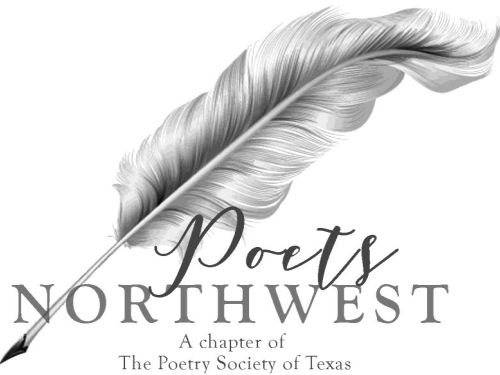


Newsletter



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Saturday August 19th

In person at

Windwood Presbyterian Church

10555 Spring-Cypress Rd. Room A128

Houston, TX 77070

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.

and on ZOOM

Meeting ID 883 8749 9239

Passcode 103817

How to Effectively Recite a Poem: Please bring two printed copies of a poem you've written (12—24 lines would be best). We will exchange these—someone who has not read the poem, yet, will read it, then the author will read it.

If you will be on ZOOM, please email your poem to Holly at holly.jahangiri@gmail.com so she can screen share your poem during the meeting. Please do this by Friday, August 18.

If we have time, we will play this game:

“Exquisite Corpse” Game: Let's write a poem or two together! Exquisite Corpse is a collaborative poetry game that traces its roots to the Parisian Surrealist movement. Exquisite Corpse is played by several people, each of whom writes a word or a line on a sheet of paper, folds the paper to conceal it, and passes it on to the next player for their contribution. ZOOM folks, please send Holly one line of poetry on the theme of “temperature” (Adjective, Noun, Verb, Adjective, Noun); and one line of free verse on the theme of “places,” also.

Read-Around

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

Door Prize provided by Jonathan Peckham

Member News

- ✍️ **Karen Mastracchio** had her entry accepted for the Waco Word Fest anthology. Congratulations!
- ✍️ **Lisa Toth Salinas** and **Stephen Schwei** had poems published in the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS) 2023 anthology, Encore. Congratulations!
- ✍️ **Terry Jude Miller, Lisa, and Steve** also received Honorable Mentions in the NSFPS annual contest. Congratulations!

If you have any publishing or personal news you would like to share, please e-mail it to Lynn Grice, texaspoet53@hotmail.com by the 5th of each month. (Personal news won't be shared on PNW social media sites unless you approve in advance.)



Poetry Society of Texas News & Information

All members of Poets Northwest are encouraged to join the Poetry Society of Texas

Dues are only \$25/year (year runs July–June) and their Annual Contest/Banquet, Summer Conference and “The Bulletin” will keep you in contact with other Texas poets and offer opportunities you won’t want to miss. Membership in PST also means you are a member of the *National Federation of State Poetry Societies* and eligible for their annual contest.

Go to www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org for more information. View a video at: <https://youtu.be/EfbDalXKyXs>

Poetry Society of Texas Annual Contest

Postmark Deadline, Tuesday August 15

Remember, to be eligible to enter all the contests you must be a current (2024) member of PST.

PST Dues run from July 1 thru June 30, and can be paid via PayPal now, or by check or money order.

Just go to Join PST on the PST website for more information and the link.

Attention PNW Members that have published collections of their poems!

We want to continue to gather a list of our members, and their published collections, in *and* out of print, for inclusion on our website. Send your information to Eric Blanchard, ericblanchard@yahoo.com

Example:

Author

First Collection, Some Small Press 1986 (out of print)

Second Collection, Another Publisher 2013 (available from [publisher/author w/website])

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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 \$15 annually (Jan-Dec) & \$7 for 12 & under. Meetings are held the 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 AM to noon at the Windwood Presbyterian Church, 10555 Spring Cypress., Houston, TX 77070., and on ZOOM.