

# Poets Northwest Newsletter

A chapter of the Poetry  
Society of Texas  
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June 2018

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## **Saturday June 16<sup>th</sup>**

**10:00 A.M.**

**at**

**Windwood Presbyterian Church**

**10555 Spring-Cypress Rd.**

**Houston, TX 77070**

**Room 124**

The Poetry Society of Texas offers 100 categories for members and non-members. We'll share the ins and outs of the contest trail. Many of our members have tips on what to enter and why. Contest deadline is August 15, so we have plenty of time to prepare.

### **Read-Around**

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

**Door Prize provided by—Kitty Mobley**

### **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 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of each month from 10 AM to noon at the Windwood Presbyterian Church, 10555 Spring Cypress., Houston, TX 77070.

## Member News

✍ *Maxine Kohanski, Karen Mastracchio, Mike Owens, Jenna Pashley Smith, and Lisa Salinas* were all winners in the National Federation of State Poetry Society Annual Contest! PNW took 15 places. Maxine and Lisa will have their poems published in the next Encore. Congratulations to everyone.

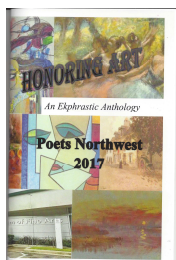
✍ *Nancy Leap* was in the hospital recently, but is doing better now.

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](mailto:texaspoet53@hotmail.com) or call 281.371.7111 by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

## 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Poets Northwest Spring Fling—May 19, 2018

**SILENT AUCTION** raised \$164 this year! Many thanks to all that donated and purchased.

14 attended. We had 12 poets enter and take home a total of \$1,245 in prize money. Winners List is enclosed. Congratulations to all our winning poets!



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

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AND  
[www.facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest](https://www.facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest)

## Upcoming Opportunities

*Call for Submissions: InSpirity & 2018 Art of Peace Anthology.* Poem prompt—Sowing Seeds of Peace. Entry deadline is July 31. Go to <https://inspirity.submittable.com/submit>



## 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. **Current Members—It’s time to Renew!!!** Go to [www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org](http://www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org) for more information.

**PST Summer Conference—Poetry: A Bridge to the World** will be in Waco this year, on July 12-14. See the website for details.

**Student Contest** is now part of the **Adult Annual Contest**. See the website for details.

“The poet is the priest of the invisible.”  
~Wallace Stevens

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