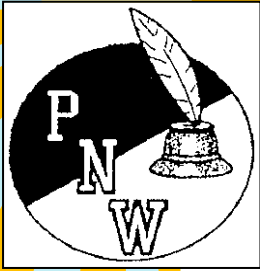


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SATURDAY AUGUST 14TH

10:00 AM

AT

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

J. Paul Holcomb, "The Poet from Double Oak"

Paul's prize-winning poems have been published in numerous journals and anthologies. His first book of poems, *Love, or Something Like it*, was a prize winner of the Lucidity Chapbook Book Award from Bear House Publishing in 1997. His most recent book of poems, *Looking for Love in the Telecom Corridor*, won The 2004 Edwin M. Eakin Memorial Book Publication Award and was published by Eakin Press. Paul is a past president of the Poetry Society of Texas, and winner of PST's Hilton Ross Greer Outstanding Service Award. He has also been an officer for the National Federation of State Poetry Societies. Paul taught writing for five years to students in the Dallas Independent School District for the Writer's Garret Writers in the Schools (WITS) program and for the last two years he has scored TAKS fourth-grade writing for Pearson Scoring. A retired software engineer, Paul lives with his wife, Sue Ann, two dogs and two cats in Double Oak, Texas. His degrees are from McMurry University (BA in Math) and Southern Methodist University (MAS in Computer Science.)

For years Paul wrote a column, "Discussing Poetic Forms with the Poet from Double Oak" for first *Fort Worth Poet* and later *DFW Poetry Review*. Many of these columns also appeared in *Poets' Forum Magazine*. Paul will use two of those columns, one on Billy Collins' parodelle and one on the ottava rima, as the basis for his talk with Poets Northwest.

Read-Around

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

Door Prize provided by Kate Eriksen

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

As many of you know, **Franchesca Alamo** was a guest speaker at the PST Summer Conference last July 9th in Dallas. Her program was on the promotion of the love of poetry in Texas schools. Her message was very well-received, and she's been invited to present her program live on the airwaves of KOOP radio in Austin, Texas. On August 11th, from 6-7 PM, Franny can be heard on *Writing on the Air*, KOOP Radio, 91.7 FM. The show will be broadcast live and will be streamed over the Internet (found on the KOOP web site at www.koop.org). In addition, Franchesca has now created a blog called *Blossoming Ink* (<http://franchescafatale.tumblr.com/>) to help her achieve the goals of her program.

A huge thanks to the sweet Salinas girls who made our July meeting even more enjoyable!

Both Catherine and Olivia Salinas are deserving of our praise for organizing the sweets and refreshment stand at our last PNW meeting! All of the attendees very much enjoyed great snacks and refreshments, and admired the girls' diligence in decorating the table, setting up the baskets and drinks, and thinking of everything – all down to the last details (the Sharpie to mark our drinking cups and even a small donation box)! Thank you so much, girls!

PST Adult Contest postmark deadline is Sunday August 15th!

To download the category list, please go to the following site and click on the "Adobe PDF file" link:

http://www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org/pst_adult.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.inprinthouse.org/first-fridays>, or contact Robert Clark at houstonfirstfri@aol.com or HPFest@aol.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.