Poetry Society of Texas

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September, 2009

Next PST General Meeting: October 3, 2009
Annual Awards Banquet: November 14, 2009

Minutes of the Poetry Society of Texas

President Jeannette L. Strother recognized former PST Presidents: Marilyn Stacy, 20th; Linda Banks, 18th; and J. Paul Holcomb, 17th. She also welcomed Jim Ricks, President, Mockingbird Chapter, then presented the 2009-2010 Officers: President: Jeannette L. Strother; Vice-President: Catherine L'Herisson; Treasurer: Amy Sandberg; Corresponding Secretary: Jimmye Inez Sessions; Recording Secretary: Silvia Slaten; Director: Pat Randolph; Librarian/Director: Barbara Blanks; and Director: David Knape.

Lee Carroll, Membership Chair, announced PST Membership now stands at 339: 264 Active Members; 1 Associate Member; 6 Honorary Members; 2 Library Members; and 7 Student Members. Renewed Members: 59 in June; 35 in July; and 22 in August. **New Members** for June, July and August: Allison C. Lowe of Coppell; Wilmeth E. Perkins of Garland; Claire Phillips of Athens; Shannon L. Williams of McKinney; Laura I. Pena of Katy; Connie Strong of Chappell Hill; Visakha Suresh of Plano; Sheri Sutton of Wichita Falls; Lydia Alexander of Denton; Barbara Goerdel of Arlington; Ute M. Carson of Austin; Angela Rabke of San Antonio; Karen Schneider of San Antonio; Tina Bausinger of Tyler; Sara Gipson of North Little Rock, AR; Charles G. Poole of Fort Worth; Brenda Ferguson of Weatherford; Nancy L. Fierstien of Dripping Springs; Dory McGuire of Houston, and Alexis Tapp of Wylie.

Jeannette presented Treasurer **Amy Sandberg's** report: Beginning Balance: $20,778.42; Checks Paid: $711.40; Deposits: $7,069.00; Stock Dividends from June: $268.68; Ending Balance: $26,421.97.

Barbara Blanks, Librarian/Director, stated that 8 new books were donated, destined for the Dallas Public Library, and placed them on display. She also displayed *neighborsgo.com* news circular published by the *Dallas Morning News.* There was an article about the PST Summer Conference in Fort Worth this past July.

President Strother announced the following Deaths of PST Members and PST Member's family: Jeffrey Qualls; Nova Shubert Bair; Faye Leeper; Dr. Richard Neidhardt, husband of Frances Neidhardt of Sherman; sister of Daphna Barnes (Florence); NW Chapter President Kitty Mobley's mother.

Dr. Mary Cimarolli, on behalf of Program Chair, Peggy Zuleika Lynch, introduced Featured Poet, Roberta Pipes Bowman of Haltom City. Roberta has won the Boswell Prize from TCU, the Lucidity Award, and has written eight books which are on display in the *House of Poetry* in New York City. She read a number of her award winning poems for our enjoyment.

David Bowman, Monthly Contest Chair, announced August's Critic Judge: Lynn Streeter of Seabrook, Texas. 1st Place, Linda Banks, Mesquite, for *"Pray for Rain"*; 2nd Place, Jessica Gonsoulin, Dallas; 3rd Place, Naomi Stroud Simmons, Fort Worth.

Laugh Lines Winner: Roberta Pipes Bowman, Haltom City, for her poem titled, "*Retouch*". **Laugh Lines Judge**: David Knape, Plano.

Reader: Barbara Blanks, Garland, read for the Book Awards' finalists and those present cast their votes. POPULAR: Jeannette Strother, Mansfield; GALAXY: Richard (Dick) Peake, Galveston; LUBBE: Catherine L'Herisson, Garland; LYNCH: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas; WENDY DIMMETTE: Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson; LIFE MEMBER AWARD: Geneva M. Fulgham, Bellaire.

2009-2010 PST General Meeting Program Schedule:

October – Winifred Schramm, Austin
November – Annual Awards Banquet
December – Betty Givens – Ekphrastic Poetry Reading
January – Annual Memorial Program Poemathon
February - UNT Slam
March - Charlotte Renk, Athens
April – Robert Duchoquette, Dallas
May – Caroline & Bob Florek, *Houston Press Anthology of Texas Poetry*

PST schedule of events for 2009

Poetry Society of Texas General Meeting – October 3rd due to conflicting schedule with the library. PLEASE NOTE: This is the 1st Saturday, not the 2nd!

