



Poets Northwest Newsletter

A chapter of the Poetry
Society of Texas
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August 2019

Saturday August 17th

10:00 A.M.

at

Windwood Presbyterian Church
10555 Spring-Cypress Rd.
Houston, TX 77070
Room 124

Someone Else's I's: Using Masks to Reveal in Persona Poems

Assuming the identity of another in a persona poem is not just a chance for a poet to briefly become different person. At their best, persona poems can reveal new perspectives of well-known characters from history, myths, and stories; give voice to the marginalized and oppressed, or even create empathy for the otherwise indefensible. Masks not only hide. They can also reveal.

In this workshop we'll review the history of the persona poem. We'll analyze both classic and contemporary examples of the form and discuss assumed identity, empathy, characterization, and voice. Prompts will be provided to write your own persona poem, which may be shared in a round robin at the end of the workshop.

Presented by Courtney O'Banion Smith

Read-Around

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

Door Prize provided by—?

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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.

Member News

- ✍ Congratulations **Lynn Roberts Grice** and **Sharon Young** for having their poems accepted for the 2019 Waco WordFest Anthology.
- ✍ **Lisa Toth Salinas** was featured on PST's August Podcast.
- ✍ **Courtney O'Banion Smith** was accepted as a juried poet in this year's Houston Poetry Fest and her poem will appear in the anthology.

Share your publishing or personal news with your fellow poets. If you have news for the newsletter, please send it directly to Lynn Grice at e-mail texaspoet53@hotmail.com by the 1st of each month.

Poets Northwest

donated 25 copies of our 2017 anthology

Honoring Art—An Eckphrastic Anthology

with thanks, to the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Art

They were happy to have them.

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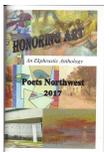
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All members of Poets Northwest
are encouraged to join the Poetry Society of Texas

Dues are only \$25/year (year runs July—June) **SEND YOUR DUES NOW!!!** 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.



PNW's 2017 anthology,
Honoring Art—
An Eckphrastic Anthology,
will be available for purchase
at the meeting, or contact
Lynn Grice. \$6 each.

“Poetry is a packsack of invisible keepsakes.” ~*Carl Sandburg*