President Irene Robertson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, including our speaker, Professor Darius Frasure; guest Denise Peskin of Sun Valley, Idaho; past PST presidents J. Paul Holcomb, and Pat Stodghill; and chapter president Domingo Rodriguez (Dallas/Pegasus).

New Treasurer Steve Sanders gave a brief financial report for September, assisted by former treasurer Patrick Marshall. PST is in the black, with no major expenditures last month. Patrick will be going over the books with Steve before the official transfer is completed. Patrick has also regretfully resigned as Director. He was applauded for his extensive services to PST.

Director Domingo Rodriguez gave the September Membership Report for Membership Chair Lynn Lewis (see the report and list of new members on page 11).

Librarian Barbara Blanks announced three book additions to the PST collection at the Dallas Central Library—see book donations on page 10.

Our Annual Awards Banquet is scheduled for November 9, at the DoubleTree by Hilton (near the Galleria), 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, TX 75244. The registration form is at our website and also on page 10 of this Bulletin. Remember, you are welcome to attend whether or not you entered the contests. It is an afternoon of fellowship, fun, food, and fantastic poetry.

Spotlight on Members Chair Susan Maxwell Campbell was unable to attend the meeting, so we did not have a Spotlight Poet. However, previous remote readers have made their videos available to the public, and are now uploaded to the PST Youtube page. Just type Poetry Society of Texas in the Search area, and you will find the videos. Or go to the PST website, and click on the links under the Videos tab.

Program Committee Chair JDarrell Kirkley introduced Program Speaker, Professor Darius Frasure, who is a highly sought after educator, poet, mentor, and consultant. He holds degrees from Paul Quinn College, Luther Rice Seminary, and National University. His work revolves around partnerships with literary arts and education organizations, which impact the state of Texas and the U.S. His poetry appears in many literary journals and select readings are on Youtube. He has one spoken word album, Spoken Pieces (2010), and two collections of poetry: stained glass medusa (2015), and of stone...
Darius read selections from both of his books throughout his program. He began by saying he is always reading and always writing. He tends to write “I” poems, partly because first-person perspective allows the reader to vicariously experience the writer’s feelings and experience. “I like to think poetry is like taking a deep breath. Communication is not about agreement, but about understanding.”

He touched on family history, the holocaust memorials he has visited, how we should enjoy the music of language, about slavery, prejudice, relationships, wisdom, maturation, and drinking.

The last poem he read included audience participation by providing the rhythm to match the rhythm of his poem about love.

After the break announced the winners of the October Monthly Contests after which the meeting was adjourned.

Contest winners are listed in the box at the top of this page.

If you have the skills necessary to put a book together, PST needs you as the editor for our annual anthology, A Book of the Year. Jenna Pashley Smith has done an excellent job as editor, but she is no longer able to continue, so we need someone to take this position as soon as possible. Please contact President Irene Robertson at yranie@att.net if you are interested in this vital position. P.S. This job is fun!

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The month of carnival of all the year,
When nature lets the wild earth go its way
And spend whole seasons on a single day.

“October”
Helen Fiske Hunt Jackson (1830–1885)
November’s topics are A Childhood Memory that Shaped Me or A Favorite Pet. Our featured speaker will be our 2015 Texas Poet Laureate, Carmen Tafolla. I am so excited to have Carmen share her incredible poems.

November’s meeting will be on November 2nd at 2 pm at the Retirement Center Garden Room at Incarnate Word University. All members were encouraged to bring new members.

Happy Autumn to all poets!

AUSTIN POETRY SOCIETY
Jeffrey Taylor Reporting

News from Austin is light this month due to two October poetry festivals in the area, which are keeping us all busy.

We do have two APS member publications to note: Diana Conces’ poem, “Meditation,” was published in the Art of Peace anthology, and Benjamin Nash had a poem accepted in Sin Fronteras.

DALLAS PEGASUS CHAPTER
Domingo Rodriguez Reporting

Just want to remind all that we are having our monthly meeting this coming Thursday. We will meet at the Preston Royal Public Library at 6:00 pm. Also a reminder that we will workshop any poem that is brought, specifically those you hope to submit soon. So please bring 10 or 11 copies of your poems. Hope to see everyone there.

DENTON POETS’ ASSEMBLY
Richard Weatherly Reporting

Denton Poets’ Assembly will meet at 10 a.m. on Saturday, October 19 at the Emily Fowler Public Library in Denton, Texas.

