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EXTRA! Read All About It! **EXTRA!**

Steve Sanders

SADDLE UP AND MAKE PLANS

with your chapter members to attend
the Poetry Society of Texas 2023 Summer Conference!!!

When? Thursday, July 20, 2023 to Saturday, July 22, 2023

Where? The Radisson Hotel Fort Worth North Fossil Creek.

This year's theme is "Blazing Poetry Trails"

Be prepared to learn more about poetry,
hear some poetry to inspire you, read
your own, and spend time with poet
friends from across Texas.

Our speakers and presenters will fill
your saddlebag with prompts and ideas
for your next poem or writing project.
Watch poetrysocietyoftexas.org and the
PST Facebook page for details.

We'd love to see *you* there,
pardner!



**The Next PST General Monthly Meeting
September 9, 2023**

Michael Guinn will be the featured speaker-
detail to follow in the August edition.



The Bulletin will be on hiatus for the summer
There will be no issue for June and July
The next edition will be in August

Minutes of the General Meeting, May 13, 2023

Submitted by Recording Secretary Barbara Blanks

President Rich Weatherly welcomed our 22 attendees.

Recording Secretary Barbara Blanks gave the May membership report for Membership Chair Lynn Lewis.

As Librarian, Blanks reported four books donated to the permanent PST collection at the Dallas Central Library.

Treasurer Neal Ostman gave the April Financial report. The two main expenditures were for the Bulk Mail Permit and the hotel deposit for the summer conference.

Reminder: Registration deadline for the NFSPS Convention is May 31st. Convention information is at their website, www.nfsps.net. PST can be represented by five delegates, so if you are planning on attending, please contact Catherine L'Herisson. Catherine reminded us that \$3 of your membership fee goes to NFSPS for your membership with them.

We still need a new Annual Contest Chair person or persons to handle the 2024 contests. Also, Rich Weatherly has been handling the monthly contests for the last five years and would like to step down. If you are interested in being the new Monthly Contest Chair, please contact Rich.

Director Steve Sanders, in cowboy twang and 10-gallon hat, gave us an update on the planning progress of the **Blazing Poetry Trails** summer conference, scheduled for July 20-21-22. It will be held at the Radisson Fossil Creek Hotel in Fort Worth. The Registration Form will be forthcoming soon. If it doesn't make it into the May Bulletin, it will still be posted on the website, and **Corresponding Secretary Sarah Wood** will be emailing the form also. Link will be posted on the PST Facebook page.

The Nominating Committee for the 2023-2024 Board traditionally consists of past presidents and former board members. This committee consisted of Catherine L'Herisson-Chair, Budd Powell Mahan, Jeannette Strother, Barbara Lewie Berry, and Irene Robertson. The proposed slate of officers: Rich Weatherly, President; Catherine L'Herisson, Vice President; Neal Ostman, Treasurer; Barbara Blanks, Recording Secretary; Sarah Wood, Corresponding Secretary; JDarrell Kirkley, Director; Carol Thompson, Director; Steve Sanders, Director. L'Herisson twice asked for nominees from the floor/i.e. Zoom attendees. None were offered. Barbara Berry moved, Lynn Grice seconded, that proposed slate be accepted by show of hands. Motion passed with no dissent. The new/returning board will officially seat on Sept. 1.

Spotlight on Members Chair Catherine L'Herisson introduced our Spotlight Poet, Lynn Roberts Grice, of Houston. Lynn is a PST Councilor, as well as a member of Poets Northwest Chapter since 2001; a PST member since 2004; the Annual Contest Chair for two years; and has been on the PNW board for 20 years in a variety of positions. She read several poems from her two poetry books.

Program Chair JDarrell Kirkley introduced our **Program Speaker, Doris Brogan**, Dallas. Doris was born in Missouri, grew up in Iowa, graduated from high school in Nebraska and moved to Texas in 1978. In 1986 she moved to Dallas where she eventually graduated from Richland College. She's been writing poetry for over 40 years. It's the way she processes life.

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She spent most of her working life in newspapers, including the Dallas Morning News for 18 years. Her poems have appeared in several anthologies and literary journals. Doris talked about creativity, and “those magical moments” when ideas pop into our minds. She’s read several studies that indicate the urge to create is inherent in humans, and it manifests in many ways. In the case of poems and what they mean, each poem potentially has as many meanings as there are readers.

