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Our September Speaker Dr. Russ Livingston September 9, 2023



He is a M.D., Spoken Word Artist, Psychotherapist, and Systems Consultant.

Seen through the lenses of social justice and the social determinants of health, he draws on psychodynamic, narrative, and family therapy schools of thought when serving families, couples, adults and children.

He sees mindful poetic inquiry as a compass guiding us to knowledge of self, to communion with spirit, and to capacity to participate in mending community.

He believes that deepening our receptive capacities through mindful practice is rocket fuel for poets.

(Sometimes not so) Dead Poet's Quote of the Month

“I consider myself a poet first and a musician second. I live like a poet and I’ll die like a poet.”

- Bob Dylan

PST Summer Conference July 20-22, 2023

Submitted by Steve Sanders

Well, the boxes are unloaded, the audiovisual equipment is back in the storage building, the computer is finally set back up, and I have had some time to process the 2023 PST Summer Conference. I have had many compliments on the results of our team's efforts and I wanted to thank everyone who helped plan the event, put it on, and attended it. Altogether we made it what it was and based on the comments from most of you, it was a resounding success. Primarily, I want to thank the members of the core team that planned and put on the event.

Carol Thompson - My dedicated, talented, hard-working co-captain. Carol worked diligently to make sure that everything was exceptional. She volunteered to take on the role, with me, of co-chair for the Conference, and she did an incredible job. From organizing and preparing the presenters to taking a lead role in creating the "grab bags" everyone received to just being there on a Sunday evening when we needed to talk things through and make a decision, Carol was magnificent and was the consummate team-player. Thank you, Carol!

JDarrell Kirkley - JDarrell was our promotional wizard and graphic artist. If you liked any of the graphics we used on any of the Conference items, thank JDarrell. He also created the promotional video that so many people commented on - professional, informative, and fun to watch! He also shined as one of our presenters and I have had many compliments on his presentation. Thank you, JDarrell!

Beth and Mark Ayers - Beth is our "combat veteran" and she deserves a "Conference Intermediary Badge." She single-handedly negotiated a deal with the Radisson that resulted in us being able to put on a summer conference. Her experience and skills got this event in the air. The Committee may have kept this bird aloft and brought it in for a safe and successful landing but Beth is the one who handled the takeoff. In addition, she and Mark brought the second Public Address System so that we had one in the classroom and one in the ballroom. Thank you, Beth and Mark!

Neal Ostman - Neal, as the Treasurer, was behind the scenes and working on the Committee from the very beginning. He brainstormed with us and then helped in so many ways to make the

Conference a success. My thanks go out to him especially because he did all of this work knowing he was going to miss the final event. We missed you, too, Neal! Thank you, Neal!

Barb Blanks - Barb was always available to answer questions, keep us on the right track, and help mold the program. As our assistant treasurer and part of our institutional knowledge bank, Barb was invaluable. She was at the registration table whenever you needed her, did an amazing job reading the "You Be the Judge" entries, and kept the books in order! Thank you, Barb!

Rich Weatherly - Every army needs a general and Rich was our leader providing guidance and direction throughout this process. He penned a wonderful welcome letter for everyone in their packet and he was always there to pitch in on making final decisions. Thank you, Rich!

Catherine L'Herisson - In addition to her Vice President duties, Catherine was instrumental in getting some of the best entertainment we have had in years! Robert "Doc" Parkey and Bill White provided great musical entertainment and a true taste of Texas! Thank you, Catherine!

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Betty Roberts and all the people who donated items for the Life

Member Raffle – Betty did an amazing job this year and made sure that there were plenty of great items for people to win! She was everywhere, selling raffle tickets and talking up the event. Special thanks to Seadog Enterprises and the John Wayne Experience for donating the big prizes that had everybody waiting to the end. Thank you, Betty!

John Bartell – John is the current president of the Fort Worth Poetry Society and was incredibly helpful when it came to setting up for the Conference and breaking it all down. In addition, John emceed one of our open mics and the Thursday night event. Thank you, John!

Richard Kushmaul – Almost at the last minute, Richard agreed to emcee our Friday night dinner and event. He did an outstanding job and took charge the way you would expect the President of the Denton's Poets Assembly to do! Thank you, Richard!

To all our presenters and speakers – Christine Boldt, Diane Glancy, Michael Guinn, Cade Huie, Budd Powell Mahan, Fred Manchester, Courtney O'Banion Smith, and Janet Tyner – all of these people donated their time and effort to present a program that many of you have told me was one of the best you've been to in years! Thank you, everyone! Kare2Dance – You gave these ladies, not only a fantastic debut and a nice donation for the chosen charity, a standing ovation. They had a wonderful time and I think they gave you a wonderful time. We were a fantastic start for this group and I hope we see them again! Thank you, Kae, Jlynn and Melody!