After welcoming visitors and an opening discussion, our spotlight poet will be Richard Kushmaul.

During our Read & Response session poets will read a response material for October’s Read & Respond: Seamus Heaney (1939-2013), who was awarded the Nobel in 1995. Some members will engage in a series of dialogue poetry experiments.

Members will read free-choice poems following the panel discussion.

We adjourn at 12 p.m. but the room will remain available from noon until 1:30 p.m. for participants in a critique session.

Denton Poets’ Assembly meets on the third Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.–noon at the Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland Street in Denton. Meetings are free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome. For more information, visit http://DentonPoetsAssembly.weebly.com

FORT WORTH POETRY SOCIETY
Anne Jones Reporting

The FWPS held its monthly meeting on October 8. In attendance were Patricia Ferguson, President; Mike Baldwin, Treasurer; Steve Sanders, Secretary; Marilyn Gilbert Komechak; Anne Jones; Susan Maxwell Campbell; Fil Peach; Mary-Margaret Belota; Cade Huie; and Pat Hauldren. Marilyn Komechak opened the meeting by reading “The U.S. of Us,” by Richard Blanco. This was a powerful poem, with his usual storytelling magic. It made us think seriously about our world today, and the people in it.

Minutes of the previous meeting and the Treasurer's Report were read and approved and the group then discussed upcoming events. Tricia Ferguson, president, reminded us of ArtsGoggle which is coming up on October 19th in Fort Worth, and all poets are invited. FWPS will have a booth at ArtsGoggl. Steve Sanders will email members about where our booth will be located. The booth will feature our “Poetry Bell” and a rotation of poets; every time someone comes up and rings the bell “to add poetry,” the next
member of the rotation will stand up and recite a poem for them. The event lasts from noon till 10 p.m. on that Saturday. If you would like more information regarding ArtsGoggle and the exact location of the FWPS booth (last year there were over 500 artists in attendance and some people had a hard time finding our booth!) then contact the Society at steve.sanders@gmail.com. Come out, bring some poems and some information about your poetry group, and get ready to recite! This is always a very satisfying event.

Several of our members will go to the Georgetown Poetry Festival on October 19 in Georgetown, and so will not be able to attend ArtsGoggle. But, it does mean that members of the FWPS are going to spread out this month to encourage the production and appreciation of poetry! Catch us at either place, but catch us if you can!

Plans for the PST Summer Conference are moving quickly forward. The event will take place at the Radisson Hotel Fossil Creek (also referred to as Radisson Hotel North Fort Worth) located at 2540 Meacham Boulevard in Fort Worth. The rooms will be $109 a night, and you should be able to start making reservations for the event very soon.

Mike Baldwin gave us updates on the Chapbook that is being prepared for publication. Members voted on the theme for the 2020 PST conference. It will be “Journeys into Poetry.” Susan Campbell will create several logos and present them to Steve and Tricia for a final decision. These will be incorporated in flyers, etc. In new business, several matters concerning next summer’s conference were decided. This information will sent to PST by Steve.

Our goal is to have something at the Conference to help every poet move forward on their poetry journey. We are already discussing having various “tracks” of workshops and panels so that poets can pick and choose from the assorted offerings so that this event will be especially memorable for them. We are also planning a “children’s track” full of poetry activities on Saturday so that poets with young children can attend the Conference and know that their children are occupied and safe. One idea that has been suggested is to set up a time when poets can go out to Sundance Square and recite poetry on the streets! If you have any suggestions or ideas for things like keynote speakers, featured poets, or activities in the Fort Worth area, please contact any member of the FWPS. If you don’t know any of the members, write to steve.sanders@gmail.com.

The following kudos were announced: Denise Salerno won Third Place in the Mustard Seed Farm and Market Poetry Contest sponsored by the organization of the same name out of Richmond. Her poem was titled “My Shining Armor,” and the judge who honored her poem was Mr. Edward Hirsch, a celebrated poet and peerless advocate for poetry. Mr. Hirsch is a former Chancellor of the Academy of American Poets and the current President of the John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation. Patricia Ferguson had poems published in both the 2019 Waco Wordfest Anthology and the 2019 Blue Hole poetry anthology published by the Georgetown Poetry Festival. Susan Maxwell Campbell judged the Wichita Falls annual membership contest. Cade Huie read at the 2019 Waco Wordfest and had a poem selected for their anthology. Pat Hauldren had a poem selected for inclusion in the 2019 Blue Hole anthology. Finally, one of Steve Sanders’ poems was selected for the Waco Wordfest anthology, and he was asked to be a presenter at this year’s Wordfest as a member of a panel on writing poetry.

