

Newsletter



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Saturday, August 17, 10:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m.
Monthly Meeting

In person at
Windwood Presbyterian Church
10555 Spring-Cypress Rd. Room A120
Houston, TX 77070
and on ZOOM
Meeting ID: 882 5673 2175
Passcode: 187424

On (or By?) Artificial Intelligence

The topic for the August meeting is to write a poem about Artificial Intelligence (AI). The group will guess whether you used AI in creating the poem, but remember, poems that use AI to any extent typically will not be accepted for publication by journals and magazines.

As always, we like you to share your screen while reading your poems. If you want us to do the sharing for you, send your AI poem and read-around poems to stephen.schwei@gmail.com in Word format (.doc or .docx) before 9pm on Friday, August 16.

Read-Around

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

Door Prize

This month's Door Prize is provided by Fran Johnson.

Poets Northwest News

Member News

An essay by Mike Owens, "Life of Love," has been accepted for publication in the first-ever LoveNotes! Real Stories. Real People. Real Love Anthology. The documents and podcast will be published and produced by Heather Christie of LoveNotes.

Door Prize Donors Needed!

We still need a door prize donor for November. Please contact Lynn Grice or sign up at the meeting. Thank you to everyone who has already brought or signed up to bring a door prize!

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

Monthly Contest Rules Changes

There are a few minor procedural changes and clarifications to the monthly contest rules, notably how to prepare entries and where to send them—see <https://poetrysocietyoftexas.org/contests/monthly-contests/> Lynn Grice is the new Contest Chairman for the PST Monthly Contests!

Annual Contest Deadline Coming Up Fast: August 15!

Lots of new contests and prizes are up for grabs this year, but you can't win if you don't enter, so see <https://poetrysocietyoftexas.org/contests/annual-contests/>. If you haven't already downloaded the 2024 brochure and started preparing your poems and cover letter, why not? Hope to see lots of our members at the annual Awards!

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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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3. Earn points for your chosen non-profit by using Bing to search the web (on your phone and on your browser!) and by completing “daily sets,” quizzes, polls, or any offer with a blue heart icon on your dashboard. It's fun and it costs you nothing but a few minutes each day. You can do these things while watching TV. You can earn up to 150 points per day.



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.