

Newsletter



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Saturday, October 19, 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: 891 7535 8709
Passcode: 354926

Bones

For our meeting in October, the challenge is to write a scary poem intended for children under 18. Consider your audience carefully when writing it for any age group below 18 years old.

We like you to share your poems on-screen as you read them. If you want us to share them, send them to Steve at stephen.schwei@gmail.com in a Word document or in the body of the email by Friday, 10/18/ 24, at 9pm. You can send poems you intend to read in the read-around as well.

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 Eric Blanchard.

Poets Northwest News

Bring a poem. Bring a friend. Bring a friend who has a poem to share! There will be...surprises!
Trick or treat! (Maybe a little of both?)

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

The Next General Meeting of the Poetry Society of Texas will be held on October 12, 2024 at 2:30 PM Central. Featured Speaker is Susan Maxwell Campbell, winner of the 2023 William D Barney Book Prize. See [The Bulletin](#) for more details.

Monthly Contest Rules Changes

There is no PST Monthly Contest in November, but do see "A Note from PST Monthly Contest Chair - Lynn Roberts Grice" in the latest copy of The Bulletin so you know how to enter for December! Get those poems ready!

Annual Awards

The Annual Awards Banquet will be held on November 9 at DoubleTree by Hilton (Near the Galleria at 4099 Valley View Lane, Dallas, Texas 75244). Check in and seating starts at 11:00 AM. Plan for an afternoon of fun, friendship, and celebration! Please Register as soon as possible (forms and checks must be received by Beth Ayers by November 1, 2024) and room pricing/availability for those who wish to stay at the Doubletree

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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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overnight are subject to availability. Prices may fluctuate as we get closer to the date, and better prices may be available through other programs like AAA or AARP or Expedia. Please visit [November Awards Banquet \(poetrysocietyoftexas.org\)](https://poetrysocietyoftexas.org/event/november-awards-banquet-2024/) - <https://poetrysocietyoftexas.org/event/november-awards-banquet-2024/> for forms and details.

Poetry Society of Texas 2025 Summer Conference

Mark your calendars: The Denton Poets Assembly plans to host the 2025 Summer Conference in Denton, July 17-19, at the Springhill Suites. The theme will be Side By Side—Together in Poetry. Details as they become available. Watch for updates in [The Bulletin](#). All members of PST should receive a copy of The Bulletin in email. If you are a member of PST and have not received yours, please check spam. If your contact information has changed, be sure to let Lynn Lewis know that! Alternatively, you can always find the latest issue plus back issues on our website at <https://poetrysocietyoftexas.org/publications/bulletin/>

Did You Know...

You can support the Poetry Society of Texas just by using Bing Search and playing games on Bing Rewards? It's fun and takes just a few minutes of your day—best yet, you're playing with Microsoft's money! Here's how:

1. Join Give with Bing (<https://www.bing.com/give/join>) Bing is owned by Microsoft.
2. Choose the non-profit organization you would like to earn points for. We hope that you will select **Poetry Society of Texas!**
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.

National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS)

Here's another date for your 2025 Calendar: The NFSPS Annual Convention is Scheduled for July 23-28, 2025 in Albuquerque New Mexico. Keep an eye out for updates in [Strophes](#). PST also posts a copy at <https://poetrysocietyoftexas.org/publications/>.



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.