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President's Message



Dear NFSPS Poets: If you were not in Dearborn in June, you missed one of the finest conventions we have ever had. The Poetry Society of Michigan provided us with an exceptional experience. The speakers were interesting and relevant, the hotel facilities were superb (marvelous food!) and all events were well-planned and well-executed. My special thanks to Mono D'Angelo, Jim Ahearn, Margo LaGattuta, Polly Opsahl and all the other Michigan members on their committee for their hard work. I would also like to thank Mikki Pennington for her hard work on our contests, and Lucille Morgan Wilson for presenting the contest awards at the convention, Deanna Spurlock for providing our judges, Valerie Bailey for our attractive new edition of *Encore*, and Sharon Turner for our 2012 contest brochure. My special thanks go to Kathryn Clement for making our University Contests possible after the death of Helen Beaman. Picking up the pieces for a task initiated by another person is always difficult, and Kathryn did this superbly. I am pleased that she has agreed to continue in this position.

I also want to thank our hard-working board members. A president is only as good as the officers and committee chairmen who work behind him, and I have been blessed with the very best. Our board this year officially changed the position of Endowments Chair to that of Development Chair and extended the duties of that position to that of seeking grants and other fundraising activities. Our societies cannot afford further raises in NFSPS dues in the foreseeable future; so we are seeking other available sources of revenue. One change we had to make this year was to fund the Manningham Awards from the general fund, and we may need to continue this in future years.

Starting with the January 2012 issue of *Strophes*, members will be given the choice of receiving *Strophes* by mail or receiving it on-line. John Ottley, our former treasurer, gets the credit for this idea, which should save NFSPS money. I do want to stress that any member in any society who wishes to continue to receive a paper copy either because the member does not have a computer or just prefers the paper copy will be allowed to do so. We are not suggesting that any state force all of their members to read *Strophes* on-line unless they wish to do so. We also want to stress that those states that depend on sending *Strophes* to all members to receive bulk mail privileges may continue to do so and will not be required to offer the on-line option to their members.

Our board is trying to move forward with other new services requested by our member societies. We are studying the feasibility of a number of new options and will announce those that are workable at a later time.

Please help our editors by letting them know if you have new presidents that need to be listed in *Strophes*. I sent out a letter to all state presidents prior to the convention and asked in that letter that the recipient notify me if the name of the president had changed so I could send the letter to them as well. Only one state did so. Since one of our coeditors, Bethany Ng, has had computer problems, please send all your state articles and changes of officers to our other editor, Paul Ford at pmford3@yahoo.com.

During the year, I will continue to contact state presidents to find out the needs of their societies. If you are a difficult president to contact and you would like me to call you, please email your contact information and I will be glad to do so. I want to stay in touch with everyone. Thanks for everything you do. Poets are special people.

Russell H. Strauss ~ 29th NFSPS President

2011 NFSPS COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY LEVEL AWARD WINNERS

Edna Meudt Memorial Award

Heather Holland Duncan, a student at Utah Valley State University, was selected for her manuscript, *Mastering the Art of Joy*. Heather was able to attend the convention in Dearborn where she read from her winning collection.

Florence Kahn Memorial Award

Teniesha A. Kessler, a student at the University of South Dakota, was selected for her collection, *From One To Another*. Teniesha was unable to attend the convention because she is currently furthering her education in France.

Both winners received an award of \$500.00 and publication of their manuscripts.

GREAT LAKES ... GREAT POETRY NFSPS 2011 CONVENTION SUMMARY

That convention title seems to say it all according to the accolades heaped on the convention planners, Mono D'Angelo, Polly Opsahl, Margo LaGattuta, Gil Saenz, Carolyn Walker, Ed Van Slambrouck and James Ahearn. We truly appreciated your comments.

It started with an early bird gathering at Buddy's Pizzeria in Dearborn on Wednesday evening and continued on Thursday with official registrations handled by Gil Saenz, ably assisted by his fiancé, Anita Walters. Also, the book store room opened under the supervision of Ingrid D'Angelo. Tour opportunities to nearby Greenfield Village and the Henry Ford Museum, two of our nation's greatest historical venues, were pursued by approximately 30 convention goers, which carried over to Monday as well. Later Thursday evening we were treated to hors d'oeuvres and the performance poetry of Darolyn Brown and Terry Wooten. Winners of the members-only Convention Contest were then announced and can be found on page 6.

