



# Poets Northwest Newsletter

A chapter of the Poetry  
Society of Texas

January 2010

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**SATURDAY JANUARY 9**

**10:00 AM**

**AT**

**Cypress Creek Christian Community Center  
6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX 77379  
Annex Rm 23/25 (2<sup>nd</sup> floor)**

Congratulations to the PST Annual Contest Winners 2009. Poets Northwest had 10 of its members place in the top 10. Several won 1<sup>st</sup> Places.

**At our January meeting we invite the winners in the top 10 to read several of their poems (as time allows). Come and listen to the award winning poems from the Poetry Society of Texas. We are proud of our Chapter for producing so many fine poets.**

Winners in the top 10 include: Ted Badger, Geneva Fulgham, Lynn Roberts Grice, Maxine B. Kohanski, Marianne McNeil Logan, Kitty Mobley, Claire Ottenstein-Ross, Jimmie Radliff, Lisa M. Salinas, and Warren Spates. **Please bring up to 4 of your winning poems to read.**

### Read-Around

**Everyone is invited to bring 1 or 2 original poems  
1 page limit each**

**Door Prize provided by Alina Alamo**

### The Mission of Poets Northwest

[www.poetsnw.com](http://www.poetsnw.com)

Founded in 1986, by Susan Daubenspeck, Betty Kersh and Claire Ottenstein-Ross, our main objective is to facilitate and inspire poets to write more poetry. We provide information about current poetry contests, feature guest poets on a regular basis, study the masters of creative verse, and encourage members. Poets are also encouraged to read their poems at each meeting. Membership is \$12 annually (Jan-Dec) & \$6 for 12 & under. Meetings are held the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10 AM to noon at the Cypress Creek Christian Community Center, 6823 Cypresswood Dr., Spring, TX 77379

## Member News

- ✍️ **2010 Dues are due! \$12 annual. Make checks payable to Poets Northwest. You can mail to Jim Hale or bring to the January meeting.**
- ✍️ **Congratulations to James R. Hale.** He received the Second Place award in the Permian Basin Any Form/Any Subject Poetry Contest category for his poem, "To All Who Wander."
- ✍️ **Congratulations to Dory Maguire.** She received an Honorable Mention in the Permian Basin Any Form/Any Subject Poetry Contest category for her poem, "An Exquisite Focus."
- ✍️ **Claire Ottenstein-Ross** has spent the last few days in the hospital due to having mini strokes on Christmas Day and on the day she was admitted to the hospital. Please keep her in your thoughts and prayers.

## PNW 2009 Anthology – Poets Northwest Inspired

If you haven't purchased or picked up our new Anthology, they will be available at the January meeting and are \$6 each.

## Poetry Society of Texas (PST)

- We are saddened to report the death of **Don R. Stodghill**, 14th President of PST. Services were held December 22, in Rockwall, Texas.
- Student Contest guidelines are available at [www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org](http://www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org)

## National Federation of State Poetry Societies

### **2010 NFSPS Annual Contest**

Details at [www.nfsp.com](http://www.nfsp.com) Deadline postmarked not before January 1, 2010 and no later than March 15.

If you have news for the newsletter, please send it directly to Franchesca Alamo at e-mail [pnwnewsletter@hotmail.com](mailto:pnwnewsletter@hotmail.com) by the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of each month.