Poetry Society of Texas Annual Awards Banquet…… November 14th, Crowne Plaza Suites, Dallas.

PST DUES: $25.00

Notes of Interest

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In 2010, the 51st NFSPS Annual Convention will be hosted by the Poetry Society of Tennessee, the Mississippi Poetry Society and the Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas, meeting in Memphis, Tennessee at the Holiday Inn on the University of Memphis campus, June 10-13, 2010.

Barbara Blanks, PST Librarian, sends this note: **Authors:** if you have had a book published, let me know so I can announce it at the monthly meeting. If you would like to donate a copy for the PST permanent collection at Dallas Central Library, let me know**. Include** your email address when you donate a book for the archives and I will notify you of its arrival. **Send** purchase information, i.e., your website, Amazon, via email, etc. for anyone who is interested.
Please remember to add the "L" in Blanks in my email address.
BarbaraBlanks@aol.com
www.barbarablanks.books.officelive.com

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The Poetry Society of Texas was saddened to lose two outstanding supporters in August: Faye Leeper, Midland, 8/4/09, and Dr. Richard Neidhardt, Sherman, 8/20/09.

Faye Leeper was one of the recipients of the Excellence in Poetry Medals, 2007, presented by United Poets Laureate International—World Conference, Montgomery, Alabama. As a member of the World Congress of Poets, Faye traveled to several of their conventions, one in China. She served as the PST Librarian for many years. She held a BS and an MA in English, with a Philosophy Minor. Faye taught high school and college in Midland for 25 years and considered herself to be bi-lingual, saying she taught Oxford English and spoke 'Texas' English. She attended the University of Edinburgh, Scotland and Cambridge University, England where she participated in several dialect studies. She was an active member of the Texas Folklore Society, and published many articles in that vein.
Her membership in PST also included membership in the Permian Basin Poetry Society, Midland/Odessa. Along with other Brown Bag Poets: Linda Banks, Irene Carmichael, Mary Cimarolli, Wendy Dimmette (Dec.), Pat Randolph, and Marilyn Stacy, Faye's poetry was included in their collaboration: *"Swimming for the Moon"*.

Professor Emeritus Carl Richard Neidhardt (Dick), husband of Frances E. Neidhardt, Sherman (Texoma Poetry Society), gained acclaim as an active studio artist. He served with the U. S. Army Air Corps, 1941 to 1947 as a pilot throughout WWII with the Air Transport Command. His art education was extensive, including advanced studies funded by a Fulbright Grant at the Rijksacademie in Amsterdam. His small pieces cast in bronze were philosophic observations on the common experiences shared by man, and were featured in countless solo shows at galleries and universities. He taught at the University of Florida, Hardin-Simmons University, Angelo State University, and Austin College, Sherman. He was honored with a Danforth Grant for advanced research, a Cullen Grant for research in Egypt, and Richardson Research Grants in southern France and Greece. Dr. Neidhardt wrote an autobiography which focused on his experiences as a transport pilot during WWII. According to his wife, Frances Neidhardt, *"Dick had been a very young pilot for Pan-American even before the war. The experience of piloting many different* (makes of) *planes back and forth across the Atlantic and far beyond in all types of weather—delivering planes, picking up wounded, etc.—at an impressionable age marked his life and enriched his calm philosophy, that of viewing the busy world as if from high above in the clouds, and thereby noting, then and in life, that 'many things seem very small'."*

Von Bourland, Bulletin Editor, requests all reports and news be sent via email if possible, preferably before the "Next Meeting Date" at the top of your Bulletin. Subject Line: PST Bulletin. If you must use snail mail, please postmark between the 5th and 8th, as she lives in a rural area and receives her mail late. Thanks!
vondelita@amaonline.com
Von Bourland, 37861 I-27, Happy, TX 79042

*********** What it was, was poetry *********

As the Poetry Society of Texas Bulletin is first and foremost about poetry, I offer each PST member a chance to share and shine by printing your short (no more than 12 lines), published poetry in our state Bulletin. Said poem will be considered published by all contests, as our circulation is near 300; therefore, be certain you own the rights to your poem, and will grant permission for publication.