Onward and upward presentations from Robert Fanning on sound in poetry and Terry Wooten's "Elder Project" opened Friday's morning activities. Afternoon continued the climb in presentations with David James's delightful workshop on "Absurdity and Humor in Poetry" followed later with enthralling readings by Margo LaGattuta and Robert Fanning. The dinner that evening set the tone for the outstanding meals that were to follow. David James and Martha Modena Vertreace-Doody gave inspiring readings at the dinner. Following dinner Lucille Morgan Wilson announced the contest winners and stood in very ably for Contest Chairman Mikki Pennington, who could not be present.

I began to wonder if the pace and upward climb in presentations could possibly continue. With Saturday morning workshops by Martha Modena Vertreace-Doody, "Poetry and History: Living Someone Else's Life" and Mary Jo Firth Gillette's, "From the Muddle", my concerns were found to be unfounded. Then preceding lunch we were treated to a performance by the Lincolnshire Woodwind Quintet. During lunch M.L. Libeler read and sang his poetry accompanied by a guitarist with mouth organ and sound effects. The afternoon featured a continuation of musical collaboration with the Sheila Landis Trio interpreting poems by Margo LaGattuta and workshop participants to extemporaneous songs during their presentation of "Music and Metaphor". This was followed by readings from two stellar Michigan poets, Terry Blackhawk and Mary Jo Firth Gillette. During dinner we were regaled by the music of The Sheila Landis Trio and the poetry of the Stevens Award winner.

Sunday morning began with an open reading at 7:00 a.m. as did each day. A business meeting, followed by a continuation of the plenary session started on Friday morning, kept delegates and NFSPS officers busy while some slept in and others attended church services. A panel discussion, organized by Margo LaGattuta, on "Book Publishing and the Steven's Award" proved very informative to many such as myself. At lunch, the College/University winners were announced by Kathryn Clement, who took over when the Competition Chairman died. Marie Howe arrived just before lunch. At her afternoon workshop she conducted a unique program titled, "What It Is Not: The Power of Negation, Contradiction and Correction." Judging by the participation and questions, everyone seemed enthralled. Marie read several of her poems as keynote speaker during dinner, before the final contest winners were announced. The evening ended with an hour of open mic reading, just as it had each day.

I want to thank those volunteers who conducted these sessions and helped out with registrations, the book room, and a myriad of other activities; but I dare not name them for fear of leaving someone out. I don't know where these readers and volunteer leaders found the energy to put in these long days. I for one was exhausted, but oh so satisfied.

James F. Ahearn ~ President of the Poetry Society of Michigan

NFSPS 2012 NATIONAL CONVENTION

INDIANA STATE FEDERATION OF POETRY CLUBS is hosting the 2012 NFSPS National Conference, entitled THE CROSSROADS OF AMERICA POETRY EXTRAVAGANZA, June 14-18. Location: Star Plaza Radisson Hotel, Merrillville, IN 46410, off I-65 & US 30. The hotel offers free wireless high speed internet, indoor and outdoor pools, sauna, whirlpool, Starbuck's, and Sleep Number beds. The planning committee wants you to know that INDIANA WELCOMES YOU!

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**National Federation of State Poetry Societies
2011 Annual Contest Winners**

**1. NFSPS Founders Award [to honor Mary B. Wall]
\$1500 \$500 \$250** (440 entries - Judge: Judith Roche,
Seattle, WA)

1st George Handy, Asheville, NC –
“Last Letter From Grandfather”

2nd Barbara J. Kalm, Solon, IA –
“Harvest A Trilogy”

3rd Ginny Lowe Connors, W. Hartford, CT –
“Hoffman Knows”

1HM Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada
2HM Jim Barton, Huttig, AR
3HM Susan Summer, Kutztown, PA
4HM Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson, TX
5HM Stephanie Andrews, Melbourne Beach, FL
6HM Ginny Lowe Connors, W. Hartford, CT
7HM Carol Willette Bachofner, Rockland, ME

