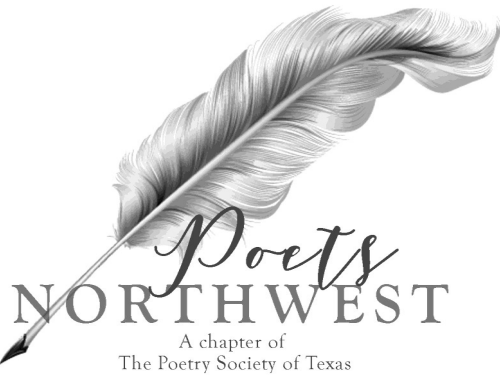


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December 2023

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PNW Annual Christmas Party

Saturday December 16th

2:00 to 5:00 p.m.

At

Maxine Kohanski's Home

Spouse/Significant Other Welcome

Bring Finger Foods & Desserts

Bring a Unisex Gift-\$15.00 Value

2 Contests!

1. Christmas/Holiday/Winter poem

2. Light Verse

See details on invitation included in this Newsletter

No Regular Meeting or ZOOM

Member News

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. (Personal news won't be shared on PNW social media sites unless you approve in advance.)

2024 Dues are Due!

You may bring them to the January 20 meeting, or mail them to Lynn Grice.

A 2024 Membership form is included with this Newsletter

Congratulations to the 2024 PNW Board

They will take office in January

President—Mary Creviere Turner

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Appointed Positions: Historian—Lynn Roberts Grice **Webmaster**—Karen Mastracchio

A chart of the Poets Northwest PST Annual Contest winners, and their places, is included in this Newsletter.

They will read their winning poems at the January meeting.



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. View a video at: <https://youtu.be/EfbDaXKyXs>

Congratulations to all the Poets Northwest winners of the 2023 PST Annual Contest

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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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Prize: One year membership in Poets Northwest

- 1. Christmas/Holiday/Winter poem—Any form, 36 lines or less*
- 2. Light Verse—No bawdy limericks—just fun, humorous, lighthearted wordplay suitable for a general audience. A few notable “light verse” authors include Edward Lear, Shel Silverstein, Hillaire Belloc, & Lewis Carroll. 8 lines or more, or 2-3 short verses totaling 8 lines or more, limit 36 lines.*

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