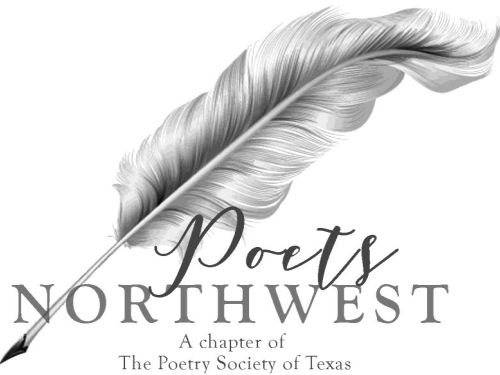


Newsletter



October 2023

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Saturday October 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 853 7661 1265

Passcode 002096

Refrigerator Magnet Poetry

Please go to Random Word Generator—WordCounter.net
<https://wordcounter.net/random-word-generator>
and generate 25 random words. Write a poem on any topic, and any form,
using as many of the randomly-generated words from this list as possible.
(Bring the list with you to the meeting)

As discussed in our August meeting, prepare a brief (and unapologetic!) introduction
for your poem. Consider including: Of your 24 random words, how many did you
manage to work into your poem? Did you find inspiration in the randomness?
Was it especially challenging? Were there any surprises? What form did you choose?
Was it fun to write?

Try to keep the introduction under 2 minutes.


Steve Schwei will give a brief update on the Board Election coming in November
Holly Jahangiri will give a brief update on our 2023 Anthology,
Dreams + Nightmares

Read-Around

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

Door Prize provided by Holly Jahangiri

Member News

 **Eric Blanchard's** poem, "Go with God," which he has previously shared with us, was accepted by *The Bayou Review* for their Fall 2023 issue. Congratulations!

If you have any publishing or personal 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.)

PNW Board Election in November

If you are interested in serving on our PNW Board, please contact Steve Schwei. Nominations will be announced in the November *Newsletter* and voted on at the November meeting. Nominations can be taken from the floor at the meeting, with nominees' consent.



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/EfbDalXKyXs>

PST Dues run from July 1 thru June 30, and can be paid via PayPal now, or by check or money order. Just go to Join PST on the PST website for more information and the link.

PST Annual Awards Banquet will be held Saturday, November 11 at the DoubleTree by Hilton on Valley View Lane in Dallas (near the Galleria) Go to the PST website for more information and the Registration form and hotel link.

National Federation of State Poetry Societies Contests

Visit the NSFPS *Strophes* on the NSFPS website at www.nsfps.com for information/guidelines on the following contests:

- **The Barbara Stevens Poetry Book Manuscript Competition**, judged this year by Edward Hirsch. Deadline is November 15, 2023
- **Manningham contest for students**. Submission (via Submittable) deadline is November 15, 2023.

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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.