

Poets Northwest Newsletter

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Saturday February 17th

10:00 A.M.

at

Windwood Presbyterian Church

10555 Spring-Cypress Rd.

Houston, TX 77070

Room 124

**We will meet here through April
(Map included)**

Let's Write Poetry!

We'll spend an hour writing some new poetry. Various prompts will be available, or we can work on themes for the NSFPS contests—writer's choice! Don't forget to bring paper and pen.

**Bring an original Love poem
for our Love Poem Contest**
Will be judged by those in attendance
Any form - One page limit—\$20.00 Prize

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

Door Prize provided by—Mike Owens

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 3rd Saturday of each month from 10 AM to noon at the Windwood Presbyterian Church, 10555 Spring Cypress., Houston, TX 77070.

Member News

✍ **Michael Owens** is one of 200 Houstonians whose favorite poem was selected for *Houston's Favorite Poems*. Lawrence Ferlinghetti's "Junkman's Obligato," was published with Mike's comments.

Share your publishing or personal news with your fellow poets. If you have news for the newsletter, please send it directly to Lynn Grice at e-mail texaspoet53@hotmail.com or call 281.371.7111 by the 1st of each month.

PNW Anthology—Members: If you haven't already done so, please send your two ekphrastic poems to Karen Mastracchio for inclusion in our anthology. Prefer Word files in Times Roman (or similar) Include information on the inspiration for your poem, name, artist, website it's on, etc. If you took a picture, you can include that also, but not required. Email to kmmastracchio@gmail.com. Put "Anthology Poems" in the Subject. Snail mail is okay, but e-mail is preferred. Karen's address is: 23519 Whispering Willow Dr. Spring, TX 77373

31st Annual Poets Northwest Spring Fling—May 19, 2018

Category Lists are enclosed in this newsletter. If you have any questions about the List, please contact Lynn Grice at texaspoet53@hotmail.com or 281-370-7111

Upcoming Opportunities

- **The 2018 William D. Barney Memorial Chapbook Contest.** Sponsored by The Fort Worth Poetry Society in cooperation with the Poetry Society of Texas. Entries accepted with **post marks between January 1 & February 15, 2018**. Go to the PST website for full details.
- **Lucidity Poetry Retreat #26** April 10-12 in Eureka Springs, AR For more info & to register, go to www.fortbendpoets.wixsite.com/luciditypoetryretrea
- **17th Annual Poetry at Round Top Festival Weekend** April 20-22, 2018. For more info & to register, go to <http://poetryatroundtop.org/>

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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.

"Poetry is ordinary language raised to the Nth power. Poetry is boned with ideas, nerved and blooded with emotions, all held together by the delicate, tough skin of words."

~Paul Engle

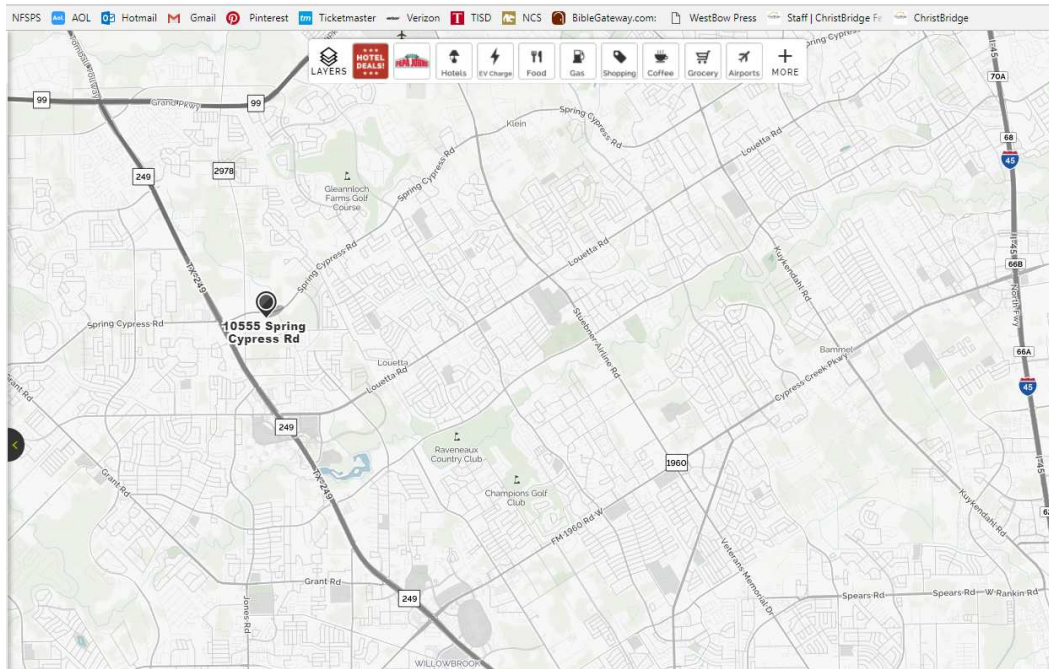
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Directions to Windwood Presbyterian Church

10555 Spring Cypress
Houston, TX 77070
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From SH249 head East approx. 1/2 mile or so. Church will be on the Right
From I45 via Spring Cypress, head West. Church is on the Left, just past Klein Cain High School (just before you get to SH249).

After entering the property, it's the building entrance at the first circle drive, to the right, under the green awning. See picture below.



Room 124 in this building