Challenge:

Thank you for your response to the Cinquain Challenge! I have received enough Cinquains to finish the year. If you know the poets who have submitted their work, please extend your CONGRATULATIONS along with mine!

Christmas in September?

To close out our Year of Cinquains, I hope to print a page in the December Bulletin with a "Winter-Christmas-Hannukah-Kwanzaa" theme. Dig deep and write a new cinquain or find an old one to send. We want the year 2009 to go out with a BIG BANG celebrating what that time of the year means to each and every one of us!!! (If I have left out your holiday, please submit a cinquain about it.)

Send an already (or ready-to-be) published Adelaide Crapsey Cinquain - Syllable count: 2,4,6,8,2. Please mention your chapter membership in your entry.

Snail or email no more than one poem apiece to Von S. Bourland, Editor, at (one of) the above address(es).

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The *Bulletin* appears on the PST Website:
http://www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org/bulletin.html
as an Adobe Acrobat .pdf file. With Adobe Reader software (or Adobe Acrobat), you will be able to view and

print the *Bulletin* in the very same format as you receive it in the mail. Adobe Reader is free, installs itself, and comes from one of the best names in computer software.

If you note needed corrections, additions, or deletions to the Website, contact any PST officer to convey the changes through proper channels to our webmaster. Our webmaster is a volunteer with a day job—does not claim omniscience. Your kind assistance will be appreciated in our ongoing efforts to keep the Website up-to-date.

Alamo Area Poets

September 12th, newly elected President Kim Mott presided over our meeting. Winners for the May poems were: Assigned Topic: 1st Place – Sheila Moore; 2nd Place – Pat Walker; 3rd Place – Lucy McBee; Honorable Mentions: Vivian Yatteau and Kim Mott. Open Topic: 1st Place – Sheila Moore; 2nd Place – Billie Stroud; 3rd Place – Peggy Mott; Honorable Mention: Peter Holland.

After refreshments provided by Billie Stroud and Kim Mott, the September poems were presented.

The Monthly Book Drawing was held, and Billie Stroud passed-out copies of the 2008-09 Anthology and Members' Handbook.

AAPT meets every first Saturday, September through May, at 2:00 P.M. in the Garden Villa, UTW, unless otherwise announced. Contact info: Libby Bishop, elizbis@aol.com or Kim Mott, President: celticwarriorwom@aol.com The next meeting is October 9th.

Austin Poetry Society

APS has no regular meetings or Muse-letters during the summer; but the Fourth Thursday Open Microphones continue, and a new critique group has started.

June 25th, the APS Fourth Thursday featured Dripping Springs Poets including Thirsty Thursday host Nancy Fierstien, Brad Highum, Angie Meyer, and Thom Moon 10.

The July 23rd session features the poets of Dalton Publishing, including W. Joe Hoppe, author of *Galvanized*, and Ric Williams, author of *The Secret Book of God*. Both open mics happen from 7 to 9 P.M. in NeWorlDeli, 4101 Guadalupe, Austin. Elzy Cogswell is the Fourth Thursday host.

The APS Poetry Critique Group meets on the last Saturday of each month upstairs in Central Market, 42nd and Lamar, hosted by Board member Beth Kropf.

Bring yourself, bring a friend, bring poems. See the web-site, www.austinpoetrysociety.org. APS newsletter online: send your e-mail address to poetryplease@mail.utexas.edu.

Bea Land-Phoenix Chapter

August 1, 2009, the Annual Election of Officers was held, with all results unanimous. President: Catherine L'Herisson; Vice-President: Barbara Luke; and Recording Secretary/Treasurer: Barbara Blanks.

In a bit of fun, Betty Tate (visitor/new member) suggested we create the office of General Flunky. All present promptly and unanimously elected her into that office.

The other visitor/new member was Mary Winklebleck. Yearly membership fees were paid by everyone.

