



Poets Northwest Newsletter

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SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 11TH

10:00 AM

AT

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

Scott Wiggerman - "Tips and Tricks to Writing a Sonnet"

In this short but informational workshop, Scott will explore some of the ways poets can approach the sonnet and attempt to take the fear out of the form for those of us who have never written one. We'll look at a couple of specific poems and spend some time writing our own sonnets!

Scott is a poet and retired librarian from Austin, Texas. He's a member of the *Writer's League of Texas*, the *Poetry Society of Texas*, the *Austin Poetry Society*, and a participant in an online poetry critique group hosted on the *Internet Writing Workshop*. He served for seven years as a Board member of the *Austin International Poetry Festival* and for eight years as the Poetry Columnist for the *Texas Writer*, the monthly newsletter of the *Writer's League of Texas*. In the past decade, he has had over 250 poems published in numerous journals and anthologies. In addition, he has served as editor for six different anthologies.

He has conducted many workshops and was a featured author at the *Way Out West Texas Book Festival* in Alpine, Texas. A Pushcart nominee, he was one of the "invited poets" to the 2009 AIPF. His first book of poetry was *Vegetables and other Relationships* and his second book of poetry, *Presence*, has been accepted for publication by *Pecan Grove Press* in early 2011. He and his partner, David Meischen, are the editors of the *Texas Poetry Calendar*, which is published by their non-profit organization; *Dos Gatos Press*, which also has two other books out; *Big Land, Big Sky, Big Hair: Best of the Texas Poetry Calendar*; and Karla K. Morton's *Redefining Beauty*, the winner of a 2010 Next Generation Indie Book Award.

Read-Around

Everyone is invited to bring 1 or 2 original poems

1 page limit each

Door Prize provided by Lynn Roberts Grice

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

Franchesca Alamo appeared on the air live on the August 11th's *Writing on the Air* radio show (KOOP Radio, 91.7 FM Austin) to present her pilot program which seeks to promote poetry in Texas schools. If you want to listen to the podcast of her presentation, you can find a copy of the Aug 11th show in the archives at <http://writingontheair.com/?p=464>. Additionally, **Franchesca** will be the host poet at the September 11th Gulf Coast Poets meeting – another great honor!

PNW Board Member Changes

Our Vice President - **Kitty Mobley** will be taking some time off to tend to some personal business, so the PNW Board has voted for **Lynn Roberts Grice** to serve as interim Vice President the remainder of the term until the end of the year. We want to thank Kitty for her great contributions to our poetry group, and expect to see her back at the meetings very soon!

Poets Northwest Poetry Workshop coming this October 2010!

Please note that this workshop replaces our monthly October '10 meeting!

Date: October 9, 2010

Time: 9 AM - 3:30 PM

Place: Ramada Inn North

Cost: \$45/person which includes buffet lunch

A registration form will be mailed to all members shortly!

Have any PNW pictures?

If you do, please bring them to the next meeting and give them to our Historian, Claire Ross. Thank you!

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, the series has been hosted by Robert Clark since 1975. Doors open at 8:30 p.m., and an open reading follows the featured poet's presentation. For more information, visit

<http://www.inprintheouston.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.