, HM—Carol Siskovic. In the open topic contest, winners were: 1st—Pat Gibbs, 2nd—Sheila Moore, 3rd—Jo Compton, HM—Carol Siskovic.

The refreshment break featured an array of cookies and fruit provided by social chair, Sharon Turner. After the break, Jean Jackson conducted the book raffle. We then read

our September poems, which will be judged by Doyle (Doc) Wood of Archer.

Our assigned topic for October is "A Tribute to Edgar Allan Poe." Using an epigraph of a few lines from a Poe poem of our choice, we will write our own original poems based on the epigraph. This challenging endeavor will be judged by Von S. Bourland of Happy, Texas.

We got late word that our immediate past president, Margaret Mayberry, will fly from Florida to attend our October meeting. She has maintains her membership in SAPA, and her health is almost back to full strength. We can hardly wait to see her.

### TYLER ROSE GARDEN POETRY SOCIETY

#### *Mary Tindall Reporting*

The Rose Garden Poetry Society of Tyler celebrated National Poetry Day by planting daffodils in the beautiful, sloping Gardenvue Park on the southside of Whitehouse, Texas. Poets braved the heat and hard ground for the hope of flowers in the spring. Digging, planting, and sharing the time marked the day. Planting was followed by reading poems about flowers and growing, written especially for the day. The occasion ended as poets were refreshed with root beer floats and adjourned till another time for verse.

### WICHITA FALLS CHAPTER

#### *Linda Smith Reporting*

On September 19, six members of the WFPS gathered at Sheri Sutton's home for the first meeting of the new poetry year and to enjoy a build-your-own taco salad.

The meeting was chaired by Webb Key. Roll Call was a recap of each member's summer. In the business session, the treasurer's report was given, dues were paid, and corrections to the yearbook were reported. It was decided to work at being a part of the Kemp Center for the Arts Website, and members discussed the ever-popular topic of how to recruit new members. Webb will work on the Website, and Linda will work with the *Times Record News* for more publicity. Former Poet Laureate Jim Hoggard will be a November visitor and the *TRN* should be willing to print an article about his visit. The December meeting will be a potluck dinner, and Sheri graciously offered her home again for the occasion.

Members discussed the PST monthly contests and agreed to work on entering the contests. Members who entered the annual contests were encouraged to get the information to Linda (publicity chair) as soon as results are known so information can be sent to the paper in a timely manner, making it newsworthy and more likely to be reported.

Webb presented a lesson on Nostalgia in Poetry, with examples of poems to read aloud. The difference between nostalgia and reflection was examined via the poems. The October assignment is to write a nostalgic poem, specifically based on a past summer experience. These will be judged by Sharon

Martin Turner of San Antonio.

Winners in the September contest for the best poem in the form of Poetic Journaling were 1st: Doyle Wood; 2nd: Linda Smith; 3rd: Geneva Rodgers; and HM: Webb Key. Critic Judge was Shirley Elliott Cosby of Emory.

**The 2014 Edwin M. Eakin Book Award** winner, Lisa Salinas of Spring, presented the inaugural reading of her book *Smallest Leaf* at the PST Summer Conference in Beaumont. She is now visiting several PST chapters to give readings accompanied by visual presentations. Lisa spoke to Poets Northwest in September, and will present to the Fort Worth Poetry Society on November 10 and the San Antonio Poets Association on January 16. She will also be at the PST Annual Awards Banquet in Dallas on November 14 with books available for purchase. Lisa invites you to attend one of her scheduled readings or to contact her to arrange to have her visit your chapter. For more information about Lisa's book and upcoming readings, visit her website at <http://smallestleaf.com>.

#### HELP NEEDED WITH THIS PROJECT?

Mike Baldwin is producing a PowerPoint presentation on all Texas Poets Laureate. Biographical information and pictures are needed for the following former Texas Poets Laureate. If you have any information for these poets, please email the information to: [librmike@hotmail.com](mailto:librmike@hotmail.com). You can reach Mike by phone at 817-249-2193. Thanks for your help with this project.

J. V. Chandler, 1959	Lila Todd O'Neil, 1974
Marvin Davis Winsett, 1962	Florice Stripling Jeffers, 1976
Bessie Maas Rowe, 1966	Ruth Carruth, 1977
Kathryn Henry Harris, 1968	Patsy Stodghill, 1978
Anne B. Marely, 1969	Dorothy B. Elfstroman, 1979
Robby K. Mitchell, 1970	Rev. Weems S. Dykes, 1980
Dr. Terry Fontenot, 1971	Ruth E. Reuther, 1987
Mrs. Clark Gresham, 1972	

#### NATIONAL POETRY DAY REPORTS

**The Mockingbird Chapter** celebrated by sponsoring a spectacular event *Rhythms of Pen and Brush*, that featured internationally acclaimed poet Richard Blanco, and other artists and musicians...Big Doings!

**Vicky Li**, a new member of PST, wrote several books of one-minute poems called *Animal Phonics for Children*. Her cover designer finished the designs in time for her to celebrate this achievement on National Poetry Day. There isn't room to display the designs, but you will see them soon on her books.

**Tyler's Rose Garden Poetry Society** celebrated NPD by planting daffodils in Gardenvue Park in Whitehouse, Texas. They also enjoyed root beer floats after their labor.

**President L'Herisson**, several members of Denton Poets' Assembly, and likely many other chapters attended the *Rhythms of Pen and Brush* event. Your *Bulletin* editor celebrated by working on the *Bulletin*, one of her favorite poetic pastimes.

**MEMBERSHIP REPORT ~ AUGUST, 2015**

*from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis*

Active Members.....224	Sustaining Members.....9
Associate Members.....18	Recently Deceased.....0
Life Members.....59	Renewing Members.....13
Student Members.....31	New Members .....0
Supporting Members.....1	Current Member Total....342

**Keep Our Membership Roll Up to Date.**

Contact Membership Chair Lynn Lewis (*not Linda Banks*) if there is a change in your contact information: Address, Phone, or E-mail address.  
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**PST STUDENT AWARD INFORMATION**

The brochure for the 2016 Student Awards is available on the PST Website at: [www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org](http://www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org). Anyone who works with students may request hard copy of the brochure if needed. Contact Budd by phone at 972-788-4944 or e-mail him at [buddmahan@att.net](mailto:buddmahan@att.net), or write to him at 7059 Spring Valley, Dallas 75254.



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meets on the 2nd Saturday of each month from September through May at 2:30 p.m. at the Preston Royal Library at 5626 Royal Lane in Dallas, Texas. The exception is November when the annual Awards Banquet is held at a Dallas area hotel.

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**Book Donations Report from Barbara Blanks**

 Librarian Barbara Blanks reported on five books donated to the PST permanent collection:

- Forces 2013*  
Edited by R. Scott Yarbrough, Collin College.
- Peace Words: Art of Peace Festival 2011*  
Edited by Inspirity Publishing.
- Hunger for Peace: Art of Peace Festival 2014*  
Edited by Inspirity Publishing.
- Intertwined: Poetry of Peace as a Shared Endeavor*  
Edited by Anne McCrady
- Poetry Society of Texas Student Award Winners 2015*  
Edited by Budd Powell Mahan.

Send book donations to Barbara Blanks at the address listed under the Executive Board. They will be kept in the PST's permanent collection at the Dallas Central Public Library.

**STORK REPORT...NEW BABY BOY!**

A special delivery grandson for one of our hardworking PST Directors. Beth Ayers is a new grandmother, and she is in Ohio helping her daughter and practicing her granny skills. Don't worry Beth...it will quickly come back to you. *Congratulations!*



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