Catherine gave a short history of the Bea Land/Phoenix Chapter, named for Bea Land who developed it. After she died, the chapter also died through membership attrition. Then, Nova Bair, a PST Councilor (formerly of Amarillo and Hi-Plains Chapter), came to the Garland area and was instrumental in restarting the group. Because it rose from the ashes, 'Phoenix' – after the Phoenix bird – was added to the chapter name.

President L'Herisson described her experience at the NFSPS Convention in Duluth, MN. Barbara Blanks was asked to describe her experience at the PST Summer Conference in Fort Worth.

Our Writers Workshop met the Cinquain Challenge, each composing one in about 10 minutes. For the record, "foil" is one syllable. "Chocolate" correctly spoken with either two or three syllables. If using it in a two-syllable Cinquain line, it is not necessary to leave out the second O, as in "choc'late".

The Bea Land-Phoenix Chapter (Garland) is looking for new members. The next meeting is October 3rd, 10 A.M. at the South Branch Garland Library located at Oates and Broadway. First time attendees are welcome to bring one of their poems to read.

FMI: catherinepoet@juno.com 972-270-4994, or barbarablanks@aol.com

"Analog or Digital"

Is there
a Future? Past
is gone; Tomorrow's not
here. It's always Today. What time
is it?

Barbara Blanks, Garland
Bea Land-Phoenix Chapter

Beaumont Chapter

Poetry shared is words well spent. You may never be rich by monetary standards but the joy of sharing your work is new every day. Great is the power of words.

Beaumont Chapter members enjoy reading their lesson poems and helping each other with critiquing. We have become best friends through our poetry. Our latest lesson was to lead our reader down the 'primrose path' and leave them with a surprise ending. Expectation is part of the thrill of writing.

Our next meeting will be at the Ridgewood where our dearest friend, Violette Newton resides. Violette lives for poetry and thoroughly enjoys when one of our members reads to her. Her son, Reece, is now spending time with her, and reads to her every day. He shared Violette's 97th birthday on August 11th, along with fellow poets who helped her celebrate.

The Granny twins, Dot Roberts and Jo Fant, featured on Texas Country Reporter, will be part of the Favorites Series from that show through the middle of September. Dot

passed away this past year and her family is thrilled to get to see her again. What an honor to have shared in the life of Dot! Jo's daughter joined our group this past year and seems to have inherited her mother and aunt's writing skills.

Sherry Morgan and her husband attended their first PST Summer Conference in July. They were blessed to have attended one of the best conferences. I think I speak for everyone when I say "WOW what a conference!" Everything was perfect with great speakers, wonderful door prizes, and good food. The decorations done by David Bowman and his wife were out of this world. We definitely soared to new heights as they promised! We even got to meet Karla Morton, Texas Poet Laureate for 2010. What a lovely lady to have as a representative of poetry.

We can't wait to see you at the Awards Ceremony November 14th. You don't have to win to enjoy seeing friends and hearing winning poems read. Right now, write November 14th on your calendar. Who knows, you might get a card saying "you have a reason to attend"!

Beaumont Chapter meets the third Wednesday of each month. Come see us. We love visitors.
FMI: Barbara Green Powell, lostlakeln@aol.com.

Hi-Plains Chapter

Nine members and two visitors attended our August 8th meeting. We welcomed Larry Beltran back 'into the fold'. He moved to Arizona for a few months, and even though he was greatly impressed with their poetry groups and facilities, he missed Amarillo.

The two visitors were: John Schmidt, Amarillo, owner of Path Publishing, who joined Hi-Plains and PST; and Daryl Stevens, Canyon.

Hi-Plains Chapter meets bi-monthly beginning in February at the Amarillo Sr. Center, 1217 South Tyler Street, Amarillo. FMI: Contact Mary Yokum, President, marila13@sbcglobal.net or Marianne Logan, Membership Chair, mmmltx@nts-online.net (806) 374-4354

Houston Chapter

Meetings are held the first Saturday of each month, McGovern Library, 7405 Stella Link @ Aberdeen Way, Houston, 1:30 – 3:30 P.M. There is always a read-around and help with your poetry. Visitors are always welcome. FMI: President, Doris Ferguson, 713-722-8818

Mockingbird Chapter

August 11, 2009, at 1:30 P.M. in the Carriage House in McKinneyDr. Jim Ricks, McKinney, was the Headliner. *"Milk"*, his first poem written in grad school was a pre-cursor to *"I Got Milk"*.