Doris Brogan – Doris, a very talented poet and good friend, is a member of several chapters but is a treasured member of the Fort Worth Poetry Society. She arrived early and went straight to work doing all of the tasks put before her. She was a big help in making sure that we were ready to start from noon on Thursday! Thank you, Doris! Thank you to the Radisson and their staff! Mary-Margaret Kilgore in the main office and Juan and his entire staff with catering gave us great customer service and went above and beyond to make this a great conference! Thank you, Mary-Margaret and Juan!

I also want to publicly thank my wife, Melody Sanders, for stepping in when Michaud was unavoidably kept from managing the Book Room. She volunteered and worked tirelessly to ensure we had a successful opportunity to sell our books. Thank you, sweetheart! I love you!

As you can see, this is not a one-man band. It takes an entire orchestra to put on a symphony like this year's Summer Conference turned out to be. But, with the right ensemble working together in harmony, this is a very rewarding composition that can be a real crowd pleaser! I know I am forgetting someone and I apologize in advance for doing so. But please know that the Summer Conference committee sincerely appreciates all of the people who made this year's event one of the best! See you next year! - *Steve*

A Message From the PST Executive Board

Submitted by Carol Thompson

We recognize and thank Steve Sanders for captaining the conference ship all three days with his unique leadership and presenting skills. An exceptional group of poets attended - friendly, willing to share knowledge and enjoy a great conference experience with tons of outstanding poetry, laughs, and lots of fun. We hope those who attended will read over their conference notes and handouts and be inspired to create some fine poetry!

You Be The Judge Contest Winners

Judges: All Participating Poets

Readers: **Barbara Blanks & Michael Guinn**

1st--Bob Schinzel, Argyle

2nd--Karl Smith, Amarillo

3rd--Catherine L'Herisson. Garland



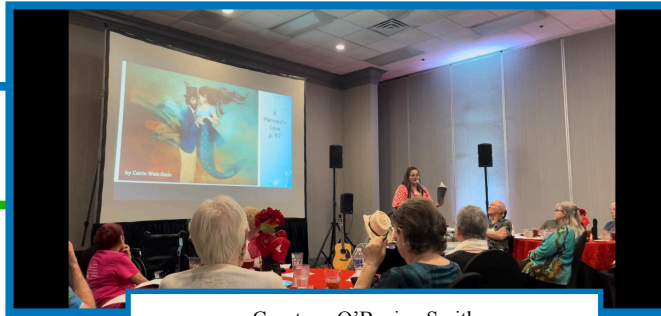
Barbara Reads



Michael Reads



Dr. J. Robert Parkey
Cowboy Poetry and Music



Courtney O'Banion Smith
2022 Lubbe Winner sharing her book "In Fidelity"



Cade Huie
Engaging the Senses with KAV



Sande Brandt & Steve Sanders
Donation from the John Wayne Experience



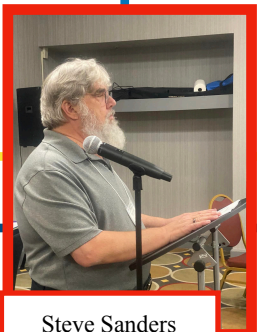
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Western Music



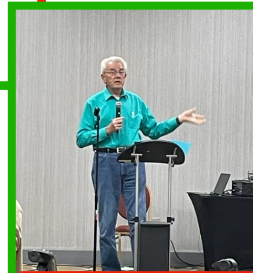
Chris Boldt
Conversations in our
Poems



Fred Manchester
Visual Poetry



Steve Sanders
Leading



Bud Powell Mahan
Sonnets



Not Caught Presenting, but critical:

- Diane Glancy - W. Barney Winner "Jawbone"
- J. Darrell Kirkley "Your Instrument...Your Voice"
- Richard Kushmaul - Emcee
- John Bartell - Emcee
- Janet R. Tyner "Sounds of Poetry"

July Monthly Contest Results

17 Entries

General Contests

Judge: Shirley Blackwell, New Mexico

1st--Cade Huie, Grand Prairie--"Where Wind Lives"
2nd--Steve Sanders, Fort Worth
3rd--Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield

Laugh Lines

Judge: Catherine L'Herisson, Garland
Laugh Lines Winner-- Terry Jude Miller, Richmond

Book Prize Winners

Popular--Beth Honeycutt, Denton
Wm Barney--Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio
Badger--Eric Blanchard, Houston
Birma's Collection--Patrick Lee Marshall, Keller

Other poems by: Peter Witt, JDarrell Kirkley, Terry Jude Miller, H.O. Davis, Budd Powell Mahan, and Manuel L. English

Membership Report (May, June, July)

from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis

Active Members.....214	Sustaining Members....5
Associate Members....15	Recently Deceased.....0
Life Members.....30	Benefactor Members...1
Student Members.....5	Honorary Members.....5
Supporting Members....2	Total Membership...277

