

# Newsletter



May 2021

## *34<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling*

*Saturday May 15<sup>th</sup>*

*Join us at Windwood Presbyterian Church*

10555 Spring-Cypress Rd. Room 126

Houston, TX 77070

Or on ZOOM

Meeting ID 894 2317 2502

Passcode 516541

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m. *Part I of the Ceremony*

12:00—1:30 p.m. *Lunch (your expense)*

BBQ Dinner—\$15/person catered by Rudy's BBQ

Pay Lynn Grice at the door—cash or  
checks (payable to PNW) only—NO credit cards.

1:30—2:30 p.m. *Part II of the Ceremony*

Winners of Money Awards will read their winning  
poems at the Awards Ceremony and on ZOOM.

Please RSVP by May 10—in-person or ZOOM—to  
Lynn Grice at 713-249-5935 [texaspoet53@hotmail.com](mailto:texaspoet53@hotmail.com)

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## June's Program

For the June 19, meeting, prepare a poem of the abecedarian form, using the alphabet in order throughout the poem. We're flexible, so the letter doesn't necessarily have to begin a line in all cases.

For the definition, see <https://poets.org/glossary/abecedarian>.

For an example, see <https://poets.org/poem/hummingbird-abecedarian>

## 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 Lynn Grice, [texaspoet53@hotmail.com](mailto:texaspoet53@hotmail.com) by the 1st 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](http://www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org) for more information.

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

## 34th Annual Spring Fling

In person and

on ZOOM this year!

See the information sheet included in this Newsletter.

Hope to see you there.

### *Find Us Here:*

[www.poetsnw.com](http://www.poetsnw.com)

[www.facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest](https://www.facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest)

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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 on ZOOM, until we can meet in person again.

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713-249-5935 [texaspoet53@hotmail.com](mailto:texaspoet53@hotmail.com) by May 10. As always, if you find you can  
attend in person after all, just come on! We would love to see you!

**ZOOM Attendees, Please have copies of the poems you submitted,  
so that you will have them on hand to read if they win.**

*We will let ZOOM attendees know how the lunch break  
will work for them, at that time.*

You should receive an e-mail from Lynn Grice, with the ZOOM link to the meeting,  
the Wednesday before. If not, let Lynn know.

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Lynn will let you know if MASKS will be required by the church or not, closer to the date.  
Of course, you are always welcome to wear your mask .