

Poets Northwest Newsletter

A chapter of the Poetry
Society of Texas
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December 2018

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(NO morning meeting at Windwood Presbyterian)

Annual Christmas Party

Saturday December 15th

2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

At
Maxine's Home

Contact Lynn Grice at
texaspoet53@hotmail.com
For further information

Spouse/Significant Other Welcome

Bring Finger Foods & Desserts

Bring a Unisex Gift--\$15.00 Value

Bring an original holiday poem
for our Annual Holiday Poem Contest
Any form - One page limit
\$20.00 Prize


It's always a fun time, hope you can
join us!

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 \$12 annually (Jan-Dec) & \$6 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

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 or call 281.371.7111 by the 1st of each month.

 **David Orchard** will be the Spotlight Poet for the December 8 meeting of the Poetry Society of Texas. After the event, he will post a YouTube video of it.

Poets Northwest 2019 Dues are Due!

At a recent Board meeting, because it has been *many, many* years since the last increase, it was decided that we needed to raise the annual dues to \$15, beginning in January, 2019. Costs for events we hold, and other expenses, have outpaced our income in the past few years. Please do not let this increase preclude you from renewing your membership. If you have any questions or personal financial concerns about the increase, please contact Lynn Grice, Treasurer.

The Membership form is included in this newsletter. You can pay at the December Christmas party or at the January meeting.

2019 PNW Board will take office in January

President—**Eric Blanchard**; Vice-President/Program Chair—**Karen Mastracchio**; Treasurer/Membership/Newsletter/Historian—**Lynn Grice**; Secretary—**Sharon Young**; Events Coordinator/ Fundraising—**Maxine Kohanski**
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2018 PST Annual Contest - PNW Winners

	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th	9th	10th	Total
Cheri Bell	2	1	2			1	1	4	2	4	17
Eric Blanchard			1	1		1		1		1	5
George Fredric Campbell		1		2	1	1	3	1	1		10
Leslie Ann Engle	1	2	2		1	1	1		1	2	11
Daniel R. Hunter		2	1			2		2		1	8
Maxine B. Kohanski	2	2		1		1	3	2	1		12
Karen Mastracchio				3		1	2	1	1	1	9
Michael Owens	2			1		2	2		1	1	9
Lisa Toth Salinas	3		4	2		2	1	2	1		15
Courtney O'Banion Smith									1		1
Jenna Pashley Smith	1	1	1	3	2	2		2			12
Warren Spates			1	1							2
Mary Creviere Turner					1		1				2
Sharon E. Young		1	1	1	2		1	2		1	9
Total for PNW	11	10	13	15	7	14	15	17	9	11	122

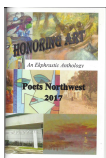
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PNW's 2017 anthology, *Honoring Art—An Eckphrastic Anthology*, will be available for purchase at the meeting, or contact Lynn Grice. \$6 each.



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. Go to www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org for more information.

“Poetry is frosted fire.” ~J. Patrick Lewis

Make checks payable to **POETS NORTHWEST**
Regular Membership \$15
Junior Membership (12 years and younger) \$7

2019 PNW MEMBERSHIP

NAME _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ E-MAIL _____

I want my Newsletter by: \$15 Dues Paid Cash ___ or Check # _____
Mail ___ E-Mail ___ \$ 7 Dues Paid Cash ___ or Check # _____

Mail complete form/check to: Lynn Grice,
9611 Magnolia Ridge Dr, Houston, TX 77070

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You can either mail them to me, or better yet,
bring them with you to either the Christmas party
or to January's meeting.