



# Poets Northwest Newsletter

A chapter of the Poetry  
Society of Texas

February 2010

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**SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13**  
**10:00 AM**  
**AT**

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

**Love, Emily D.**

**Lynn Roberts Grice** will present the life and love poetry of Emily Dickinson.

Longtime member of Poets Northwest, **Lynn Roberts Grice** authored *Poïema*, a chapbook of inspirational poetry, and has won many awards, both state and local, for her poetry. She is a Poetry Society of Texas Councilor and the sponsor of the Northpointe Intermediate Poetry Club in the Tomball ISD. Lynn has been married to the love of her life, David, for 32 years.

**LOVE POEM CONTEST \$20 prize for best original poem**  
**Open form, 1 page limit (must be present to win)**

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

**Door Prize provided by Jeff Lickson**

**The Mission of Poets Northwest**

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 February meeting.**
- ✍ Congratulations to **Dory Maguire**. Her poetry has been selected for print in *The Bayou Review* Fall 2009 Issue!
- ✍ **Claire Ottenstein-Ross** was back in the hospital after experiencing another mini-stroke. She had two stents put in on January 25 and is recovering well. 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 February meeting and are \$6 each.

## Texas Poetry Calendar – deadline approaching!

The deadline for the *2011 Texas Poetry Calendar* is **February 20, 2010** (a postmark deadline). Full guidelines are available in the back of the *2010 Texas Poetry Calendar* and on the Dos Gatos Press website: <http://www.dosgatospress.org>.

## Poetry Society of Texas (PST)

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.

## First Friday Poetry Reading Series

**Friday, February 5, 2010 will feature SYBIL PITTMAN ESTESS.**

**First Friday Poetry Reading Series** are held at Inprint House, 1520 West Main, near the Menil, in Houston's Museum District. Free and open to the public, hosted by Robert Clark since 1975.

Doors open at 8:30 p.m. An open reading follows the featured poet.

**Other upcoming poets:** Mar 5-Billie Duncan, Apr 2-Joyce Pounds Hardy, May 7-Michael Sofranko, June 4-Pablo Miguel Martinez. FMI contact Robert Clark at [houstonfirstfri@aol.com](mailto:houstonfirstfri@aol.com) or [HPFest@aol.com](mailto:HPFest@aol.com).

## Texas Poetry Events

For a list of all poetry events in Texas, please go to <http://texaspoetryevents.info/>

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.