Updates:

ABOTY Editor Janet Tyner is still working on it; she is close to finalizing content.

Poetry in Schools Chair Barry Rynk reported almost all student contest results are in. Student Awards date and the prize anthology publishing will be in planning stages soon.

JDarrell Kirkley thanked all who attended the Spring Fling in Jefferson.

**March Monthly Contest Results
14 Entries**

GENERAL CONTEST

Judge: Gail Denham, Sunriver, OR. 14 entries
1st—Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield—“Square”
2nd—Barbara Blanks, Garland
3rd—Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio

LINES CONTEST

Laugh Lines Judge— Terry Jude Miller, Richmond
Laugh Lines Winner: Catherine, L’Herisson, Garland

Book Prizes:

Popular-Galen Steele, Fort Worth; Wm Barney—Michael Minassian, Fort Lee, NJ; Ted Badger—Catherine L’Herisson, Garland; Birma’s Collection—Peter Holland, San Antonio.

Other poems were by Preston F. Kirk, Manuel L. English, James E. Mathis, Hollis Davis, Sylvia S. Medel, and JDarrell Kirkley.

Membership Report (Lynn Lewis)

from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis

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| Active Members.....201 | Sustaining Members....4 |
| Associate Members....11 | Recently Deceased.....0 |
| Life Members.....29 | Benefactor Members...1 |
| Student Members.....5 | Honorary Members.....5 |
| Supporting Members....2 | Total Membership...258 |

Book Donations Report

As Librarian, B. Blanks reported four books donated to the permanent PST collection at the Dallas Central Library:

- House and Home, by Sheri Flowers Anderson.
- Redneck Tales: Poems, by LaVern Spencer McCarthy.
- Ghostly Ghouls and Haunted Happenings, ed. by S. AZ Press.
- The Stars and Moon in the Evening Sky, ed. by S. AZ Press.

Members are encouraged to donate books to the library. If you have published a collection of poems your chapter publishes an anthology, please consider donating a copy to this collection. Send books to Barbara Blanks. Her address is listed with the executive board.

Welcome Our New Members!

We have two new members: Laurel Davis, Monahans—who is also the new Councilor for Permian Basin; and Floyd Brigdon, Grand Prairie.

Dead Poet’s Quote of the Month

“A Poet can survive everything but a misprint.”
- Oscar Wilde



Spring Fling 2023 took place in Jefferson on April 29, 2023. Although the turnout was a bit low, the day was considered a success by all attendees. Each Poet was able to read 3 - 4 poems. Several of the group went to dinner on Friday night and gathered after at the center after and set-up the room. We gave out several door prizes and presented the Spring Fling poetry contest ribbons. The Visitor's Bureau's Danielle Eigmann shared some history and tourist high-lights of Jefferson. She also created a basket of goodies that she put together from the merchants. The group was made to feel very welcome by her and the city of Jefferson, TX.



1st Place - Bob Schinzel



2nd Place - Janet Tvner



HM - Ginger Sheppard



HM - Nancy Gilbert



HM - Charlotte Renk



HM - Kathleen Johnson-Breakfield

BLACKBERRY PEACH SPOKEN WORD POETRY COMPETITION BLACKBERRY PEACH 2023 COMPETITION UPDATE

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE POETRY SOCIETIES PRESS RELEASE

BLACKBERRY PEACH SPOKEN WORD 2023 POETRY
CONTEST WINNERS
4/30/23

The winners of this year's BLACKBERRY PEACH SPOKEN WORD POETRY COMPETITION were announced today by the Contest Chair, Joe Cavanaugh. First place winner is Eduardo Vega of San Antonio, Texas, Second place went to Julianza Shavin of Fountain, Colorado. Third place was awarded to Sheri Hall of Kansas City, Missouri. They were followed by Finalists, Fourth place winner Cheryl Weber of Mahomat, Illinois and Fifth place winner Terry Odis of Desoto, Texas.

This year's competition was judged by Ed Mabrey of Los Angeles, California. He was the 2021 BLACKBERRY PEACH SPOKEN WORD POETRY COMPETITION winner and is often considered the top poet in the history of Poetry Slam with four World Championships, five consecutive Regional Championships and over 500 Poetry Slam wins in his career so far. He had to choose the winners from entries from 18 States, with Florida recording the most entries and Colorado in second place. Poets were asked to pick their 4 best poems and submit them in Written and Spoken (audio) form to be eligible for the prizes.