We finished up the meeting with an hour of lively critiques of ten excellent poems. Our critiquing session was especially rich this evening. Our next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 12. We meet at the Benbrook Public Library and visitors are always welcome. See you in Fort Worth in July, 2020!

HI-PLAINS CHAPTER
John Schmidt Reporting

Remember our October luncheon is the 27th from 11 am until about 2 pm at the Kingswood Methodist Church with a speaker and joint meeting. John will send out that information.

HOT/LIVE POETS SOCIETY
Chris Boldt Reporting

The HOT/Live Poets of Central Texas held their regular second-Thursday-of-the-month meeting at the Belton Public Library. We circulated flyers for the Georgetown Poetry Festival, which several of us are looking forward to attending on October 19.

We plan to have a poetry exchange next month and encouraged members to bring books they are no longer reading to share with each other. We have decided to bring back the practice of having a
featured reader at each meeting. This poet will have the spotlight for about 10 minutes to introduce recent poems he or she has been working on. Chris Boldt will be the November Reader.

Several of our members attended and enjoyed participating in Waco WordFest last week. We are grateful to HOT/Live Poets member, Sandi Horton, for all her hard work on the festival and the fine anthology that accompanied it. More than 70 people came out for the anthology reading.

We began our reading with poems prompted by last month’s challenge: Write a poem in the form of a note that tells something about the author of the note. Then we moved into sharing poems of all sorts that our readers have written. As always our reading included recommendations of other authors we would like our friends to become acquainted with.

Donna Bowling offered us a challenge for next month: She asked us to read Billy Collins’s poem, “Introduction to Poetry,” and then write a poem about how we would like other people to read our own poetry. We would be happy to have you join us on Thursday, November 14, at the Belton Public Library (6:30 p.m.) to hear our responses to this prompt and to participate in our monthly open mic.

If you have questions or need directions please contact Chris Boldt at pacboldt@sbcglobal.net.

MOCKINGBIRD CHAPTER

John Alexander Reporting

MPS held its regular monthly meeting on Saturday, October 5 in the Heard–Craig Carriage House in McKinney. President Thomas Martin presided, and eight members attended.

President Martin provided a PST update:
• PST monthly contests on the 15th of each month, Laughline and General. PST members can submit poems. Guidelines and rules can be read on PST’s Website: www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org, or in A Book of the Year.
• The annual Awards Banquet on November 9 to give the 100 contests awards. Anyone may attend, but must register in advance for meals, see the Website. Doubletree hotel 635 near the toll road. First place winners will read their poems.

Treasurer Susan Mardele provided an update on the finances, including the checking balance and the savings account balance. Statements are available for review. Susan Mardele also described the two recent poetry events – Poetry Day during Oktoberfest and Ann Marie’s downtown event.

There were about 20 in attendance at Filtered Coffee Shop on September 28. About 8-10 poets read. There was significant noise from a band in the street outside. The owner, Desiree, suggested we might want to have it on a different day, not during Oktoberfest. Everyone who parked at the Heard received towing messages after being told we could park there.

A nominating committee was created for electing a new Treasurer and Vice-President. Alice is chairing and Lisa Payne and AJ volunteered as well.

There was no Executive meeting in September because of President Martin’s schedule. He will look ahead to October or November for a meeting.

President Martin received an email from Karen, Director of the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts. There will be a baby shower at the big house for the November meeting. Parking may not be available, but the meeting will go on as usual. Karen suggested that we may need to park in some of the nearby public parking lots and walk over to the Carriage House on that date.

New business: Member A. J. Chilson suggested a poetry reading during Krewe of Barkus. A. J. also suggested that Aman do a calendar of his photography, maybe Mockingbirds could make one, possibly using Aman’s photography. We would need a sub-committee per President Martin. Susan Mardele suggested doing it with a poetry contest, and use children’s poems to ensure a market.

President Martin said that the Executive Committee would discuss both of these suggestions at the next meeting. After the group’s business was completed, our visitor and the members were invited to share a poetry reading, always a pleasure to enjoy poetry from the group. After the meeting, the group enjoyed sharing and a time of refreshments courtesy of President Martin.