New Life Member - Kat Copeland, Midland

New Members (May, June, July)

Sustaining Member

Robert Hochberg, Irving

Active Members

Glenn Williams, Caldwell
Bethany Ann Bohall, San Antonio
Belinda Terro Mooney, Woodlands
Corbett Buchly, Richardson
Santos J. Hernandez, Jr, Beaumont
C. Cimmonne, West Columbia
Jeffrey Ward, Friendswood
Amanda Russell, Fort Worth

Donald F. Noetzold, Jr, Abilene
Daniel Garcia Ordaz, McAllen
Michael Vincent Elkins, Groesbeck
Rebecca Hines, Denton
Ralph Pitman, Cypress
Associate Members
Gail Denham, Sunriver Oregon
Rita Aiken Moritz, Pell City
Alabama
Mike Wahl, Athens Alabama
Christian Shute, Cheyenne WY

Book Donations Report

Librarian, **Barbara Blanks** reported 28 books donated to the permanent PST collection at the Dallas Central Library:

June:

The Day After, by Mary Stallard McGaughy.
West of Whitecaps, by Isa Fasel.
Thanking the Flowers, by Isa Fasel.
All of Us, Dancers, by Isa Fasel.
Available Light, by Isa Fasel.
Particulars, by Jan Seale.
The Book of Bearings, by Diane Glancy.
Song For All Seasons, by Libby Stopple.
A Consideration of the Book of Job, by Diane Glancy.
It Was Then, by Diane Glancy.
The Collector of Bodies, by Diane Glancy.
Stories of the Driven World, by Diane Glancy.
Stand & Deliver, by Michael Baldwin.
Cosmic Questions, by Michael Baldwin.
A Search for the Golden Life, by Ruth E. Reuther.
Midnight Divination & Other Wayward Hobbies, by Angie Kimmell.
Valley Ark: Life Along the Rio, by Jan Seale.

July:

Remembering How to Sleep, by Robert Wynne, 2006 Eakin Memorial Book Award.
In Fidelity, by Courtney O'Banion Smith, 2022 CCL Winner.
Borrowed Stardust, by James Thomas Fletcher.
Birds, Beasts, & Blossoms: Poems for Asian Art Prints, by Michael Baldwin.
The Sublime Landscape and Beyond, by Michael Baldwin.
A Book of the Year 2023, by the Poetry Society of Texas.
Jawbone, by Diane Glancy. Wm Barney Chapbook Prize 2023.
Blue Hole 2021, edited by Mike & Joyce Gullickson.
Level Land, co-edited by Crag Hill & Todd Fuller.
Jan Seale, Texas Poet Laureate 12, edited by TCU Press.
Her Texas, edited by Walker-Nixon, Burleson, Crawford, & Palmer.

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.

**PST is only as strong as our members. Please review the current critical open roles listed below. Help make sure PST remains strong in our second century.
Please Consider Volunteering!**

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.

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PST Needs a Corresponding Secretary Starting Immediately

Sarah Wood, is stepping down from the role of Corresponding Secretary, The PST Board thanks her for her diligent service, she will be missed. We are seeking a volunteer for the role of Corresponding Secretary. The Corresponding Secretary is responsible for ensuring the distribution of communication to the membership of **Poetry Society of Texas**.

If you are interested, please reach out to Rich Weatherly or Catherine L'Herisson Board for more information.

Annual PST Dues Reminder

PST dues were due July 1st this year, and if you have not renewed, you will not be eligible to enter the monthly or annual contests, Lynn Lewis is the membership chairman if you have questions.

NFSPS News

Your PST dues includes membership in the National Federation of State Poetry Societies. The August issue of Strophes, the NFSPS newsletter is on their website, and it lists all the winners in their annual contests that were announced at their NFSPS Summer Convention in June. Strophes is no longer mailed to PST so you have to go online if you want to see it or print it if you want a copy. **Congratulations to all our PST members who won or placed!**

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POST CHAPTER NEWS

San Antonio Poets Association

Antonia Murguia Reporting

San Antonio Poets Association will start their new year on September 2nd at Tobin Library at 2p.m.. We are welcoming new members.

Our featured speakers will provide workshops for us this year. I am excited because I love to be challenged.

We invite everyone to join us.

Beaumont Chapter

Dorothy Sells Clover Reporting

No Update.

Fort Worth Poetry Society

Galen Steele Reporting

The Fort Worth Poetry Society held its monthly meeting on July 25 at Mexican Inn on Hulen. Members in attendance were John Bartell, Steve Sanders, Mike Baldwin, Cade Huey, Denise Salerno, Galen Steele, Jeffry Delotto, Helen Dent, Mary Margaret Belota, and Shay Shaw.