2. Winners' Circle Award \$500 \$375 \$260
(278 entries - Judge: Alan Birkelbach, Plano, TX)

1st Ginny Lowe Connors, W. Hartford, CT –
“Ordinary Time”

2nd Chuck Salmons, Canal Winchester, OH –
“Horology 101”

3rd Jane Pettibone Homan, Littleton, CO –
“Three Wishes”

1HM Nancy Ryan, East Greenwich, RI
2HM Catherine “Katey” Johnson, Oklahoma City, OK
3HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT
4HM Rosemary Wahtola Trommer, Placerville, CO
5HM Lois Muehl, Iowa City, IA
6HM Andrea L. Watson, Taos, NM
7HM Carolyn Walker, Clarkston, MI

**3. Almeda Boulton Memorial Award
\$500 \$300 \$200** (300 entries - Judge: Jeremy Downes,
Auburn, AL)

1st Andrew David King, Haywood, CA –
“Elegy”

2nd Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT –
“Earthbound”

3rd Margo LaGattuta, Rochester, MI –
“The Way Things Are”

1HM Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR
2HM Jay D. Schroder, Talent, OR,
3HM Melody Jane Moore, New Britain, CT
4HM John McBride, Bettendorf, IA
5HM Robert LaFleur, Ponsford, MN
6HM Lucas Jacob, Fort Worth, TX
7HM Betty Prisdorf, Merritt Island, FL

***4. Donald R. Stodghill Memorial Award \$200 \$100
\$50** (230 entries - Judge: N. Colwell Snell, Salt Lake
City, UT)

1st Dr. Alvin M. Laster, Southbury, CT –
“Regeneration...on the beach”

2nd Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT –
“Ode to the Eraser”

3rd Kathryn E. Clement, Mesa, AZ –
“Sary’s Letter”

1HM Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson, TX
2HM Ron Self, Columbus, GA
3HM Jay Schroder, Talent, OR
4HM T. L. Hensel, Alpharetta, GA
5HM Kitty Yeager, Arkadelphia, AR
6HM Clarence P. Socwell, Ogden, UT
7HM Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL

***5. GEORGIA POETRY SOCIETY AWARD
\$150 \$75 \$25** (79 entries - Judge: Vivian Ramsey
Stewart, Oklahoma City, OK)

1st Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL –
“Green Grass of Happiness”

2nd Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN –
“The Ghosts of Vicksburg”

3rd Helen Keith Beaman, Provo, UT –
“My Cherokee Grandmother”

1HM Debra Kuss, Corbin, KY
2HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT
3HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX
4HM Kitty Yeager, Arkadelphia, AR
5HM LaVerna B. Johnson, St. George, UT
6HM Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA
7HM Valerie Martin Bailey, San Antonio, TX

***6. POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS AWARD
\$100 \$60 \$40** (222 entries - Judge: Sandra Soli,
Edmond, OK)

1st Jeremy M. Downes, Auburn, AL –
“Last Battles”

2nd Ginny Lowe Connors, W. Hartford, CT –
“Burn”

3rd Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL –
“An Invitation from the Moon”

1HM Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
2HM Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN
3HM Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL
4HM Lisa M. Salinas, Spring, TX
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6HM N. Colwell Snell, Salt Lake City, UT
7HM Debbi Miller Gutierrez, Belen, NM

***7. UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD
\$100 \$60 \$40** (196 entries - Judge: Valerie Bailey, San
Antonio, TX)

1st Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA –
“Guardians of the Flame”

2nd Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN –
“Missing The Connection”

3rd Julie Nelson, Orem, UT –
“Lest We Forget”

1HM Betty Leake, West Chester, OH
2HM Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN
3HM Jim Barton, Huttig, AR
4HM Mary A. Couch, Noblesville, IN
5HM B.J. Alligood, Port Orange, FL
6HM Candy Lish Fowler, St. George, UT
7HM Ron Self, Columbus, GA

**8. FLORIDA STATE POETS ASSOCIATION, INC.
AWARD \$100 \$50 \$25** (159 entries - Judge: John
Rezmerski, Mankato, MN)

1st Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT –
“Sarah Cunningham”

2nd Eric H. Read, Brigham City, UT –
“Arthur Thompson”

3rd Janice Canerdy, Potts Camp, MS –
“Felix Seeley”