Prizes included cash prizes for the top three, \$1,000 first prize, \$500 second prize, \$250 third prize. All of the 5 finalists will be invited to appear at the National Federation of State Poetry Societies Annual Convention, being held this year in DesMoines, Iowa from June 21-16, 2023. All five will be included in a video to be produced and placed on Youtube, and have their poems published in a book, published by NFSPS and entitled Blackberry Peach Spoken Word Poetry Prizes 2023.

Please consider entering next year's competition by following the guidelines outlined on the National Federation Of Poetry Societies (NFSPS) website. Entries will be accepted from January 1, -March 15, 2024. If you have any questions, comments or need additional information Please contact Joe Cavanaugh at jcavanaugh1@gmail.com.

CONGRATULATIONS!
FIRST PLACE WINNER
2023

Eduardo Vega
PST Member
San Antonio

CONGRATULATIONS!
FIFTH PLACE 2023
THIRD PLACE 2022

Terry Odis
PST Member
Desoto

CONGRATULATIONS!
FINALIST 2022
WAYNE HENRY

PST Member
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Check the NFSPS Website
for details on next year's competition
January 1 - March 15, 2024

PST Summer Conference is Set for July!

Carol Thompson

The Poetry Society of Texas will have its annual Summer Conference beginning on Thursday, July 20, 2023 and running through July 22, 2023. The conference theme is "Blazing Poetry Trails" and will be held at the Radisson Fort Worth North/Fossil Creek, at 2540 Meacham Boulevard, Fort Worth, Texas, 76106. Look for a registration form, very soon, on the PST website! There will be speakers galore and special events for you to participate in! There will be entertainment on both nights and opportunities for you to recite your poetry, write new poetry, and sell your poetry merchandise! We've already booked Diane Glancy, winner of the 2023 Barney Chapbook contest and Courtney O'Bannion Smith, the winner of the 2023 Lubbe Manuscript contest! Expect lots more! We'd love to see you there, pardner!

ATTENTION!

Attention Volunteers!

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**PST still needs an Annual Contest Awards Chair
For Next Year - 2024**

Volunteer Now & Spend a Year Learning the Ropes From Experts
Budd Powell Mahan (This Year's Chair)
and Lynn Roberts Grice (Former Chair)
Individuals and Chapters are Welcome

If you are interested, please reach out to a Board Member for more information.

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**PST Needs a Monthly Contest Awards Chair
Starting Immediately**

Richard Weatherly, after five years as the Monthly Contest Chair, is retiring from this role. Rich will still be available to coach the new Contest Chair. There are nine contests a year. As the monthly chair, you will collect the poems, certify them (check for participant eligibility, ensure the number of lines/characters per line requirement is met), assemble and forward the packet to a pre-selected judge, then announce the results in the PST monthly meeting. You will also conduct the process of determining the Book Prize winners with the Executive Board. One of the benefits of this role is to interact with the PST Executive Board and with judges, all accomplished poets, around the country. The Contest Chair is ineligible to enter the Monthly Contest.

If you are interested, please reach out to Rich or another Board Member for more information.

Catherine Case Lubbe Manuscript Contest, 2023 - Poetry Society of Texas

Are your poems begging to be published? Do you have poems that sparkle with heart and wit? Are you ready to give your poems to the world? Here's a grand opportunity! The Poetry Society of Texas sponsors annually the Catherine Case Lubbe Manuscript Contest open to all active dues-paid and Life members of PST, writing in English. You may submit your manuscript of 45 and 60 pages of poetry between June 15, 2023, and August 1, 2023. The prize is fifty copies of your book, ready to market, and \$100. Now is the time to start considering your entry! Read the full rules on the Poetry Society of Texas web page (and below) and good luck!

Catherine Case Lubbe Manuscript Contest: 2023 Requirements

Prize: The winning entrant will receive a cash prize of \$100 and fifty copies of an Amazon KDP published, market-ready, 6 by 9 inch soft-cover book (includes editing, cover design, pricing, and ISBN registration). The winner will assume the cost of additional copies.

Who may enter: The competition is open to all active dues-paid and Life Members of PST, writing in English. The manuscript must be original work by a single author. The winner must agree to three public readings from the book. (1) A reading for a PST monthly meeting; (2) A reading at the annual summer conference, following the announcement in November; (3) A third reading will be arranged by the author. Entry acknowledges agreement with these stipulations. The winner of this prize and Eakin winners will not be eligible to enter again for six years. PST will select a judge whose name will be announced when the winner is announced. All rights revert to the winner after publication.