FWPS is planning a one day conference for 2024, so keep your calendars open because it will probably be awesome.

Cade Huey, John Bartell had submissions accepted. Mike Baldwin was the runner up for a manuscript contest. Helen Dent, Mart Margaret Belota, Galen Steele and Shay Shaw all sent off submissions, and Denise Salerno represented local poets before the Fort Worth city council.

FWPS also critiqued member poems that were so good next month we may need bouncers to fend off aggressive literary agents.

FWPS next meeting is August 22 at Mexican Inn on Hulen.

Mockingbird Chapter

Brian Cummings Reporting

The Mockingbird Poetry Society met on Saturday, August 5, at the Heard-Craig annex. President Susan Mardele presided. Attending the meeting were fourteen members. Susan noted that the \$1,100 grant from the McKinney Arts Commission had been received. Susan also reported that the possibility of MPS becoming a 501c3 charity is still being researched. A meeting with the Art Club of McKinney to discuss next year's event will be scheduled shortly. Susan and Alice gave their impressions of the Summer Conference. It was noted that 14 members of the chapter had their poems selected for inclusion in the upcoming Waco WordFest anthology. Following the meeting, members read a selection of their own poems.

The Mockingbird Poetry Society met Saturday, July 1, at the Heard-Craig Mansion. . President Susan Mardele presided. Attending the meeting were eight members. Susan noted that the McKinney Arts Commission had awarded MPS a grant of \$1,100 for expenses related to the Collin County Poetry Contest. Some of the money will be used to design new covers for upcoming poetry contest anthologies. Plans are to submit for another grant in the fall for funds to support both the poetry contest and the Arts Meet Poetry event. Susan also reported that she will be researching the possibility of MPS becoming a 501c3 charity. She will report back on the status at a later meeting. Following the meeting, members read a selection of their own poems.

Poets Northwest

Eric Blanchard Reporting

At our July 2023 meeting, Poets Northwest took a hard look at sonnets. Attendees were encouraged to bring a sonnet they had written—or had tried to write—or to share a sonnet that they particularly like. We also discussed various types of sonnets, from Shakespearean and Italian to Spenserian and Miltonic. Several members described having love and/or hate relationships with this classical form, but everyone took part in our summer celebration of the sonnet. As usual, many wonderful poems were shared during the read-around portion of our meeting.

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

On May 18, 2023, nine members of the Rusk County Poetry Society and one visitor met at the multi-purpose building of South Main Church of Christ in Henderson. President Mary Tindall called the meeting to order and asked each member to share why he/she likes coming to RCPS. Richard Hurzeler offered an invocation. Adrienne Pamplin read the minutes from April. Charles Taylor presented the financial report. Members were reminded that the deadline for the 2023 PST contests is August 15. Also, PST membership fee is due in June. **Members who attended the Winnsboro Book Festival** gave a short report, including news from Fort Worth poets who credited their growth to society activities. At the recent Jacksonville Poetry Club contest, Mary

Tindall won 1st place and Sue Roberts won 2nd and 3rd places for their poems written to this prompt: *It is near the end of April and*. At the PST Spring Fling in Jefferson, Texas, Janet Tyner won 2nd place, Sue Roberts won 3rd place, and Adrienne Pamplin won honorable mention. Jo Morrow requested a list of prize winners to include in our society archives. Carol Thompson will add a copy of the PST *A Book of the Year* for 2023.

Carol, who is the co-chair for the PST Summer Conference in Fort Worth, encouraged all to register for this event which is titled *Blazing Poetry Trails*.

Richard Hurzeler, Jackie McVey, Jo Morrow, Carol Thompson, and our guest, who heard about us through our article in the Henderson newspaper, read their poems.

Adrienne Pamplin, our spotlight poet, read an assortment of her poems. She presented a lesson about the history and writing instructions for the French ballade.

The next RCPS meeting will be August 17, 2023, 2:00-4:00 p.m., in the multi-purpose building of the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson. The prompt for the August meeting is to write a ballade following the typical form found in the printed handout from Adrienne.

Tyler Rose Garden Poetry Society

Mary Tindall Reporting

The Rose Garden Poetry Society met Thursday, June 15, 2023, at the Tyler Museum of Art on the Tyler Junior College campus. Seven members and one guest attended. The poets read poems from their collections and discussed memories from the past years of sharing writing experiences.

The meeting included lunch in the museum and visiting together. Poets toured the exhibits by Melissa Miller. Some poets were inspired to write an ekphrastic poem in response to a chosen painting from her exhibits. The meeting offered an array of inspirations.

Poets encouraged each other to be preparing entries for the PST annual contest. The meeting ended with the next prompt which is a poem in any form and any length on the theme: *enough*. The next meeting will be again at the TMA at a later date to be announced.



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