Inez Grimes was awarded a Life Membership in PST.

David Knape, new Director of PST, published a chapbook, *"Wolf Country, Plain and Simple Poems"*.

New officers elected were as follows: President, Dr. Jim Ricks; Vice-President, Don Croucher; Secretary, Sylvia Medel; Treasurer, Edmund Burke; Membership Chair, David Knape.

Members Beth Ayers, Kay Boruff, Edmund Burke, Don Croucher, Inez Grimes, David Knape, Mike Piper, Nelda Ricks, and Cathy Apples, a new member from Celina, read poetry. Jimmye Inez Sessions sang *"Two Birds on the Board"*. Other new members are Bonnie Pate and Perry Neely of McKinney.

The next meeting is September 5, 1:30 at the Carriage House. Mike Ramsey will be the Headliner Poet.

Other chapter activities can be found at:
http://texaspoetryevents.info/
FMI: David Knape dkanpe1969@yahoo.com

Permian Basin Poetry Society

Saturday, September 12th, Sue Roseberry, playwright, published author and singer led a workshop on writing a spiritual poem. Attendees contributed one line at a time. She suggested a poem about "I Am Happy Because…".

She delighted us by singing gospel songs a cappella.

Ms. Roseberry will be appearing at the annual "Celebration of Light" storytelling event set for the second weekend in December at the Downtown Methodist Church, Midland, Texas.

NEW MEMBERS & GUESTS ALWAYS WELCOME! FMI, Please contact: Kat Copeland @ (432) 697-4205 or kopykat@grandecom.net

Poets Northwest

August 8th – What a fascinating reading: Francesca and Alina Alamo – mother and daughter presenting a poetic duet of their poems!

Francesca is only 16, and a high school student, but writes with the wisdom and insight of someone much older. A member of Poets Northwest since 2004, she has already been published in multiple anthologies and won several poetry awards. She was the featured poet at First Friday Poetry Reading Series in 2008 and has published her own chapbook titled *"House of Wonder"*.

Francesca's mother, Alina Alamo, joined Poets Northwest in 2004 also to help strengthen her daughter's poetic abilities. A native of Venezuela, she has worked for Hewlett Packard for almost 20 years. Married to Juan Alamo for 30 years, she is very fond of reading beautiful poetry. She is Correspondence Secretary for Poets Northwest and has been a big asset to this chapter.

During the Read-a-Round after the program, members and visitors were invited to share their poems.

Claire Ottenstein-Ross' new book of poetry, *"Into the Light"* was published by Peggy Zuleika Lynch and Poetry in the Arts. Peggy and her Executive Director, Jim Johnson will be at the October meeting to introduce Claire and *"Into the Light".*

Peggy was impressed with Claire's collection of poetry which features 'light' in each poem. Texas Poet Laureate 2008. Larry Thomas, said about the book, "The Muse is perched on the edge of radiance", and Jeannette Strother, PST President, stated, "Claire's words root deep and lend wings to a rainbow voyage across time".

The book and the poem, *"On the Edge of Light"* have been nominated for the Pushcart Prize, a prestigious national award.

Claire Ottenstein-Ross was a founder of Poets Northwest in 1986 and has served as President and every other officer of the Board since then. She is author of 14 poetry books and has been published in numerous literary journals, magazines and anthologies plus being published in every PST *"Book of the Year"* since then. She has also won prizes in NFSPS.

Claire was the Editor/Publisher of Counterpoint Publishing Co. for 23 years and typeset and designed chapbooks for over 80 poets all over the U.S. including two Texas Poets Laureate.

Poets Northwest meets the 2nd Saturday of each month from 10:00 A.M. to Noon. PLEASE CONTACT OUR WEBSITE BEFORE EACH MEETING AS OUR MEETING PLACE CHANGES EACH TIME.

FMI: Kitty Mobley (President) 281-259-7755 bobkat3442@sbcglobal.net or Claire Ottenstein Ross (Vice-President/Historian) 281-252-6434 claireandtom@sbcglobal.net. Web: www.poetsnw.com

Poets of Tarrant County

President Lynn Lewis called the meeting to order and read *"Main Street"* by Susan Bright. A Thank You note from PST President Jeannette Strother for hosting the PST Summer Conference was read.