1HM Janice Freytag, Souderton, PA
2HM Claire van Breemen Downes, St. Cloud, MN
3HM Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA
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6HM Juanita B. Watts, Layton, UT
7HM Tommy Little, Pearl, MS

***9. ALABAMA STATE POETRY SOCIETY
AWARD \$75 \$50 \$25** (140 entries - Judge: Linda
Banks, Mesquite, TX)

1st Elaine Christensen, Sandy, UT –
“Confession of a Firstborn Girl, a Virgo, with
a Red Personality and Mormon Parents”

2nd Jeanne Couvillon-Powell, Spring, TX –
“A Happening In Spring”

3rd Janet S. Henderson, Windsor, CT –
“Lifeless”

1HM Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park, MN
2HM Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS
3HM Karen Gibson, Provo, UT
4HM Glenn Pruden, Draper, UT
5HM Mary Cimariolli, Richardson, TX
6HM J.C. Reilly, Atlanta, GA
7HM Juanita B. Watts, Layton, UT

***10. CONNECTICUT POETRY SOCIETY AWARD
\$75 \$50 \$25** (204 entries - Judge: Madelyn Eastlund,
Beverly Hills, FL)

1st Lisa M. Salinas, Spring, TX –
“A Lesson in Trust at the Feet of Millet”

2nd Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL –
“Life in an Apron”

3rd Karen Gibson, Provo, UT –
“What We Hunger For”

1HM Ann Gasser, West Reading, PA
2HM Vera Ogden Bakker, W. Bountiful, UT
3HM Geraldine C. Felt, Layton, UT
4HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT
5HM Lee Barry Priete, Citrus Springs, FL
6HM David L. Byrn, Prescott, AZ
7HM Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN

***11. MAX AND BEVERLY KEITH GOLIGHTLY
MEMORIAL AWARD \$75 \$50 \$25** (202 entries -
Judge: Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN)

1st Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT –
“Dancing Fingers—Fossil, Wyoming”

2nd Elaine Christensen, Sandy, UT –
“If The Moon Can Float”

3rd Mary Christine Delea, Oregon City, OR –
“What I Wish I’d Said to the Cop Who
Pulled Me Over for Speeding on a
Highway Somewhere in Central Kentucky”

1HM Rose Ann Spaith, Columbus, OH
2HM Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT
3HM Doann Houghton-Alico, Nathrop, CO
4HM Nick Sweet, Shepherd, TX
5HM Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL
6HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
7HM Margo LaGattuta, Rochester, MI

**12. LEAGUE OF MINNESOTA POETS AWARD
\$60 \$40 \$30** (238 entries - Judge: Kathryn E. Clement,
Mesa, AZ)

1st Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT –
“Mother’s Dictionary”

2nd Elaine Christensen, Sandy, UT –
“If Picasso Had Come To Church”

3rd Merrijane Rice, Kaysville, UT –
“Paper Boats”

1HM Ginny Lowe Connors, W. Hartford, CT
2HM Janet S. Henderson, Windsor, CT
3HM Crystal Cook, Sandy, UT
4HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT
5HM Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada
6HM Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX
7HM Martha P. Morrise, Roy, UT

***13. TWO LADIES FROM TEXAS \$60 \$40 \$20**
(133 entries- Judge: Dana Sonnenschein, Bethany, CT)

1st Rosemary Moeller, St. Lawrence, SD –
“Gimmel the Dreidle Cat”

2nd Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT –
“Poetry for Two”

3rd Gail Teachworth, Crystal River, FL –
“Warmed Toes”

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**14. JESSE STUART MEMORIAL AWARD
\$60 \$30 \$20** (211 entries - Judge: Jerri Hardesty,
Brierfield, AL)

1st Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR –
“Meeting My Adult Child”

2nd Helen Keith Beaman, Provo, UT –
“Thirst for Light”

3rd Aaron E. Holst, Sheridan, WY –
“Recipe for Dragonfly Chicken”

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5HM Elaine Christensen, Sandy, UT

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7HM Ray Reeder, Albuquerque, NM

15. INDIANA STATE FEDERATION OF POETRY CLUBS AWARD \$50 \$30 \$20 (216 entries - Judge: Margo LaGattuta, Rochester Hills, MI)

