



Poets Northwest Newsletter

A chapter of the Poetry
Society of Texas

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SATURDAY APRIL 10

10:00 AM

AT

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

Kitty Mobley: "Where is my Poem?"

Kitty Mobley writes her poetry in different forms, however most of them tell a story. Her narratives have won in several contests.

She has placed second in the National Federation of State Poetry Society, and taken several firsts and placed many times in the Poetry Society of Texas contests. She has also won firsts and placed in the Houston Chapter of PST, as well as Poets Northwest, where she was Correspondence Secretary, President, and now holds the office of Vice President.

She has self-published two books and is currently working on one called *Whispers of the Past* about Native Americans.

She says her poetry allows her to express her emotions while allowing others to explore theirs.

Read-Around

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

Door Prize provided by Maxine Kohanski

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 2nd 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 annually. Make checks payable to *Poets Northwest*. You can mail to Jim Hale or bring to the April meeting.
- ✍ **Claire Ottenstein-Ross'** poem "From the Cradle to the Cross" appeared in the Feb. 27th Magnolia Church of Christ church Bulletin. Also, Claire judged and critiqued two poetry contests for the Alamo Area Poets of Texas (San Antonio Chapter of PST) for their March meeting.
- ✍ Our teenage poet **Francesca Alamo** has been asked to judge a category for the PST Student Awards for 2010, as well as a category for the PST Annual Contest for 2010. She is grateful and truly flattered by this honor.
- ✍ In addition to writing poetry, **Lisa Salinas** has been working on several blogs featuring the research she's done on her family history. This March she's been honored to have one of her blogs, *Small-leaved Shamrock*, selected for the Family Tree Magazine Top 40 Genealogy Blogs. Her blog has been highlighted in their May issue (which is available for sale now) and is also mentioned online at <http://www.familytreemagazine.com/article/fab-forty>. To see her write-up about it go to: <http://small-leavedshamrock.blogspot.com/2010/02/small-leaved-shamrock-celebrates-family.html>. *Small-leaved Shamrock* focuses on the Pennsylvania Irish branch of my family and is also the online home of the *Carnival of Irish Heritage & Culture*. Her other blogs are *100 Years in America* (which focuses on my Hungarian and Croatian ancestry) and *A light that shines again* (the online home of my Boston ancestors who immigrated from Ireland after surviving the famine). Being selected for the Family Tree Magazine Top 40 is quite an honor.

***** NOTE *** PNW 2010 Spring Fling Contest – Category name CORRECTION!!! *** NOTE *****
Please take note that **Category #2** should read: **The Glenn Beck Award**. Corrected list is enclosed.

PST First Houston Chapter

The First Houston Chapter of PST has a new President. His name is William (Bill) Baum. Congratulations from Poets Northwest! We'll look forward to meeting him at one of the meetings.

PNW 2009 Anthology – *Poets Northwest Inspired*

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

New Release from Karla K. Morton

Coming out this spring is a new poetry collection called *Stirring Goldfish* from Finishing Line Press. The beautiful cover work is by Teel Sale.

First Friday Poetry Reading Series

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. For more information go to <http://www.inprinthouston.org/first-fridays>, or contact Robert Clark at houstonfirstfri@aol.com or HPFast@aol.com.

If you have news for the newsletter, please send it directly to Francesca Alamo at e-mail pnwnewsletter@hotmail.com by the 3rd week of each month.