POETS NORTHWEST

Lynn Grice Reporting

There was a low turnout in September, so the program, “A lesson from Academy of American Poets – poem to teach” was postponed until October. A lively discussion on getting members to volunteer for Board positions ensued instead.

Member News: Lynn Roberts Grice and Sharon
Young read their selected poems at the 2019 Waco WordFest on October 5. Stephen Schew also had a poem in the WordFest anthology, but could not attend, as he was reading at Public Poetry (Houston) at the Freed-Montrose Neighborhood Library. Terry Jude Miller will read from his Pushcart Prize nominated book of poetry, The Drawn Cat’s Dream, on Nov. 4, at the George Memorial Library in Richmond. His poem, “I Sing the Body Digital,” appears in the Endlessly Rocking Walt Whitman Tribute anthology. Eric Blanchard’s upcoming book, The Good Parts, is available for preorder at www.finishinglinepress.com. His poem, “Sonnets After Midnight,” won First Place in the sonnet contest as a part of the Ohio Poetry Day’s poetry contest. Courtney O’Banion Smith had several readings in October.

If you plan to be in the Houston area on the third Saturday of the month, please join us at one of our monthly meetings in Room 126 at the Windwood Presbyterian Church, 10555 Spring Cypress Rd in Houston (except May & December). Members and guests are encouraged to read original or favorite works during the second half of the meeting.

Our PST chapter is on the Web at http://www.poetsnw.com, on Facebook at http://facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest, on Twitter at @HoustonPoets, and on Instagram Poetsnorthwest.

POETS OF TARRANT COUNTY

Lynn Lewis Reporting

The October 7 meeting was called to order by President Barbara Goerdel. Contemporary Poet Reader, Angie Goin, featured a recording of “Dust,” and read the poem “Bird,” by Dorianne Laux.

The minutes from the September meeting were accepted with one correction. Barbara Berry read the treasury report. Historian Jerry Abbott read the Kudos List. Barbara Goerdel was the Spotlight Poet, in the absence of Ron Eddins.

Business: President Goerdel appointed Barbara Berry to head up the Nominating Committee for the selection of officers for 2020. It was motioned, seconded, and unanimously approved that Thomas Place Community Center remain as the venue for next year.

The venue will also serve as our community service project. Christmas party invitations, held during our December meeting, will also be extended to our 2019 Featured Speakers.

Announcements: July 10-12 is the date for the PST Summer Conference, which will be presented by the Fort Worth Poetry Society. PTC member contest entries should be emailed or given to Susan Maxwell Campbell by the November meeting. “Masterpiece” is the topic.

Assignment poems were read before the break. Vice President Angie Goin introduced our outstanding Featured Speaker, J. Paul Holcomb, the former Poet from Double Oak, now living in Flower Mound. Secretary Lynn Lewis presented J.Paul with a container of mums as our lasting tribute to Naomi Simmons (see photos at the end of chapter news section). The meeting was then adjourned by President Goerdel.

RUSK COUNTY POETRY SOCIETY

Janet Tyner Reporting

The Rusk County Poetry Society and the Tyler Rose Garden Poetry Society held their annual Celebration of Poetry on October 12, 2019, in the community hall of the Henderson Church of Christ complex, which was decorated in fall colors that featured bouquets of fall leaves on each table. In addition, writing folders, pencils, and candies were at each seat. President Mary Tindall welcomed 15 poets and guests. Carol Thompson offered an invocation and later introduced guest speaker Susan Maxwell Campbell, officer of the Poetry Society of Texas and noted poet whose most recent book is Ping Pong Poems: Dialogue Poetry, which she co-authored with Christine Irving. Ms. Campbell presented an informative and interactive program about ekphrastic poetry. She also invited attendees to write to the prompt, “What I wish I could forget.” Poems written to this prompt will be turned in at the November meeting and will be critiqued by Susan Campbell.

