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Our December Speaker

Diane Glancy

December 9, 2023



Diane Glancy lives in Gainesville, Texas near the crossroads of I-35 and the Red River. She is a member of the Denton Poets Assembly, the Poetry Society of Texas, and has gone to the National Federation of State Poetry Societies conventions for over 30 years. Her manuscript, "Jawbone," won the 2023 William Barney chapbook competition and was published by the Fort Worth Poetry Society. In 2023, Turtle Point Press published "Psalm to Whom(e)." She will talk about the writing process of that book at the PST December meeting.

Dead Poet's Quote of the Month

“One of my secret instructions to myself as a poet is:

Whatever you do, don't be boring.”

- Anne Sexton

PST General Meeting Minutes October 14, 2023

Submitted by Recording Secretary Barbara Blanks

President Rich Weatherly welcomed our 21 attendees, with special thanks to Richard Kushmaul of the Denton Poets' Association for hosting us on Zoom.

Recording Secretary Barbara Blanks gave the **September membership report** for **Membership Chair Lynn Lewis**. Active Members 218, Associate 15, Benefactor 1, Life 31, Honorary 5; Student 5; Supporting 2; Sustaining 5; Recently Deceased 0. Total Membership: 282.

As **Librarian, Blanks** had no September book donations to report, but reminded members how important it was to donate a copy of their chapbooks in order to preserve their work.

As **Assistant Treasurer, Blanks** also gave the September Financial report for **Treasurer Neal Ostman**. Expenditures consisted of our necessary liability insurance, an order of PST checks, and the fee for judging the Catherine Case Lubbe Manuscript Contest.

Reminders:

The 2023 Student Awards ceremony takes place Oct. 15, with **Poetry in Schools Chair Barry Rynk** hosting.

October 15 is National Poetry Day. If you or your chapter do anything special, please send your information to **Bulletin editor Fred Manchester**, and **Extension Chair Catherine L'Herisson**. This information is also passed along to NFSPS.

The **Waco WordFest** takes place in Waco from November 3-5. Several of our members have poems in the new anthology.

Our **Annual Awards Banquet** takes place **November 11**. Banquet Chair Beth Ayers said the registration form is on the PST website. This year payment can also be submitted through Paypal (paypal.me/PSTexas), but be sure to send the form information to Beth via scan or U.S. mail. You do not have to be a paid PST member to attend. Seating begins at 11 a.m. at the DoubleTree by Hilton near the Galleria, 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, 75244. This year's theme is "Lighting the Way to Poetry." The winner of the Hilton Ross Greer Outstanding Service Award will be announced, as will the winner of the 2023 Catherine Case Lube Manuscript contest. The November Bulletin is devoted to the contest winners' list, so if you have time-critical information, please be sure to get it to Fred Manchester before the October deadline.

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Spotlight on Members Chair Catherine L’Herisson introduced our Spotlight Poet, **Richard Kushmaul**. Richard has been a member of Denton Poets Assembly since 2018 and is its current president. He also works with the Merging Visions project, and is on the Catherine Case Lubbe Manuscript committee, along with Susan Maxwell Campbell and Terry Jude Miller. (He thanked Diane Glancy for her previous work on the committee.) Richard read from “ A Collection of Poems,” a special, illustrated gift book of his poems given to him by his family.

Corresponding Secretary Carol Thompson introduced our **Program speaker, Courtney O’Banion Smith**, for **Program Chair JDarrell Kirkley**.

Courtney, who lives in Houston, was the 2022 Catherine Case Lubbe Manuscript Contest winner with her book “In Fidelity.” She has a Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing-Poetry from Texas State University-San Marcos, and is currently pursuing a Master of Arts in Theopoetics and Writing from

Bethany Theological Seminary. A Pushcart Prize nominee, her work has appeared in various publications. Her program was titled “Ekphrasis and Storytelling.”

Courtney first thanked PST and the Catherine Case Lubbe committee members for selecting her manuscript. She said her book is divided into three sections: “In Fidelity,” with poems concerning how to stay true to our own truths and truths in general. “Infidelity,” which has to do with unfaithfulness. Those poems were meant to be read in sequence since they were based on an amalgamation of legends and family stories, and present both sides of a situation. “Fidelity,” with poems about staying true and faithful. Many of the poems in the third section were based on surreal pieces of art. Courtney loves writing Ekphrastic poems—that is, poems inspired by pictures. She highly recommends “The Ekphrastic Writer” by Jane J. Baugher.

www.cobanionsmith.com and on social media @cobanionsmith.