Barbara Berry gave a Summary Report on the PST Summer Conference. Kudos were read.

In honor of Poetry Day, October 15th, Poets of Tarrant County is invited to read poetry for children at the Fort Worth Public Library from 6:30-7:30 P.M.

Spotlight Poet J. Paul Holcomb read several winning poems from previous PST contests

Assignment poems on the theme "Photos-do not bend" were read before the meeting adjourned.

Poets of Tarrant County meets the first Monday of each month at First Methodist Church, Fort Worth.

FMI: Lynn Lewis, 817-921-9322/ elsquared59@yahoo.com

Rusk County Poetry Society

Eight members and one guest attended the August RCPS meeting. President Vina Hathaway asked Fairon Spears to give the invocation. Plans were discussed for the Fall Festival of Poetry on October 10th, an annual awards event opened to members and East Texas residents. Final arrangements will be discussed at the September 17th meeting.

Spotlight Poet, Bill Anderson shared some of his love poems. Anne McCrady gave a lesson on *imagery* that ends in *personal reflection.* Anne also provided refreshments during the break.

The May poems, critiqued by Alan Birkelbach, were discussed.

Meetings are held in Henderson on the 3rd Thursday of each month at 2:00 P.M. except June and July. Please call for the location as the South Main Church of Christ, our regular meeting site, is undergoing construction and repairs.

FMI: call Sharon Taylor, 903-753-2354, chasha@cablelynx.com . Visitors are always welcome.

San Antonio Poetry Association

"Summer Sessions" were well attended all summer. The months of June, July and August were workshop months. The June and July sessions were conducted by Jean Jackson, a SAPA member who is also a Creative Writing teacher for the Northeast School District's Continuing Education Program. Her workshops were informative and entertaining, and our members were inspired to write new poetry. Several who had been "stuck" for a while found a renewed energy and excitement to write. In August, SAPA's President, Valerie Bailey, brought a workshop on how to create your own chapbook at home with the services of a printer. She incorporated many of the ideas given to us by Anne McCrady at the PST Summer Conference and gave Anne full credit. Members participated in a 'hands-on' demonstration on how to put a book together.

Our first meeting of the fall on September 16th will feature Sheila Moore SAPA Poet Laureate's address. Program Chairman, Michaud Lamrouex has been busily lining up speakers for the 2009-2010 year. The program slate will include 9-year-old Micaela Cowper, speaking in October; and Danielle Griffin, reading poems about her Iraq experience in the Military in November. H. Palmer Hall, a well-known Texas poet and publisher will speak in January. In February, Natalie Trevino, an award winning local poet who is Assistant Professor of English at North-west Vista College will bring the program. Michaud is working to line up a speaker for March. We gained 13 new members this past year, so we are looking forward to a great year with even more new members.

You are invited. FMI: Valerie Bailey, 210-494-2982, or vbailey@satx.rr.com

San Jacinto Chapter

Meets the 2nd Saturday of each month, 1:00 – 3:00 P.M., Sunset United Methodist Church, 709 Allendale Road, Pasadena, Texas—please use the porte cochere entrance. Anyone who is interested in writing, reading or listening ro poetry is invited to attend. Bring some of your own poems, or some of your favorites if you would like to read. We discuss the lives of poets as well as poetry styles. Our snacks are pretty good, too! We encourage poetry and arts in the schools through contests and shows.

FMI: Kathy Wieboldt, call 832-754-4041, or email at info@sanjacintopoetry.org

Texoma Poetry Society

On a hot August 1st at the Sherman Public Library Community Room, eight persons were present. President Don Mathis presided.

The day's activities involved prepping for the upcoming PST Annual Contest deadline. Several copies of the 100 contests had been circulated previously to non-members. Don stressed the PST website's importance. Copies of the contest section on Procedures, Rules and Eligibility were distributed to all and discussed at length. Book of the Year

editions were displayed with former winning poems. those present read selected poems being considered for submission. Because the September meeting date falls on Labor Day Weekend, it will be skipped.

