



# Poets Northwest Newsletter

A chapter of the Poetry  
Society of Texas  
www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org

November 2018

## **PNW Board Members**

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Webmaster

## **Saturday November 17<sup>th</sup>**

**10 A.M.– 12 Noon**

**at**

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

### **Critique Session**

**We will work with written critique of a poem or poems during our first hour. Bring in four (4) stapled pages—all the same poem or a combo of poems—which will travel through four poets [passing to the right] who will provide written feedback on the poem on that page.**

**The second half of our meeting will be a read-around of a couple of your poems, those critiqued or other favorites.**


**Door Prize provided by—Lynn Grice**

### **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

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.

 **Fran Johnson** has a new book, *Bumble Bees and Big Oak Trees A Collection of Poems by Frances Ousley Johnson*. It's available on Amazon.com She has also written another poem for the Philanthropic Education Organization's yearbook.

### PNW Board Election—Here are the Nominees for 2019.

We will vote at November's meeting and they will take office in January 2019.

Nominations can be taken from the floor, but you need to have the person's okay first.

President—**Eric Blanchard**

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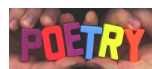
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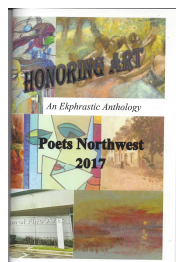
Publicity—**Franchesca Alamo**

Judge—**Open**

Webmaster—**Karen Mastracchio**



**Resources**—Our Poets Northwest website has many books on the craft of poetry listed, along with two of the best websites for poets/writers. Go to [www.poetsnw.com](http://www.poetsnw.com) and click **Resources** Check your favorite local bookstore, Amazon, or other on-line source for these books.



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

**@HoustonPoets on Twitter**

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## 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](http://www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org) for more information.**

Congratulations to all the Poets Northwest members that placed in the PST Annual Contest. Check PST website, in the next few days. for the Winners List.

***PST Bulletin* is now being e-mailed to members, if they have an e-mail address for you. It will still be mailed to those w/o, effective with September's. It is also available on-line**

“Poets are soldiers that liberate words from the steadfast possession of definition.” ~Eli Khamarov