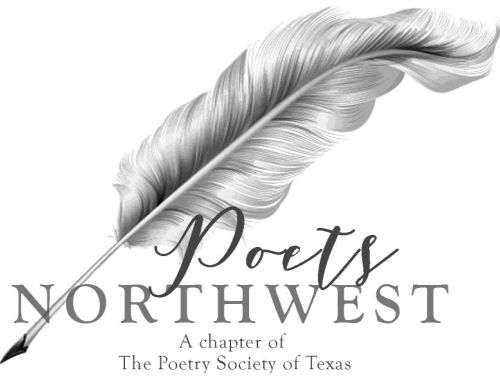


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Saturday April 20th

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: 857 3106 6768 Passcode: 978381

Try to Fool Us!

For the April meeting in National Poetry Month, read a poem by a famous poet and one written by you and the group will try to guess which one you wrote. We encourage you to share your screen for poems you read, but please leave off any identification for these two poems. If you want, you can send these poems (poet not identified) and poems for the read-around by Friday, April 19 to stephen.schwei@gmail.com and we will display them as you read.

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 ???

Poets Northwest News

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 Awards

Poets Northwest 37th Annual Spring Fling Contest and Awards Banquet

Judges, postmark deadline to return winners is April 15, 2024. If you are ready to send your results, you can drop them by Lynn Grice's house! (Please, do **not** put your results in the mailbox!) **or IF** you email the winners places, ID numbers, & poem name, or the Judges form, to Lynn by the April 15 deadline, you can bring the actual Judges form and poems to the April 20 meeting.

Winner postcards will go out on April 22, by email, or by snail mail if you don't have email.

Lunch will be catered by Egg Rolls Chinese Café this year. Cost will be \$15/person. Lynn Grice will be sending out an order form for your choice of meal, and further instructions on how that will work, at about the same time as the postcards.

We hope to see everyone on Saturday, May 18, at the Banquet.

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.

April is National Poetry Month

April is National Poetry Month and many poetry societies and organizations offer poetry activities including prompts to write our hearts out during the month! With that in mind, Poets Northwest will offer a prompt each day during the month - sometimes a word, sometimes a phrase, sometimes a sentence starter.

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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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Feel free to respond in prose if that works; plenty of prose becomes good poetry. For the prompts, visit <http://www.poetsnw.com/april-prompts.html>. You are encouraged to follow William Stafford's path to write a poem a day - at least for one month. Check out other activities or learn more about poetry from the [Academy of American Poets](https://poets.org/) (<https://poets.org/>) website.

Member News

Congratulations to Lynn Roberts Grice for winning 3rd Place in the Poetry Society of Texas monthly contest in March!

Holly Jahangiri's poem, "Next Time," has been accepted to Volume 8 of the "Behind the Rain Anthology," a podcast by Okie Bookcast. She will be the "Spotlight Poet" at the Poetry Society of Texas meeting at 2:30 PM on April 13.

Mike Owens' poem, "Body Electric," will be featured in the ALL ABOUT MY MOTHER Series by Silver Birch Press, which (unsurprisingly) referred to his poem as "stunning."

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.



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.