

THE ART AND SOUL OF POETRY
June 29-July 2, 2017
Fort Worth, Texas

The Poetry Society of Texas invites you to Fort Worth—city of Cowboys and Culture—as we celebrate *The Art and Soul of Poetry*. Our convention headquarters is the historic Hilton, located in the vibrant heart of downtown. The schedule below lists our complete line-up of excursions, programs, and activities. In this issue of *Strophes* you will also find bookroom information, speaker bios, and our registration form, which includes hotel information, menus for our convention meals, and details of our excursions to Billy Bob’s—the world’s largest honky-tonk, the Stockyards to view a longhorn cattle drive, the Cultural District—site of six museums, and the Water Gardens for a poetry reading and the creation of our Poetree. Thursday night we kick off the convention with a meal, convention contest announcements and reading, followed by special entertainment. Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, the convention moves into full Texas Swing. You don’t want to miss a thing!

2017 NFSPS Convention Schedule

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28 (Early Arrival)

6:00 - Billy Bob’s

THURSDAY, JUNE 29

8:00 – 5:00 Registration
9:30 – 1:00 Stockyards Excursion
Lunch (On Your Own)
1:30 – 5:00 Cultural District Excursion
3:30 – 5:30 NFSPS Board Meeting
6:00 – 7:00 Dinner
7:00 – 7:15 Break
7:15 – 8:00 Convention Contest Results
8:00 – 9:00 Entertainment ~ Doc Gibbs
9:00 – 10:00 Open Mic

FRIDAY, JUNE 30

7:30 – 8:30 Open Mic
8:00 – 5:00 Registration
8:00 – 9:00 State Presidents Meeting
9:15 – 10:15 Scott Wiggerman, “Words at the Speed of Sounds: Poetic Effects through Sound”
10:30 – 11:30 Urania Fung, “Building Momentum”
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
1:30 – 2:30 Manningham Winners and NFSPS Contests Results
3:00 – 4:00 Anne McCrady, “Line Dancing – Setting Meaning and Metaphor to Music”
4:30 – 5:30 Plenary Session
6:00 – 7:00 Dinner
7:00 – 9:00 College Undergraduate Winners and NFSPS Contests Results
9:00 – 10:00 Open Mic

SATURDAY, JULY 1

7:30 – 8:30 Open Mic
9:00 – 9:45 Diane Glancy, “Extract the Signature, How to Shape a Manuscript”
10:15 – 11:30 Nathan L. Brown, “Poetry Masterclass: Tools for Deep Editing”
12:00 – 1:00 Lunch
1:00 – 2:30 NFSPS Contests Results
3:00 – 4:15 Karla Morton, “The Birth of Our Words: Perceptions, Locales, Origins”
4:45 – 5:30 Mark and Beth Ayers, “Love is in the Air” Magic Lantern Show
6:00 – 7:00 Dinner
7:15 – 8:00 Stevens Book Manuscript Award Winner
8:00 – 9:00 NFSPS Contest Results
9:00 – 10:00 BlackBerry Peach Awards Results

SUNDAY, JULY 2

7:30 – 8:30 Open Mic
8:00 – 10:30 Water Gardens Reading and Poetree Project
8:30 – 10:00 NFSPS Board Meeting
10:00 – 10:30 Poetree Project in Hotel

10:45 – 11:30	Pat Stodghill, “Down a Dark Path”
12:00 – 1:00	Lunch
1:30 – 2:30	NFSPS Contest Results
3:00 – 4:00	Nathan L. Brown, “Poems, Songs, & Stories: Poetry as Performance”
4:00 – 4:30	Book Signings for all Authors
5:00 – 6:00	Reception
6:00 – 7:00	Dinner
7:15 – 8:30	Carmen Tafolla, “My Heart Speaks a Different Language”
8:30 – 9:00	NFSPS Contest Results
9:00 – 10:00	Open Mic
MONDAY, JULY 3	
8:00 – 10:00	NFSPS Strategic Planning