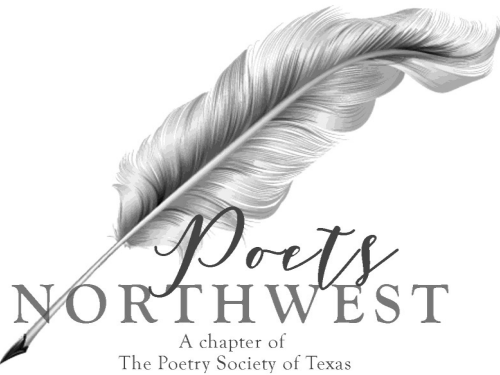


Newsletter



March 2024

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Saturday March 16th

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: 863 6980 5675 Passcode: 667599

Tempest

Our theme for March is “TEMPEST.” Your poem can take us through a literal storm or one that’s figurative, such as an argument or disagreement. However, don’t just describe it; challenge yourself to write and share a poem in any form that makes us *feel* the tempest. .

We would like to display poems through Share Screen while they are being read, so if you are willing to have yours shown, please send by Friday, March 15th to stephen.schwei@gmail.com. Poems for the read-around can also be sent ahead of time and Steve will share them. You can also choose to Share Screen when reading your own.

Read-Around

Everyone is invited to read one or two original poems (with a one page limit each).

This month’s Door Prize is provided by Mary Creviere Turner.

Poets Northwest News

2024 Dues are Due!

You may bring your 2024 dues to the March 16 meeting, or send them to Lynn Grice by check or Zelle payment. Remember: You need to pay dues prior to entering the Spring Fling Contest! A 2024 Membership form was included with the January Newsletter.

Door Prize Donors Needed!

Door prize donors are still needed April, June, July, August, October, and November. Please contact Lynn Grice or sign up at the meeting.

Poets Northwest 37th Annual Spring Fling Contest

Postmark deadline to enter is March 22, 2024. **Members may enter all categories for a single \$5 entry fee.** Non-members may enter for a \$5/category entry fee, **OR** send \$15 dues plus a single \$5 entry fee to cover entry into all categories. Contest descriptions and rules are posted at <https://bit.ly/pnw-spring-fling>

Spring Fling Silent Auction

This year we're reviving the Silent Auction during our Spring Fling. If you would like to donate a gently used or new item, please contact Lynn Grice, Events Coordinator (texaspoet53@hotmail.com or 713-249-5935) with the following information: Item name & description, approximate value if known, your name, and whether you will be bringing it with you to Spring Fling, or to Lynn before then. Please let her know between now and before May 15.

Thanks so much for considering a donation.

Member News

If you have any publishing or personal (illness, death, marriage, baby etc.) news you would like to share, please e-mail it to Holly Jahangiri at poetsnw.news@gmail.com by the 1st of each month. **Please specify whether you would like this news shared privately with current club members or in the newsletter and on social media.** The newsletter is typically posted on our website and good news may be shared on social media unless you request that it not be.

Connect with Us on Social Media!

www.poetsnw.com

facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest

[@HoustonPoets](#) on X (aka, Twitter)

[@PoetsNorthwest](#) on Instagram

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.



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. Visit www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org for more information.

The 2024 Contest Brochure has been posted! Visit <https://poetrysocietyoftexas.org/contests/> for details on all the upcoming contests.

Poetry at Round Top

Registration is now open for [Poetry at Round Top](http://poetryatroundtop.org/). This year’s featured poets include Pádraig Ó Tuama, Kimiko Hahn, James Crews, Nick Courtwright, Kim Stafford, James Crews, Danusha Laméris, ire’ne lara silva, José Antonio Rodríguez, and workshop leaders Nick Courtwright, David Meischen, and William Wenthe. Visit <http://poetryatroundtop.org/> for more information—but hurry, as workshops and accommodations are already filling up quickly.