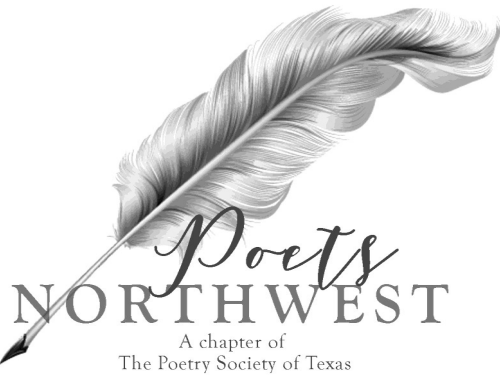


# Newsletter



March 2023

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*Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>*

*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 818 5693 8617

Passcode 706923

*A Few Old Friends*

**Lisa Toth Salinas, long-time member of Poets Northwest, will introduce us to a few of poetry's heroes and heroines. Whether you've encountered them before or this will be your first time to meet, we'll take a fresh look at some of their well-loved poems and the techniques poets have used throughout the ages (and that we can put to work!) to make a poem meaningful, powerful and memorable. Join us!**

Read-Around

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

Door Prize provided by—???

### New Addition to the Newsletter—Newsletter Guest Columnist

If you would like to write a brief, poetry-related article for the next Newsletter (250–400 words), please send it to Lynn Grice by the first of the month. If you would like to write a monthly column, please pitch it to Lynn. We are open to any articles discussing poetry—formal verse, spoken word, contests, publication— the sky's the limit!

### Member News

If you have any publishing or personal news you would like to share, please e-mail it to Lynn Grice, [texaspoet53@hotmail.com](mailto: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.)

### Poets Northwest 36th Annual Spring Fling Contest

Postmark deadline to enter is March 24, 2023

If you are ready to send it, you can save the postage and bring it to the March 18, meeting, or even drop it by my house!  
(Just Don't put it in the mailbox!)

Members may enter all categories for one \$5 entry fee.  
Non-members may enter for \$5/category entry fee, OR send \$15 dues plus \$5 entry fee to be able to enter all categories.  
Good luck to all our poets.

### Attention PNW Members that have published collections of their poems!

We would like to gather a list of our members, and their published collections, in *and* out of print, for inclusion on our website. Start making your list. Send your information to Eric Blanchard, [ericblanchard@yahoo.com](mailto: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])



### 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](http://www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org) for more information. View a video at: <https://youtu.be/EfbDalXKyXs>

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10 AM to noon at the Windwood Presbyterian Church, 10555 Spring Cypress., Houston, TX 77070., and on ZOOM.