October Monthly Contest Results 30 Entries

General Contest

Judge—JoAn Howerton, Lexington, KY

- 1st Cade Huie, Grand Prairie—" No Suicide"
- 2nd Catherine L'Herisson, Garland
- 3rd Barbara L. Berry, Mansfield

Laugh Lines Judge: Alicia S. Azahar, Mansfield

LL Winner: JDarrell Kirkley, Quitman

Book Prize Winners:

Popular—Fred Manchester, McKinney; Wm Barney—Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas; Badger—Richard P. Hurzeler, Tyler; Birma's Collection—Beth Honeycutt, Denton; Marshall—Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio. Other poems by Anna Rosa, Eric Blanchard, Dorothy Clover, Sylvia S. Medel, and Susan Maxwell Campbell.

Membership Report

from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis

Active Members....	218	Sustaining Members....	5
Associate Members....	15	Recently Deceased.....	0
Life Members.....	31	Benefactor Members...	1
Student Members.....	5	Honorary Members.....	5
Supporting Members....	2	Total Membership...	282

No New Members

Book Donations Report

Librarian, Barbara Blanks reported that no books were donated to the permanent PST collection at the Dallas Central Library.

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 STUDENT AWARDS NEWS



PST Student Awards Ceremony was held on Sunday, Oct. 15, from 2-4 PM, at the Redeemer Bible Church main auditorium in Dallas, TX. We had only a small attendance of perhaps 50 students and family members. It was a joy to listen to the student winners in each category recite their poetry. Whether present or not at the ceremony, all the winner's names were honored with applause. All the sponsors and judges were also honored. It's been my great pleasure to have been the administrator for this important program for Texas students this year. Special thanks to Catherine L'Herisson, Barbara Blanks, Neal Ostman, and Nancy DeHonores for guidance, help, and many anthology draft reviews! -- Barry Rynk

The PST Board of Directors extends thanks to Barry Rynk for his exceptional work with our Student Poets.

Rusk County Poetry Society Celebrates National Poetry Day

On Tuesday, October 10, 2023, RCPS hosted its annual celebration of poetry with lunch and an open mic poetry reading at the McMillan Memorial Library in Overton, Texas. "Verses and Snacks," a midday break for poetry, was enjoyed by 16 poets and visitors from the East Texas area. The family of RCPS member Sue Robers hosted a drawing for a two-night stay at Dame Fortune's Cottage Court, a boutique historic motel in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

Mockingbird Poetry Society - Art Meets Poetry 2024

The program is applicable to all artists and poets in N. Texas, but there is a \$10 entry fee for all non-members to the Mockingbird Poetry Society or The Art Clubs of McKinney. All entry fees are donated to the three charities we're supporting that feed the homeless. **More Info:** <https://mockingbirdpoetry.org/art-meets-poetry/>

Waco WordFest

November 3-5

WordFest is a wonderful weekend of poetry, PST members can attend whether they have a poem in the anthology or not. You can find more information here: [WORDFEST – Waco Cultural Arts Fest \(wacoartsfest.org\)](http://WORDFEST-Waco Cultural Arts Fest (wacoartsfest.org))

NFSPS News

Your PST dues includes membership in the National Federation of State Poetry Societies. The latest issue of Strophes, the NFSPS newsletter is on their website. 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.

Some NFSPS Items in the current issue of Strophes:

- Information and deadline for submissions in the Barbara Stevens Manuscript Competition
- Information and deadline for the Manningham Trust Student Contest
- The NFSPS Annual Contest Brochure for 2024
- Information on submissions for the 2024 BlackberryPeach Contest

Annual PST Awards

It's time to make plans to attend the Annual PST Awards Banquet on Saturday, November 11, 2023, at the DoubleTree by Hilton (near the Galleria.) Details are on the PST website poetrysocietyoftexas.org under Events. Your presence will make the day a better event!

POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS

LIGHTING THE WAY TO POETRY



Annual PST Awards Banquet
Saturday, November 11th 2023

DoubleTree by Hilton (near the Galleria)
4099 Valley View Lane
Dallas, Texas 75244

HOTEL RESERVATIONS

Make reservations using this link for a discount:

[DoubleTree Hotel](#)

**Rates may increase. Make your reservations early.
There are several other nice hotels in the area.**

PROGRAM ORDER

11:00 a.m. – Check-in and Seating

11:30 a.m. – Banquet Service

12:30 p.m. – Introductions and Special Awards

1:00 p.m. – Presentations of our Annual Awards
with a break after Contest #50

Regular Menu (Gluten Free if you do not eat the rolls and choose fruit for dessert)

Salad – Grilled Chicken Breast with Lemon Butter Sauce – Jasmine Rice – Seasonal Fresh Vegetables –
Fresh Rolls with Butter – Italian Crème Cake

Vegetarian Option

Salad – Rolled Vegetable Lasagna – Rolls – (Choose fruit instead of cake for vegan dessert)

REGISTRATION FORM – Due by Friday, November 4th – Mail completed form to:
Beth Ayers at 7404 Townsend Blvd., McKinney TX 75071 (Phone: 214-856-4990)

Name: _____

Address: _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Indicate number for each meal selection: Regular/Gluten Free _____ Vegetarian _____

Check if required: No Sauce _____ Fruit instead of Cake _____

Total number of plates @ \$45 per plate _____ Total amount enclosed _____

Please make checks payable to Poetry Society of Texas

The Fort Worth Poetry Society

In Cooperation with the Poetry Society of Texas Offers

The William D. Barney Memorial Chapbook Contest, 2024

The contest honors the late Fort Worth poet William D. Barney, one of the most distinguished poets Fort Worth and Texas 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 10 free copies of the published chapbook. **Deadline: March 1, 2024.**

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 \$15. Entry fee for Texas resident non-members of PST is \$25. Payment should be made to: paypal.me/FWPoetrySociety.
2. Contestants should email their manuscript as a (.doc, .docx, or .pdf) attachment to fwpspoetry@gmail.com. Please put "Barney Chapbook Contest" as the subject line. English only, no translations. The manuscript should be a minimum of 20 but no more than 30 pages of poetry with no more than one poem per page. Poems should be in 12-point Times New Roman font and 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 name of author, address, phone, email, and title of the manuscript in the body of the email. **Entries will be received between January 1 and midnight, March 1, 2024.**
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 10 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. 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 a PST Conference; at a monthly meeting of PST in Dallas; and at a public poetry program sponsored by FWPS.
8. Entering the contest acknowledges agreement with these stipulations.
9. Announcement of the winner will be at the April, 2024, PST meeting and by email to entrants.
10. Address any questions about the contest to: Michael Baldwin at librmike@hotmail.com.

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.

ATTENTION!

Attention Volunteers!

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

The New Chair will have experts to advisors
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 New Web Master Starting Immediately

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

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POST CHAPTER NEWS

Alamo Area Poets of Texas

Antonia Murguia Reporting

President Antonia Murguia opened the October AAPT meeting. Sheila Moore introduced the Poet of the Year for 2022 -2023. Sheila Moore was the Poet Laureate Emeritus. Sheri Flowers Anderson was the Poet Laureate of the 2022 - 2023 Year. Antonia Murguia was the 1st Runner-Up.

We were the privileged to listen to Sheri Flowers Anderson presentation. She spoke of her beginning as a poet when she was in middle school. She earned a Bachelor's Degree in Business Management with a minor in Creative Writing from the University of Arkansas-Little Rock. For 25 years, she worked as a Human Resource Specialist, but kept on writing poems. She has won numerous awards for her memoir, short stories and poetry. Sheri has been published in Voices International Magazine, Voices Along the River, The Dream Catcher, and Inkwell Echoes. She is retired in San Antonio, TX. Sheri's poems are written in a descriptive way that takes you right back to the time and place she is speaking about in her poem. She read poems about her family that we all could relate to. Sheri received the Naomi Long Padgett Poetry Award this year for her book *House and Home*. She has also published *Out Loud*. She passed out her books for those who wanted them. Thank you for a wonderful presentation, Sheri.

The winners for the September contest were as follow: Assigned Topic: Honorable Mention: DaRell Pittman; 3rd Place: Sheila Moore; 2nd Place: Sheri Anderson; 1st Place: Antoinette Winstead. Opened Topic: Honorable Mention: Sheri Anderson; 3rd Place: DaRell Pittman; 2nd Place: Charles Jones; 1st Place: Carol Siskovic.

Antonia Murguia announced that she was attending the Desert Nights Rising Stars Writing Conference on October 12 to 14, 2023 in Tempe, Arizona. She is looking forward to meeting the United States Poet Laureate 2019 -2022, Joy Harjo.

Rene Ornes will be traveling to Europe later in October with his acapella group, Friends in Harmony to perform at the Vatican and other locations around Europe.