Deadline: Manuscripts must be postmarked between June 1 and August 1, 2023.

Previously published material: The manuscript may include unpublished poems and poems published in journals and anthologies (not to exceed 25 percent of the whole submission) but may not include poems from poet's other books or chap books, print or electronic. The submitter must have rights to previously published poems at the time of submitting the manuscript.

Entry fee: \$10 payable by check to Poetry Society of Texas for each submitted manuscript. Multiple entries are allowed with separate fees.

Length: The submitted manuscript should contain between 45 and 60 pages of poetry, one poem per page, not including other written matter. Only poems submitted in the winning contest manuscript will be published. No poems may be added or replaced nor images added to the poetry during the winning entry publication process..

Format: (1) Submit a single copy of the manuscript. (2) No line of poetry shall contain more than 60 characters (letters, spaces, and punctuation). (3) The manuscript must have a title page without author identification. (4) The pages should be numbered. (5) It must include a table of contents. (6) It must be bound in some manner (manuscript clip preferred). (7) No identification should appear on the manuscript. (8) Manuscripts with poems that contain explicit sexual language or expletives will not be considered. Do not send your only copy of the manuscript. Manuscripts will not be returned.

Include these items separate from the manuscript: (1) A title page with entrants name, address, phone number, and email address. (2) A single copy of a poem from the manuscript. If your manuscript wins, this poem will be printed in *A Book of the Year* and read at the awards banquet. This copy should have author identification and a note that it is part of your Lubbe manuscript. (3) A list of acknowledgements for previously published poems (not to exceed 25 percent of the whole). (4) A check for \$10.00 payable to PST for each manuscript entry.

Send to: Richard Kushmaul – 9612 Sandlewood Drive, Denton, Texas 76207. 704-608-9702 (c) richardkdpa@gmail.com.

Past winners include Diane Glancy, Charlotte Renk, Lynn Lewis, Budd Powell Mahan, Terry Jude Miller, Susan Maxwell Campbell, Michael Minassian, Christine Irving, and Courtney O'Banion Smith.

PST IS GRATEFUL FOR THOSE WHO GAVE ALL

Memorial Day
May 29th.

Honor and Mourn
our Fallen!



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POST CHAPTER NEWS

San Antonio Poets Association

Antonia Murguia Reporting

San Antonio Poets Association completed their last meeting for the 2022-2023 Poet Year. President Antonia S Murguia started the meeting by welcoming everyone. After the pledge and a moment of silence, we addressed a sheet that addressed a review for the year.

We announced our March and April winners.

March winners:

Assigned Topic: Honorable Mention: Margaret Mayberry, 3rd Place: Sheri Anderson, 2nd Place: Susan Sabino, 1st Place: Sheila Moore.

Opened Topic. Honorable Mention: Pat Gibbs, 3rd Place: Lea Fagin, 2nd Place: Carol Siskovic; 1st Place: Rene Ornes.

April Winners:

Assigned Topic: Honorable Mention: Jane Perdue; 3rd Place: Lea Fagin; 2nd Place: Sheila Moore; 1st Place: Margaret Mayberry.

Open Topic: Honorable Mention: Margaret Mayberry; 3rd Place: Sheila Moore; 2nd Place: Jazz Philips; 1st Place: Sheri Anderson.

New Business:

In September, President Murguia will be asking for two poems for the anthology for the 22-23 year, due to vacations. Also, in September the Poet Laureate for the 22—23 year will be announced in September and will be the featured speaker in October. In September, our handbook for the new year will be handed out.

We still do not have a secretary and will ask for nominations in September. Results of the reviews will be announced later this summer.

As a final note, the same officers will serve another year. President Murguia presented the officers a purple orchid as a thank you for their service. In September, our assigned topic will be *The Subject of Wind*. See you in September.

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Beaumont Chapter

Dorothy Sells Clover Reporting

No Update.

Fort Worth Poetry Society

Helen Dent Reporting

The Fort Worth Poetry Society met in a hybrid meeting, in person and via Zoom, on the evening of April 25, 2023 at Southside Cellar. In attendance were John Bartell, Vice President; Mike Baldwin, Treasurer; Helen Dent, Secretary; Mary-margaret Belota; Denise Salerno; Shae Shaw; Lori Trotter; Doris Brogan; Michael Davies; Neal Ostman; and Galen Steele.