A potluck luncheon was enjoyed by all. Throughout the day, participants engaged in “Poets in Action” writing activities, drawings for door prizes, and appreciation of ekphrastic poetry displays from our East Texas poets. Open mic readings were given by Adrienne Pamplin, Richard Hurzeler, Carol Thompson, Jo Morrow, Mary Tindall, Janet Tyner, Peter Hoheisel, Sue Roberts, Vina Hathaway, and Susan Maxwell Campbell. Sue Roberts shared a tribute poem in honor of Richard Hurzeler for his
commitment to all the endeavors of the Tyler Rose Garden and the Rusk County Poetry Societies. Carol Thompson held the lucky ticket in the Cottage Court Raffle, which is sponsored by Sue Roberts and her daughters, Gitzi and Janet. The prize features a two-night stay at the family’s 1950’s style Dame Fortune’s Cottage Court in Hot Springs, Arkansas. Proceeds from the raffle are donated to the RCPS scholarship fund which enables the group to help a deserving student to attend college.

**SAN ANTONIO POETS ASSOCIATION**

*Valerie Martin Bailey Reporting*

SAPA’s October meeting will be held on October 19. The program for this meeting will be presented by Valerie Bailey as a mini-workshop on “How and Why to Write a Sonnet” She will have handouts with all the information so members will not need to take notes and a lot of the time will be spent in having members actually write a sonnet.

The winners of our September monthly contests will be awarded: Winners in the assigned topic, which was “Snakes Alive,” were as follows: 1st: Sheila Tingley Moore, 2nd: Floyd (Michaud) Lamrouex, 3rd: Lois Heger, HM: Jean Jackson. Winners in the Poet’s Choice contest were: 1st: Joan Seifert, 2nd: Jean Jackson, 3rd: Sheila Tingley Moore, HM: Margaret Mayberry. We will read our October poems with the assigned subject being “Wildlife in the City.” Refreshments will be provided by Charles Jones and Paige Parker.

**TYLER ROSE GARDEN POETRY SOCIETY**

*Mary Tindall Reporting*

A small group of the Rose Garden Poets met Thursday afternoon at the Hanks Senior Center in Whitehouse. Six members shared poems on the assigned topic, “Shadows,” remembering shadow references used in familiar songs and movies. Carol read poems from the recent *Wordfest* in Waco. Other poems of the poets’ choices were read.

Poets discussed the “Poetry Celebration” scheduled for Saturday in Henderson, an annual event shared with the Rusk County Poetry Society. We all look forward to seeing PST poet, Susan Maxwell Campbell, the keynote speaker. We also look forward to sharing poems in the open mic segment.

Poets enjoyed the beautiful and inspiring afternoon together. The meeting was adjourned.

**WICHITA FALLS POETRY SOCIETY**

*Cynthia Archibald Reporting*

The first meeting of the 2019-2020, year was called to order by President and September meeting chair Nick Schreiber. Nick welcomed everyone back from the summer break. The meeting began with a Mexican themed luncheon generously provided by Sheri Sutton. Gratitude was expressed by the oohing and aahing over the delicious chicken-cheese enchiladas. Fellowship included recollections of favorite family recipes and remembrances of the good ole days with family and friends before the advent of cell phones. Rosellen Sheetz announced that beginning clogging classes were being offered at the local YMCA and that she would be performing that evening at the Texas Oklahoma Fair. A short clogging demonstration was presented and enjoyed by all.

Nick presented an update on the summer workshop and thanked Sheri and Mark Sutton for hosting the event at their lovely home. Geneva Rodgers brought bags of old writing handbooks, journals, and magazines to share with members at the workshop. Mark Sutton provided the musical entertainment, and Roberta Sund’s birthday was celebrated.

Sheri Sutton shared that she and Mary Barnes, the society’s honorary member, had recently worked together judging a state poetry contest. Sheri reported that Mary was doing well and would be turning 93 in November.

Nick presented the September program which was a quiz covering 43 literary devices. After overcoming our collective fear of being unexpectedly quizzed, fun was had by all.

The WFPS members have chosen their Mystery Art pieces and have submitted their ekphrastic poems for the Annual Mystery Art Fest. Members will participate in an “Art on Tap” poetry reading at the Kemp on October 17. Everyone is excited to have this opportunity to promote poetry in Wichita Falls.

The May, 2019, additional contest, Sculpture Garden, 24 line limit results were:

First Place – Mark Sutton for “Big Crow.”
Second Place – Roberta Sund for “Stub-Tail and Roadrunner Alias Chaparral.”
Third Place – Daryl Halencak for “Dying Gaul.”

Jimmye Inez Sessions of Lewisville, TX, was the contest judge.
A close-up view of the beautiful mums presented to J.Paul by Lynn Lewis, secretary of the Tarrant County Poets as a fond remembrance and lasting tribute to PST’s beloved Naomi Stroud Simmons.