1st Rosemary Wahtola Trommer, Placerville, CO –
“Practice Makes”

2nd Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson, TX –
“What Is Here, What Was There”

3rd Rose Ann Spait, Columbus, OH –
“Laughing At Gilded Butterflies”

1HM Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada
2HM Viktor Tichy, Fairfield, IA
3HM James F. Ahearn, Rochester, MI
4HM Betty Ann Whitney, Wesley Chapel, FL
5HM Pat Jordan, Pearl, MS
6HM LaVerna B. Johnson, St. George, UT
7HM Beryle Williams, Estes Park, CO

16. ARIZONA STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD \$50 \$30 \$20 (197 entries)

Judge: Polly Opsahl, Rochester Hills, MI)

1st Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson, TX –
“You Ask How Old Am I...”

2nd Margo LaGattuta, Rochester Hills, MI –
“The Art of Seeing”

3rd Ginny Lowe Connors, W. Hartford, CT –
“I Refuse to Participate in Any More Mondays”

1HM Ron Burt, Athens, TX
2HM Alison Chisholm, Merseyside, England
3HM Lee Pelham Cotton, Locust Hill, VA
4HM Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA
5HM John Calvin Rezmerski, Mankato, MN
6HM Pat Durmon, Norfolk, AR
7HM T.L. Hensel, Alpharetta, GA

17. WILLIAM STAFFORD MEMORIAL AWARD \$50 \$30 \$20 (215 entries Judge: Cathy Moran, Little Rock, AR)

1st Loretta Diane Walker, Odessa, TX –
“Renegotiation”

2nd Anthony Fusco, West Haven, CT –
“An Artist’s Portrait”

3rd Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT –
“Ambush”

1HM Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT
2HM Ron Self, Columbus, GA
3HM Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT
4HM Viktor Tichy, Fairfield, IA
5HM Jeremy M. Downes, Auburn, AL
6HM Kathryn E. Clement, Mesa, AZ
7HM Lynne Benson, Taylorsville, UT

18. NEVADA POETRY SOCIETY AWARD

\$50 \$30 \$20 (111 entries Judge: Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN)

1st Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX –
“Uneasy In The Dark”

2nd Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL –
“On the Edge of the Marsh”

3rd Kitty Yeager, Arkadelphia, AR –
“Southern Woods”

1HM Jim Barton, Huttig, AR
2HM Ann Gasser, West Reading, PA
3HM Lee Pelham Cotton, Locust Hill, VA
4HM Alison Chisholm, Merseyside, England
5HM Clarence P. Socwell, Ogden, UT
6HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT
7HM Cecil Tresslar, Indianapolis, IN

19. NEW YORK POETRY FORUM AWARD

\$50 \$30 \$20 (119 entries - Judge: Christine Beck, W. Hartford, CT)

1st Arnold Perrin, Union, ME –
“The Wizard’s Guide to Writing a Poem”

2nd Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL –
“Losing the Words”

3rd Dennis Patton, Alexander, AR –
“How I Find the Words”

1HM Edith L. Baker, Bountiful, UT
2HM Ron Self, Columbus, GA
3HM Karla von Ammon Weeks, Tuscon, AZ
4HM Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX
5HM Pat King, Albia, IA
6HM Michael Bourgo, Cedar Rapids, IA
7HM Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

***20. COLUMBINE POETS OF COLORADO AWARD \$50 \$30 \$20** (187 entries - Judge: Nancy Baass, Victoria, TX)

1st Shirley Elliott Cosby, Emory, TX –
“Private Brown”

2nd Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL –
“Dogwood Time”

3rd Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX –
“Surviving Bataan”

1HM Vera Bakker, W. Bountiful, UT
2HM Robert L. Lynn, Duluth, GA
3HM Glenn Pruden, Draper, UT
4HM Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
5HM Jean A. Hanfelt, Salida, CO
6HM Robert V. Davis, Ogden, UT
7HM Tommy Little, Pearl, MS

21. MORTON D. PROUTY & ELSIE S. PROUTY MEMORIAL AWARD \$50 \$30 \$20 (261 entries -

Judge: Caroline Walton, Crystal River, FL)

1st Beryle Williams, Estes Park, CO –
“For The Man Who Hates Rocks”

