

# Poets Northwest Newsletter

A chapter of the Poetry  
Society of Texas  
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## Saturday October 19<sup>th</sup>

10:00 A.M.

at

Windwood Presbyterian Church  
10555 Spring-Cypress Rd.  
Houston, TX 77070  
Room 126

September's meeting had low attendance, so October's meeting will look at a lesson from Academy of American Poets—poem to teach. This should be a short presentation which will allow for a longer read-around.

### Read-Around

Everyone is invited to  
bring 2 or 3 original poems  
1 page limit each

Door Prize  
provided by  
Cheri Bell

### 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 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

- ✍ **Eric Blanchard's** poem, "Sonnets After Midnight," won 1st Place in The Sonnet contest, part of the Ohio Poetry Day's annual array of poetry contests.
- ✍ **Lynn Roberts Grice** and **Sharon Young** read their selected poems at the 2019 Waco WordFest on October 5.
- ✍ **Terry Jude Miller's** poem, "I Sing the Body Digital," appears in the *Endlessly Rocking* Walt Whitman tribute anthology. He will read from his Pushcart Prize nominated book of poetry, *The Drawn Car's Dream*, on Nov. 4, at the George Memorial Library in Richmond, TX.
- ✍ **Stephen Schewi** also had a poem in the Waco WordFest Anthology, but could not attend, as he was reading at Public Poetry (Houston, TX) at the Freed-Montrose Neighborhood Library.
- ✍ **Courtney O'Banion Smith** read at Houston Poetry Fest and has several other readings in October.

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) by the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

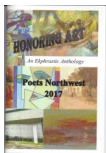
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PNW's 2017 anthology, *Honoring Art—An Eckphrastic Anthology*, will be available for purchase at the meeting, or contact Lynn Grice. \$6 each.



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

**Save the Dates: July 10, 11, & 12**  
**PST Summer Conference**  
**In Fort Worth**

"Don't use the phone. People are never ready to answer it. Use poetry." ~Jack Kerouac