Note to Chapter Presidents and Reporters
We miss you when you don’t send news. We’re a big family of poets and we’re interested in all the ways that you enjoy and promote poetry. We learn from one another. There won’t be a regular Bulletin in November. It will be the Awards Edition letting us know who won all the annual contests. Please let us hear from you in December.

Winners in the September, 2019 Ballad contest on any subject, 40 line limit were:
First Place – Sheri Sutton for “Take Flight.”
Second Place – Lynn Hoggard for “A Song of the Swamp.”
Third Place – Mark Sutton for “Fateful Choice.”
Marilyn Stacy of Dallas, TX, was the judge.

The photos below are from the Tarrant County Poets who share this photo of their featured speaker J.Paul Holcomb enjoying fellowship with Robert Schinzel and others after their meeting.

Terry Jude Miller... won the Poetry Society of Texas’ Catherine Case Lubbe Manuscript Prize last year.
He has continued to stay busy writing, and his award-winning book, A Drawn Cat’s Dream, was released in September 2019 and is now available on Amazon.com.

PST is nominating Terry’s poem, “You Need to be This Tall” for a Pushcart Prize. His book will also be entered as a candidate for the Austin Community College 2019 Balcones Poetry Prize. The award of $1,500 is for an outstanding book of poetry published in 2019.
Terry will be at the November Awards Banquet to sell and sign his books.

PST also appreciates Terry’s efforts to produce Podcasts for everyone’s enjoyment. These can be found on PST’s Website.

Ann Howells is now in the process of organizing PST’s Youth Poetry Competition for 2020. Information will be sent out to teachers this month. If you or your chapter is interested in sponsoring a contest, please contact Ann at (dpcer@msn.com).

Sponsorship is $25, half of this fee goes toward incurred expenses, and half of it helps pay for student memberships. Interested PST members, please let Ann know exactly how you would like to title your contest, what age group you would prefer, and whether you plan to judge the contest yourself or designate someone else to judge. Remember: youngsters are the future of poetry.
The Fort Worth Poetry Society
In Cooperation with the Poetry Society of Texas Offers
The William D. Barney Memorial Chapbook Contest, 2020

The contest honors the late Fort Worth poet William D. Barney, one of the most distinguished poets Fort Worth has produced, a former member of FWPS, and past president of the Poetry Society of Texas. Barney won the national Robert Frost Award in 1961 and was Texas Poet Laureate in 1982-83.

The winner will receive $50 plus 15 free copies of the published chapbook.

Rules for Entry:

1. This contest is open to Texas residents and/or active PST members only. Entry fee for Members of the Poetry Society of Texas is $10. Entry fee for Texas resident non-members of PST is $20. Make your check or money order payable to the Fort Worth Poetry Society. No cash please.
2. Contestants should submit a single copy of their manuscript in English only, which should be a minimum of 20 but no more than 30 pages of poetry, and no more than one poem per page. Poems should have no more than 50 characters per line including spaces. The manuscript may include both published and unpublished poems, but may not include poems from other books or chapbooks by the author. A majority of unpublished poems is preferred but not required. Do not include acknowledgments with the manuscript. The winner will supply an acknowledgments page, if needed, during arrangements for publication. The author must not be identified on the manuscript. Include a separate identification sheet with name of author, address, phone, email, and title of the manuscript. Please retain a digital copy of your manuscript; the paper contest copies will be destroyed by the judge.
3. Manuscripts with poems that contain explicit sexual language or expletives will not be considered.
4. Fort Worth Poetry Society will assume the production costs of developing the manuscript into a market-ready, soft cover collection. This includes editing, cover design, pricing, and ISBN registration. Upon publication of the finished chapbook, the author will receive 15 free copies of the chapbook, with additional copies available at the author discount of 50%. FWPS reserves the right to print and sell additional copies at retail cost, with a 10% royalty to the author. Except for the rights granted to the FWPS, the winner will retain the copyright to the chapbook.
5. The winner of the contest will not be eligible to enter again for six years. Current members of the Fort Worth Poetry Society are not eligible to enter this contest.
6. A qualified, impartial judge selected by FWPS, but not a member of FWPS or PST, will select the winning manuscript. The judge’s name will not be announced until the winner is announced.
7. The winner will be invited to do readings from the chapbook at the PST Summer Conference, at a monthly meeting of PST in Dallas, and at a poetry program at Benbrook Public Library, Benbrook, Texas.
8. Entry in the contest acknowledges agreement with these stipulations.
9. Entries will be accepted with postmarks between January 1 and February 15, 2020.
10. Announcement of the winner will be at the April, 2020, PST meeting and by email to entrants. Entries should be mailed to: FWPS Chapbook Contest, 10148 Fieldcrest Drive, Benbrook, TX 76126. Include your email or SASE to be notified of delivery.
The 63rd Annual PST Awards Banquet
Saturday, November 9, 2019
Double Tree by Hilton (near the Galleria)
4099 Valley View Lane
Dallas, Texas 75244
972-419-7607