2nd Ann Gasser, West Reading, PA –
“Autumn in the Adirondacks”

3rd Arthur G. Elser, Denver, CO –
“Two Weeks After the Vernal Equinox”

1HM Judy Davies, Gautier, MS
2HM Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio, TX
3HM Kathryn E. Clement, Mesa, AZ
4HM James F. Ahearn, Rochester, MI
5HM Jeanne Losey, Shelbyville, IN
6HM Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
7HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

22. POETS ROUNDTABLE OF ARKANSAS

AWARD \$50 \$30 \$20 (227 entries - Judge: Eleanor Berry, Lyons, OR)

1st Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN
“Little Nighthawk Speaks”

2nd Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT –
“Driving Down From Shiprock, New Mexico”

3rd Jim Barton, Huttig, AR –
“The Mooncalf”

1HM John Calvin Rezmerski, Mankato, MN
2HM Mary Willette Hughes, Waite Park, MN
3HM Helen Keith Beaman, Provo, UT
4HM James F. Ahearn, Rochester, MI
5HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT
6HM Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA
7HM Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson, TX

23. CSPS JAMES E. MacWHINNEY MEMORIAL AWARD \$50 \$30 \$20 (90 entries - Judge: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX)

1st Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT –
“More Than a Half-life* Ago”

2nd Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT -
“Night in Monterey”

3rd Claudia Van Gerven, Boulder, CO –
“A Rose Is a Rose”

1HM Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL
2HM Edith L. Baker, Bountiful, UT
3HM Lois Sargent, Salem, MA
4HM Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL
5HM Jim Barton, Huttig, AR
6HM David Hedges, West Linn, OR
7HM Glenna Glee, Anderson, IN

24. OHIO AWARD \$50 \$25 \$15 (221 entries - Judge: M. Christine Delea, Oregon City, OR)

1st Robert LaFleur, Ponsford, MN –
“Inside Another China of My Mind”

2nd Janice Freytag, Souderton, PA –
“Hansel and Gretel”

3rd Betty Leake, West Chester, OH –
“Sleeping Dogs”

1HM Stephanie Andrews, Melbourne Beach, FL
2HM Sister Rafael Tilton, Rochester, MN
3HM Annie Neugebauer, Denton, TX
4HM Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK
5HM Jo Barbara Taylor, Raleigh, NC
6HM Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT
7HM Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

***25. HUMOROUS POETRY AWARD \$35 \$25 \$15** (156 entries - Judge: Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN)

1st Susan Whitley Peters, Lenexa, KS –
“Emergency Poems”

2nd Tommy Little, Pearl, MS –
“Stopping By E-Z Serve on a Sultry Evening”

3rd David L. Byrn, Prescott, AZ –
“Time Conversion”

1HM LaVerna B. Johnson, St. George, UT
2HM Susan Randall, Orem, UT
3HM Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
4HM Alexandra Moss Zannis, Fort Wayne, IN
5HM Marianne McNeil Logan, Amarillo, TX
6HM Lynda La Rocca, Twin Lakes, CO
7HM Martha P. Morrise, Roy, UT

26. OUR AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE AWARD \$35 \$25 \$15 (132 entries - Judge: Diane Glancy, Prairie Village, KS)

1st Mary Christine Delea, Oregon City, OR –
“Wacipi”

2nd Colette Tennant, Salem, OR –
“Due North”

3rd Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL –
“Searching Souls”

1HM John Calvin Rezmerski, Mankato, MN
2HM Anthony Fusco, West Haven, CT
3HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT
4HM Susan I. Paquet, Corrales, NM
5HM Joshua Conklin, Oxford, CT
6HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT
7HM Geraldine R. Pratt, Murray, UT

27. MINUTE AWARD \$35 \$25 \$15 (113 entries - Judge: Ann Gasser, West Reading, PA)

1st Kitty Yeager, Arkadelphia, AR –
“The Shroud of Turin”

2nd Vera Bakker, W. Bountiful, UT –
“Desert Evening”

3rd Jim Barton, Huttig, AR –
“I Have the Audience Eating Out of My Hand”

1HM Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
2HM Alice King Greenwood, Odessa, TX
3HM Catherine L’Herisson, Garland, TX
4HM Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson, TX
5HM Debra Kuss, Corbin, KY
6HM J. Paul Holcomb, Double Oak, TX
7HM Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN

