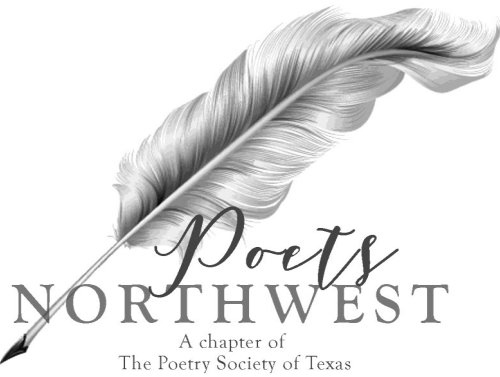


Newsletter



January 2023

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Saturday January 21st

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 894 0605 4843

Passcode 701146

The program for January's meeting will be readings of five minutes per poet for anyone who placed in any of the top 10 positions in the PST Annual Contests. People are especially interested in the poems that placed higher, but feel free to read yours from any position. In your five minutes, you might also talk briefly about any strategies that you found particularly helpful.

Winning poets are: Cheri Bell, Eric Blanchard, George Campbell, Daniel Hunter, Karen Mastracchio, Terry Jude Miller, Michael Owens, Lisa Salinas, Donald Samp, Stephen Schwei, and Mary Turner.

Read-Around

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

Door Prize provided by—Mary Turner

2023 Dues are Due!

You may bring them to the January 21 meeting, or mail them to Lynn Grice.


A 2023 Membership form is included with this Newsletter

Congratulations to our 2023 Membership Winners: **Holly Jahangiri** for her Slinky poem, *Tepid Coffee*, and **Stephen Schwei** for his Christmas/Holiday/Winter poem, *Xmas Letter*.

Members, don't forget to fill out Holly's survey on your input for programs this year.

Go to <https://forms.gle/dgbW6QeeU85chkN29>

Member News

 **Congratulations Courtney O'Banion Smith.** Her manuscript, *In/Fidelity*, won the PST Catherine Case Lubbe Manuscript Prize and will be published in 2023.

If you have any publishing or personal (illness, death, marriage, baby etc.) 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.)

Congratulations to the 2023 PNW Board

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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. View a video at: <https://youtu.be/EfbDaXKyXs>

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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.

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Regular Membership \$15

Junior Membership (12 years and younger) \$7

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