HOTEL RESERVATIONS
For hotel reservations call the hotel at 972-419-7607. It may be too late to get the PST room rate of $115. You can ask for the Poetry Society of Texas rate, but may have to pay full rate now. Reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card. Hotel may ask for a first night deposit. There is a 24 hour cancellation policy.

PROGRAM ORDER
11:00 a.m. ~ Check-In and Seating
11:30 a.m. ~ Banquet Service
12:30 p.m. ~ Introductions and Special Awards
12:45 p.m. ~ Break
1:00 p.m. ~ Presentation of our Annual Awards
After Contest #50, Break plus...Double Tree Cookies

Regular and Gluten-Free Menu
(If you do not eat the rolls or cake)

Salad
Chef’s Selection of Salad with Dressings

Entrée
Grilled Breast of Chicken
with a Mediterranean Sauce
Jasmine Rice
Seasonal Vegetables Mix
Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter

Dessert
Italian Cream Cake or
Fruit Cup (gluten free)

Beverages
Iced Tea ~ Iced Water
Freshly Brewed Regular or Decaf Coffee

Vegetarian Menu

Salad
Chef’s Selection of Salad with Dressings

Entrée
Asian Veggie Stir Fry
with Rice
Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter

Dessert
Italian Cream Cake or
Fruit Cup

Beverages
Iced Tea ~ Iced Water
Freshly Brewed Regular or Decaf Coffee

REGISTRATION FORM
Due by Saturday, November 2 – Mail completed form to Beth Ayers at 7404 Townsend Blvd., McKinney TX 75071 (Phone: 214-856-4990).

Name ______________________________________
Address:____________________________________ City:____________________ State:______Zip:________
Phone:____________________________________ E-mail:____________________

Indicate number for each menu selection: Regular/Gluten Free ________ Vegetarian ________
Check if required: No Sauce ________ Fruit instead of cake ________
Total number of plates ordered @ $34 ________ for the Awards Banquet meals.
Reservation per plate ________ Total Amount Enclosed: $ ____________

Please make your check payable to PST or the Poetry Society of Texas
MEMBERSHIP REPORT OCTOBER 2019
from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis

Active Members.............227
Associate Members..........17
Life Members..................35
Student Members..............5
Supporting Members.........1
Sustaining Members.........3
Recently Deceased..........0
New Members................2
Renewing Members...........4
Current Member Total.....288

WELCOME NEW PST MEMBERS

David Bond, Del Rio
Richard Carl Evans, Grand Prairie

You will _❤_ Love PST!

Book Donations Report
From PST Librarian Barbara Blanks

Librarian Barbara Blanks reports 3 book donations this month to the PST collection at the Dallas Central Library. The new books donated are:
- The WordFest Anthology 2019: Waco Cultural Arts Fest, edited by Sandi Horton
- Fusion of Words & Colors, by Dr. Amanullah Khan.

Our members are encouraged to donate books to the Library. If you have published a collection of poems or your chapter publishes an anthology, please consider donating a copy to this collection. Send the books to Librarian Barbara Blanks at 1518 Running River Rd., Garland, TX 75044-7254.

Our Sincere Sympathy is Extended to the following PST members.

To Sylvia Medel in the loss of her beloved husband, Manny Medel on June 9, 2019. He had been in VITAS Innovative Healthcare Inpatient Hospice Unit in Carrollton, Texas.

To Catherine L’Herisson in the loss of her beloved Aunt Claudine Hart who died in Shreveport on July 10, 2019. Her service was held in Coushatta, Louisiana on July 12.

To Jackie Pelham in the loss of her beloved husband of more than 50 years. Joel Pelham died on July 29 in Conroe, Texas.

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