

## "Dancing with Poetry"

The 42nd Annual Poetry Society of Texas Summer Conference  
Thursday, Friday, Saturday ~ July 14, 15, 16, 2011

### **HOTEL INFORMATION:** (Make your own reservations)

The Airport Hilton in San Antonio – 611 NW Loop 410 – Phone: 210-340-6060

**For Reservations Call:** 1-888-728-3031 – **Code:** SAP

**Deadline for Reservations:** June 28, 2011 **Deadline for Registration:** July 1, 2011

**Check in Time:** 4 p.m. **Check Out Time:** 12 noon **Room Rate:** \$85.00 (plus taxes)

**Perks:** \* Free Parking \* Hi-Speed Internet \* Discount Breakfast Coupon \$9.95

**Cancellations:** Must be made 72 hours before arrival or you will be charged for one night plus taxes

**Luggage:** A storage area will be provided by the hotel for your luggage until rooms are available at 4:00 p.m. \*Request it when you arrive if you need to store your luggage.

### **REGISTRATION INFORMATION:**

Registration is in the hotel's Texas Foyer: 12:00 noon – 1:30 p.m.

Bookstore set up is also going on at this time, so register & take your books to the bookroom - Lone Star Ballroom (East)

Opening Ceremonies are 1:30-2:00 p.m. in the Lone Star Ballroom (West)

Programming begins at 2:00 p.m. – All meetings will take place in the Lone Star Ballroom (West)

### **MEALS & PRICES:**

**Dinner on Thursday** ~ South of the Border ~ \$24

Menu: Tossed Salad (2 dressings) / Chicken & Cheese Enchiladas with Enchilada & Queso Sauce / Mexican Red Rice & Refried beans / Flan & Buñuelos with Honey / Tea or Coffee

**Lunch on Friday** ~ Country Kitchen: \$21

Menu: Tossed Salad (2 dressings) / Rosemary Herbed Chicken / Whipped Buttermilk Spuds / Vegetable Medley / Chocolate Cake / Cheesecake / or Key Lime Pie / Tea or Coffee (Dessert will be one of these three—chef's choice.)

**Dinner on Friday** ~ Mirror Ball Banquet: \$32

Menu: Tossed Salad (2 dressings) / Roast Pork Loin with Raisin Ancho / Roasted New Potatoes / Home-style Green Beans / Raspberry Rumble Cheese Cake / Tea or Coffee

### **SPEAKERS & TOPICS:**

**Thursday, July 14:** Texas Poet Laureates and Other Featured Speakers

Mildred Baass of Victoria (Laureate 93/93–94/95) (Nancy Baass reading) – *Poetry En Pointe*

Alan Birkelbach of Plano (Laureate 2005) – *Still Learning to Dance*

Karla Morton of Denton (Laureate 2010) – *Sometimes, the Soul Needs a Little Tango*

Darrell Pittman of San Antonio – *The Last Tango with Writer's Block: A Look into the Abyss*

Gloria Armmer of San Antonio – *Confessions of a Woman Dancing to Her Own Beat*

**Friday, July 15**

Birma Castle of Beaumont – *Dancing Around a Poem*

Loretta Diane Walker of Odessa – *Line Dancing*

Marilyn Stacy of Dallas – *Dance Like Nobody's Watching*

Linda Banks of Mesquite – *Perfecting the Poetry Two-Step*

Carol Siskovic of San Antonio – *Poetic Bricolage: Building Poems with Pieces of Our Lives*

Anne McCrady of Henderson – *Line Dancing: Setting Meaning and Metaphor to Music*

Dillon McKinsey of Cedar Park – *Dancing Toward Consciousness*

Alan Birkelbach of Plano – Reading from *The Thread*, the Edward Aiken Book Award Winner

Keynote Speaker: Budd Powell Mahan of Dallas – *Fandango to Frug: Polishing Your Steps*

**Saturday, July 16**

Leticia Austria of San Antonio – *Out of Step: Variations in Meter*

Margaret Mayberry of San Antonio – *Leave 'em Laughing*

**BOOKROOM INFORMATION:**

Michaud L. Lamrouex is the Bookstore Manager. The bookstore is located in the Lone Star Ballroom (East). If you are bringing books, you need to e-mail the following information to Michaud at lamrouex@sbcglobal.net: Title of your book(s), author's name, price, number of copies of each book brought. He needs this information well before the conference so he can program it into the computer. This greatly speeds up check-out time. In addition to e-mailing this list to Michaud, please put the book price on a sticky tab and place it on the inside cover of your book. It is helpful to those browsing the bookstore to know the price when choosing books.

**REGULAR CONFERENCE FEATURES:**

This conference will have all the regular features of the PST Summer Conferences:

- The You Be the Judge Contest -Friday noon deadline for submissions (winners announced at Banquet).  
Be sure to bring your YBTJ poems. The submission box will be on the registration table.  
YBTJ rules: 28 lines or less, any subject, any form, one entry per person.
- Presidents and Councilors Meeting - 9:00-9:30 a.m. - Saturday morning
- Simulated Monthly Meeting (including announcement of July Monthly Contest Winners) -10:45 a.m.
- The Life Member Fund raffle on Friday evening after the banquet.  
Chapters and individuals are reminded to bring donations to be raffled, and let Life Member Fund Chairman, Sharon Turner know what you are bringing. Her e-mail address is sdmtturner@aol.com

**OTHER CONFERENCE FEATURES:**

- After each meal, there will be a 15 minute dance exhibition:  
Thursday evening (Latin), Friday noon (Country Western), Friday evening (Waltz, and other smooth dances).
- There will be an additional conference poetry contest. You may bring a poem about Dance or Dancing and submit it in a special box that will be provided on the registration table. Rules: 28 lines or less; G-rated. There will be an award (unspecified at this time).