

Poets Northwest Newsletter

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SATURDAY MAY 8
10:00 AM
AT

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

Into the Light by Claire Ottenstein-Ross

Claire Ottenstein Ross, originally from New Jersey and one of the founders of Poets Northwest, is married to Tom Ross and is a mother of two. She has published more than 80 books of other poets through Counterpoint Publishing Co., of which she is the editor and owner; she has also published fourteen of her own, and many of her works have been featured in prestigious anthologies, journals, and magazines. She has given lectures at numerous schools, community organizations, and writers' conferences. A member of the Poetry Society of Texas and of the National Federation of State Poetry, Claire has received an abundance of awards and recognitions, including the title of Poet Laureate of Poets Northwest in 1996.

Her latest book *Into the Light* was published by Peggy Zuleika Lynch through Poetry in the Arts Publishing in San Antonio, TX.

A kind and inspiring woman, Claire is known by her friends at Poets Northwest for her beautiful poetry and lively spirit.





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

Door Prize provided by Jim Hale

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

-  **Claire Ottenstein-Ross** finally had her surgery on Thursday April 15th – she had ports put in on both arms to facilitate the dialysis. We are glad she is recovering well and will be presenting at our May meeting!
-  **Franchesca Alamo** will be one of the featured poets at the PST 2010 Summer Conference this coming July in Dallas, TX. Additionally, she placed in eight categories in the 2010 PST Student Awards, with three 1st places, two 2nd places, two 3rd places and one 5th place. One of her first-place poems has been selected as one of the Texas entries in the Manningham Award for 2011 sponsored by the Federation of State Poetry societies. The girl is beaming with pride!
-  **Nina Pechal's** poem "My World" was published in her church's paper, *Kinsman Connection*.
-  **Dory Maguire** won First Place in PNW February Love Poem contest with "Be Love", and she won Second Place in PST March monthly contest with "A New Light". Additionally, she is published in The Bayou Review (Fall 2009) with her poem "Save the Muse".

PNW 2009 Anthology – Poets Northwest Inspired

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

PST 2010 Summer Conference "The Show Must Go On" – July 8-10 in Dallas, TX

The conference will be hosted by Budd Powell Mahan and Nance Baas. **See attached flyer.**

Conference registration and conference information can be found at

http://www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org/summer_conf.html

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 HPFest@apl.com.

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