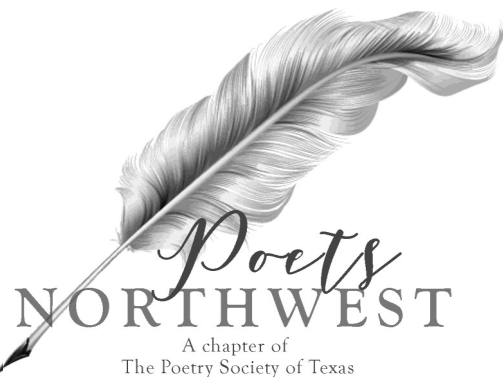


Newsletter



July 2024

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Saturday, July 20th Monthly Meeting

In person at
Windwood Presbyterian Church
10555 Spring-Cypress Rd. Room A120
Houston, TX 77070
10:00 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
and on ZOOM
Meeting ID: 818 5748 9059
Passcode: 197875

Ghazal

The topic for the July meeting is to write a ghazal. The definition and examples can be found at <https://poets.org/search?combine=ghazal>. Here's a great "how to" if you are just beginning to write this form of poetry: <https://writers.com/how-to-write-a-ghazal-poem#ghazal-form>

We prefer you share your poem on screen while reading it. If you want us to share it, send it to stephen.schwei@gmail.com by 9pm on Friday, July 19th. Feel free to also send poems you plan to read in the read-around.

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 Maxine Kohanski.

Poets Northwest News

Spring Fling was a great success! Congratulations to all the winners of our annual contest.



POETS NORTHWEST SPRING FLING 2024 WINNERS LIST

1. **Bluebonnet Award** 1st Karen Mastracchio, 2nd Holly Jahangiri, 3rd Terry Jude Miller, 1HM Cheri Bell, 2HM Jenna Pashley Smith, 3HM Mary Creviere Turner
2. **The June Leap Memorial Award** 1st Maxine B. Kohanski, 2nd Mary Creviere Turner, 3rd Holly Jahangiri, 1 HM Carol A. Taylor, 2HM Cheri Bell, 3HM Michael Owens
3. **The Poetry Award** 1st Karen Mastracchio, 2nd Carol A. Taylor, 1HM Michael Owens, 2HM Maxine B. Kohanski
4. **Nancy's Garden Award** 1st Holly Jahangiri, HM Cheri Bell
5. **Make Mine Metrical** 1st Holly Jahangiri, 2nd Stephen Schwei, 3rd Forrest Martino, 1HM Michael Owens, 2HM Karen Mastracchio, 3HM Donald Walter Samp
6. **Spirit of the Wolf** 1st Karen Mastracchio, 2nd George Fredric Campbell, 3rd Jenna Pashley Smith, HM Terry Jude Miller
7. **Kohanski Award** 1st Mary Creviere Turner, 2nd Michael Owens, 3rd Holly Jahangiri, 1HM Jenna Pashley Smith, 2HM Terry Jude Miller, 3HM Donald Walter Samp
8. **The Remembering Award** 1st Eric Blanchard, 2nd Jenna Pashley Smith, 3rd Jeffrey Ward, 1HM Karen Mastracchio, 2HM Terry Jude Miller, 3HM Forrest Martino
9. **Angel Patty Award** 1st Cheri Bell, 2nd Mary Creviere Turner, 3rd Michael Owens, 1 HM Stephen Schwei, 2HM Terry Jude Miller, 3HM Karen Mastracchio
10. **The President's Award** 1st Stephen Schwei, 2nd Jenna Pashley Smith, 3rd Holly Jahangiri
11. **The Owens Award** 1st George Fredric Campbell, 2nd Terry Jude Miller, 3rd Jeffrey Ward, 1HM Lynn Roberts Grice, 2HM Eric Blanchard, 3HM Donald Walter Samp
12. **Dactyls & Trochees** 1st Cheri Bell, 2nd Holly Jahangiri, HM Karen Mastracchio
13. **Prose Poem Award** 1st Holly Jahangiri, 2nd Karen Mastracchio, 3rd Terry Jude Miller, HM Cheri Bell
14. **The Repetitive Award** 1st Carol A. Taylor, 2nd Holly Jahangiri, 3rd Michael Owens, HM Karen Mastracchio
15. **Stone River Press Award** 1st Lynn Roberts Grice, 2nd Karen Mastracchio, 3rd Mary Creviere Turner, 1HM Jenna Pashley Smith, 2HM George Fredric Campbell, 3HM Forrest Martino
16. **The Poets Northwest Award** 1st Jeffrey Ward, 2nd Terry Jude Miller, 1HM Lynn Roberts Grice, 2HM Jenna Pashley Smith
17. **The Miller Memorial Award** 1st Jenna Pashley Smith, HM Holly Jahangiri
18. **The Anne Award** 1st Terry Jude Miller, HM Karen Mastracchio
19. **Squirrel in a Cactus Garden Prize** 1st Judy Bunch, 2nd Stephen Schwei, 3rd Eric Blanchard, 1HM Karen Mastracchio, 2HM Maxine B. Kohanski, 3HM Mary Creviere Turner
20. **The Texas Tale Award** 1st Jenna Pashley Smith, 2nd Stephen Schwei, 3rd Eric Blanchard, 1HM Terry Jude Miller, 2HM Karen Mastracchio, 3HM Carol A. Taylor
21. **The Schwei Award** 1st Terry Jude Miller, 2nd Forrest Martino, 1HM Karen Mastracchio, 2HM Donald Walter Samp
22. **The Alamo Family Award** 1st Jenna Pashley Smith, 2nd Karen Mastracchio, 3rd Terry Jude Miller, 1HM Mary Creviere Turner, 2HM Holly Jahangiri, 3HM Donald Walter Samp
23. **The Walter Joseph Award** 1st Stephen Schwei, 2nd Jenna Pashley Smith, 3rd Terry Jude Miller, 1 HM Cheri Bell, 2HM Maxine B. Kohanski, 3HM Forrest Martino
24. **Brevity** 1st Stephen Schwei, 2nd Forrest Martino, 1HM Terry Jude Miller, 2HM Maxine B. Kohanski
25. **For the Love of Form** 1st Stephen Schwei, 2nd Maxine B. Kohanski, 1HM Michael Owens, 2HM Jenna Pashley Smith

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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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Member News

Congratulations to Poets Northwest members who won or placed in the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS) Annual Contest:

Terry Jude Miller, 2nd place, Miriam S. Strauss Memorial Award, with his poem, “a second crossing.” Terry also won a Second Honorable Mention and two Third Honorable Mentions.

Mike Owens won a Sixth Honorable Mention and a Seventh Honorable Mention.

Lisa Toth Salinas, 3rd place, NFSPS Founders Award, for her Cento, “To Be Homeless.” Lisa also received a First Honorable Mention.

Stephen Schwei won two Second Honorable Mentions and a Seventh Honorable Mention.

Jeff Ward won a Second Honorable Mention.

Overall, Texas poets were very well represented, with wins in nearly half of the award categories!

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Poetry Society of Texas

News & Information

Please mark your calendars for July 13—the Summer Special Conference will be held via Zoom, so you can attend from the comfort of home! Watch for the Zoom link to be sent out soon from PST.

Saturday, July 13, 2024 from 2:00 to 5:00 PM

Ann Howells—Featured Speaker

Robert Schinzel—Catherine Case Lubbe Prize Winner

Susan Maxwell Campbell—William D. Barney Winner

Announcing PST July Contest Winners

Open Mic for all PST Attendees



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.

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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.