Our November meeting will be on November 4th. Until then, keep writing!

Beaumont Chapter

Dorothy Sells Clover Reporting

Denton Poets Assembly

Denton Poets' Assembly met October 21, 2023, at Emily Fowler Library—with 8 present in the room—and by Zoom—with 12 additional attendees. Christine Irving presented a close read of “[lady in red]” by poet and playwright Ntozake Shange, the poet featured in October's Read & Respond series. She says, "A close read is the most interesting way to learn poetic techniques I've ever discovered. Try it!" Thirteen response poems inspired by some aspect of Shange's work and 14 “free” poems were shared on Powerpoint. As Inspiration Readers, members Diane Glancy and James Neiswender spoke about the process of writing their poems. The Read & Respond poet for November 2023 is Rita Dove, the U.S. poet laureate from 1993 to 1995.

Vice-president Betty Roberts reminded us about submissions for this year's Merging Visions, an ekphrastic exhibition scheduled for the summer of 2024.

Because DPA is committed to the hybrid style of meeting in order to accommodate members who live too far to drive to Denton, we invite all interested persons to contact President Richard Kushmaul (richardkdpa@gmail.com). We meet the third Saturday of the month, year-round.

Fort Worth Poetry Society

Galen Steele Reporting

Opening Poem: “Fairy Tale Logic” by A.E. Stallings, read by Helen Dent.

Business: Successful booth at ArtsGoggle. Good showing from society members and many people stopped by the booth.

Steampunk November will be held in Mansfield on November 11 and 12. There will be a free Steampunk Slam on Saturday with prizes. Members can contact Steve if they are interested in attending.

The FWPS Christmas party will be held on Tuesday, December 19th at the home of John Bartell.

Kudos:

John Bartell received a rejection on a poem but received a 100-page request from a literary agent on a novel manuscript.

Mike Baldwin had a poem accepted for Moonstone (the Sylvia Plath celebration issue).

Amanda Russell had a poem accepted by Lilly.

Mary-margaret Belota sold several books at her Meadowbrook Market booth.

Members critiqued 11 poems before adjourning. The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 28.

Mockingbird Chapter

Brian Cummings Reporting

The Mockingbird Poetry Society met on Saturday, October 7th at the Heard-Craig Carrige House. Attending the meeting were 11 members. Members were encouraged to pre-register for an open mic event on Oct. 8 at the John and Judy Gay Library in McKinney. It was noted that the Collin County Poetry Contest anthology cover design has been assigned to a professional designer who will develop six examples and three final designs for multiple years. Planning is continuing for the 2024 Art Meets poetry Program. President Susan Mardele noted that she was invited to speak at the Oct. 12 meeting of the McKinney Kiwanis Club. Poems by twelve Mockingbird members were accepted for the 2023 WordFest anthology.

Poets Northwest

Eric Blanchard Reporting

For our September 2023 meeting, Poets Northwest proudly welcomed member and winner of PST's 2022 Catherine Case Lubbe Manuscript Contest, Courtney O'Banion Smith, who read from her winning book, *In Fidelity*. Utilizing several poems from her book, Courtney graciously led the group in a mini-workshop on ekphrastic poetry, generating haiku and other instant verse, which several of us then shared with the group. As usual, many wonderful poems were also 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 September 21, 2023, ten members of the Rusk County Poetry Society met at the multi-purpose building of South Main Church of Christ in Henderson. President **Mary Tindall** opened by reading "New Love" by **Eve Merriam**. Plans for the October Celebration of Poetry were finalized, including donations of refreshments and publicity. **Our spotlight poet, Janet Tyner**, wove two of her recently revised poems into her lesson titled "Silence Is...Creating Depth in the Breathing Spaces." She drew attention to the importance of deliberate silence in poems, with a focus on the use of the em dash to create a brief silence and a link between thoughts. After the lesson, several poets shared their writing.

The next RCPS gathering will be the October 10 Celebration of Poetry, 12:00-2:00 p.m., at the McMillan Memorial Library, 401 S. Commerce Street, Overton, Texas.

The November 16 meeting will be held at the multi-purpose building of South Main Church of Christ in Henderson. For that meeting, poets are encouraged to compose a new poem or revise an old one, using the prompt "silence is..." They are asked to incorporate em dashes in the manner suggested by Edgar Allan Poe, to add depth to the breathing spaces.

Tyler Rose Garden Poetry Society

Mary Tindall Reporting

No Update



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