Peggy Silha Ritzer won 3rd Place in the Massachusetts State Poetry Society's Naomi Cherkofsky Memorial Contest.

T.P.S. meets the first Saturday of each month, except July, at the Sherman Public Library, 2:00-4:00 P.M. All poets and poetry lovers are always welcome. The next gathering will be Saturday, October 3rd.

FMI Frances Neidhardt at neidhardt@verizon.net

CONTESTS

Permian Basin Poetry Society 2009 Poetry Contest
Postmarked October 1, 2009

1. Cowboy Poetry (2 page limit)
2. Any Form/Any Subject (2 page limit)

Guidelines:
Contest Chair
Permian Basin Poetry Society
4513 Anetta Drive
Midland, TX 79703
Or email: kopykat@grandecom.net

High Prairie Poets Bi-Monthly Contests
Postmarked November 20, 2009

32 line limit - $3.00 Entry Fee for 1st poem--
$1.00 for each additional poem.
Two copies – one with ID. SASE
Guidelines:
Carol Dee Meeks
Estancia Tulsa
7757 South Mingo Road #216
Tulsa, OK 74133

Poetry Society of Oklahoma Annual Contests
Postmarked November 30, 2009

21 Categories – Cat. 1 – 10 open to all
Guidelines:
Marsha Kay Oldham
P. O. Box 612
Garber, OK 73738-0612
Or email: www.poetrysocietyofoklahoma.org

BOOK REVIEW

"Sometimes You Have to Laugh, a Poet's Look at Cancer"
by Marilyn Stacy – ISBN 978-0-9656182-3-6
Dolphin Publishing, Edited by Linda Banks
----------Review by Von S. Bourland

October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, and there can be no better time to mention Marilyn Stacy's eye-opening journal:
"Sometimes You Have to Laugh, a Poet's Look at Cancer".

Step-by-step, Stacy takes us through the process of discovery, diagnosis, treatment, determination and getting-on with her life. You will laugh, you will cry, you will agree with her pain and her sage advice written in footnotes. In an ironic twist, Marilyn brings us to laughter in *"Control"*— every woman's dream: to control all of the remotes!

This book is meant for all those who have been diagnosed with breast (or other) cancer, or has seen a loved one fight valiantly against this dreaded disease. Read about it and/or order it at:
www.marilynstacy.com or www.lulu.com/content/7248951

Whatever you do, don't forget Marilyn's advice:
"Sometimes we have to laugh!"

Please pray for those who are ill and recuperating from illness: Jeannette Strother, and Claire Ottenstein-Ross.

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POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS STUDENT AWARDS 2010

*****SEND POEMS TO*****

Budd Powell Mahan, 7059 Spring Valley Road, Dallas, TX 75254

RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR ENTERING STUDENT CONTESTS
DOWNLOAD YOUR OWN COPY
poetrysocietyoftexas.org

PROCEDURES FOR ENTERING CONTESTS

Entries must be prepared according to the rules and instructions listed on the website. **All entries must be received by MARCH 1, 2010**. Entries will be mailed to judges who will have the copy with no identification. Judges will select the top poems. The Poetry Society of Texas publishes first place winning poems in their anthology **STUDENT AWARD WINNERS 2010**, and selected poems may be entered in the Manningham Awards and Student Award of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc. (NFSPS). Winning poets will be notified. Questions regarding entries should be directed to: Budd Powell Mahan, 7059 Spring Valley Road, Dallas, TX 75254, 972-233-6348 or buddmahan@att.net

For West Texans unable to attend the PST Annual Awards Banquet in Dallas
Saturday, November 14th-----

Open to the Public - FREE
POETRY IN THE BASIN
Saturday, November 14, 2009, **1:00-5:00 P.M.**
University of Texas of the Permian Basin
4901 E. University Blvd.
Odessa, TX 79762

Featuring 2008 TEXAS POET LAUREATE LARRY D. THOMAS and OTHER POETS

2008 Texas Poet Laureate Larry D. Thomas will LEAD a CRITIQUE FORUM (1:00-2:30 P.M.)
Concurrently:
Dr. Russell Goodyear of Midland College will LEAD a COWBOY POETRY WORKSHOP (1:00-2:30 P.M.)

For more information**:** kopykat@grandecom.net

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