The meeting opened with a poem by Edna St. Vincent Millay, “The True Encounter,” read by Mary-margaret Belota. Mike gave the treasurer’s report - the Society has approximately \$4,026 in current funds.

Old business: The FWPS chapbook, Fort Worth Skylines, will be completed soon. Also, the FWPS poetry contest for members will close for submissions May 12. The FWPS chapbook contest was won by Diane Glancy with “Jawbone.” The FWPS historical marker is still in process. Our annual social will be held on May 23rd at 6:30, location TBD.

New business: John Bartell suggested that the society purchase a screen and microphone for Zoom meetings; Neal made a motion that the society spend up to \$500 on these items, Helen seconded, and the motion carried. Members also voted on new officers for 2023-24: John Bartell, president; Helen Dent, Vice President; Mike Baldwin, treasurer; Denise Salerno, historian; Steve Sanders, webmaster; and Galen Steele, secretary. Mike moved that these officers be elected, Neal seconded, and the motion carried. After some discussion about membership limits, Mike Guinn was appointed as Ambassador-at-Large for the FWPS, a position that is appointed by the president of the society and will be filled as needed. The membership voted to approve both the new position and Mike Guinn as the first holder of the position.

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Mockingbird Chapter

Brian Cummings Reporting

The Mockingbird Poetry Society met on Saturday, May 6th at the Heard-Craig Carriage House. President Susan Mardele presided. Attending the meeting were 11 members and two guests. Barry Rynk reported that eight members participated in an open mic event at the Filtered Coffee Shop on April 21 to mark Poetry Month. Beth Ayers reported that 46 award winners and eight teachers attended the awards ceremony for the 52nd Annual Collin County Poetry Contest on April 23. Close to 200 people attended the event. Barry discussed planning for the 2024 Arts Meets Poetry event and asked for volunteers to serve on several committees that are being formed for the event, which has more than doubled in size since the inaugural event in 2022.

Poets Northwest

Eric Blanchard Reporting

At our April 2023 meeting, Poets Northwest celebrated National Poetry Month by each attendee sharing a poem or two by a national, state, or city poet laureate or a contemporary American poet and what the presenter likes or dislikes about the poet's work. Several members chose to present poems by our current Poet Laureate of the United States, Ada Limón. Other poets whose work was shared at the meeting included Mildred Baass, Naomi Sahab Nye, Budd Mahan, Kim Staffard, Maxine Kumin, Terry Jude Miller, and Donald Hall.

Poets Northwest welcomes visitors and guests. If you happen to be in the area, feel free to join one of our monthly meetings on the third Saturday of the month. Please contact PNW via social media for more information. Members and

guests are encouraged to read original or favorite works during the second half of each monthly meeting. Our PST chapter is on the web at <http://www.poetsnw.com>, on Facebook at <http://facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest>, on Twitter as @HoustonPoets, and on Instagram as poetsnorthwest.

Rusk County Poetry Society

Janet R. Tyner Reporting

Eight members of the Rusk County Poetry Society met on Thursday, April 20, 2023, in the multi-use building of the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson. Amber Lollar from the Henderson News attended a portion of the meeting for a weekend news report on RCPS. President Mary Tindall called the meeting to order, followed by an invocation from Richard Hurzeler. Mary then read "Spelunking" by J. Paul Holcomb which was published in *A History of the Poetry Society of Texas* by Budd Powell Mahan. The book will be shared among members and will be placed in the RCPS archives. Adrienne Pamplin read the minutes from the March 16 meeting. Carol Thompson shared the financial report for Charles Taylor. Carol T., Sue Roberts, and Janet Tyner reported on the Poetry in School awards celebration.

Adrienne P. was the spotlight poet. She read three of her poems from her college days, as well as the 1980s and the 1990s. In recognition of National Poetry Month, Carol T. shared information about Adelaide Crapsey (1878-1918), the creator of the cinquain, and then read three of Crapsey's poems.

Jo Morrow presented a program on tribute poems and the early life of Louisa May Alcott. She guided the members through an analysis of Alcott's poem "Thoreau's Flute." Members are encouraged to create a tribute poem of their own and bring it to the next meeting of RCPS which will be Thursday, May 18.



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