28. MISSOURI STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15 (114 entries - Judge: Cathy Tenzo, Seattle, WA)

1st Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA –
“Rain”

2nd Edith L. Baker, Bountiful, UT –
“New Christmas Toy”

3rd Claire van Breeman Downes, St. Cloud, MN –
“Top Spinning Through Dry Leaves”

1HM JoAnne Bauer, Hartford, CT
2HM Beverly Cook, Sandy, UT
3HM Charlotte Abernathy, Ashland, OR
4HM Joanne Faries, Bedford, TX
5HM Janet S. Henderson, Windsor, CT
6HM Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
7HM Vera Bakker, W. Bountiful, UT

29. LOUISIANA STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15 (137 entries - Judge: Theda Bassett, Salt Lake City, UT)

1st Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX –
“Without Bells”

2nd Shirley Ensrud, Blue Earth, MN –
“To A Fisherman Soon To Marry”

3rd Julie Nelson, Oren, UT –
“Just the Wok, Please”

1HM Clarence P. Socwell, Ogden, UT
2HM Elaine Christensen, Sandy, UT
3HM Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT
4HM Debra Kuss, Corbin, KY
5HM Margaret Gleave, Southport, UK
6HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX
7HM Kitty Yeager, Arkadelphia, AR

30. BARBARA STEVENS MEMORIAL AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15 (250 entries - Judge: Phil Billings, Annville, PA)

1st Janice Freytag, Souderton, PA –
“The Lie I Do Not Tell”

2nd Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL –
“To Junior”

3rd Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL –
“Fingerprints”

1HM Karin Bradberry, Albuquerque, NM
2HM Shirley Balance Blackwell, Los Lunas, NM
3HM Molly Saty, Peoria, AZ
4HM Glenn Pruden, Draper, UT
5HM Sally M. Ortiz, Denver, CO
6HM Betty Leake, West Chester, OH
7HM Kaye Bache-Snyder, Longmont, CO

***31. DORMAN JOHN GRACE MEMORIAL AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15** (146 entries - Judge: Dena Gorrell, Edmond, OK)

1st Kitty Yeager, Arkadelphia, AR –
“Snake-skin Boots”

2nd Valerie Martin Bailey, San Antonio, TX –
“Blind Trust”

3rd Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT –
“Fishing Expedition”

1HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
2HM Marillyn Johnson, Salt Lake City, UT
3HM Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT
4HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT
5HM Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL
6HM Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR
7HM Shirley Elliott Cosby, Emory, TX

***32. POETRY SOCIETY OF OKLAHOMA AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15** (205 entries - Judge: David Hedges, West Linn, OR)

1st John Calvin Rezmerski, Mankato, MN –
“Primavera”

2nd Rose Ann Spauth, Columbus, OH –
“Spring: Magnificent in Second Place”

3rd Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN –
“Spring Cleaning”

1HM Juanita B. Watts, Layton, UT
2HM Theda Bassett, Salt Lake City, UT
3HM Susan T. Moss, Evanston, IL
4HM Sister Rafael Tilton, Rochester, MN
5HM Valerie Martin Bailey, San Antonio, TX
6HM Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL
7HM Claire van Breeman Downes, St. Cloud, MN

33. SAVE OUR EARTH AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15 (141 entries – Judge: Shaun Koont, New York, NY)

1st Beverly Cook, Sandy, UT –
“The River’s Edge”

2nd Shirley Balance Blackwell, Los Lunas, NM –
“Legacy”

3rd Chuck Salmons, Canal Winchester, OH –
“Malabar Pond”

1HM Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL
2HM LaVerna B. Johnson, St. George, UT
3HM Margaret Gleave, Southport, UK
4HM Ann Gasser, West Reading, PA
5HM Carol Willette, Bachnofer, Rockland, ME
6HM Mary A. Couch, Noblesville, IN

***34. BEN LOMOND POETS AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15** (128 entries - Judge: Carolyn Walker, Clarkston, MI)

1st Margo LaGattuta, Rochester Hills, MI –
“Holding The World”

2nd Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA –
“A Lover’s View from Upper Deck”

3rd Tommy Little, Pearl, MS –
“Norwegian Cliffs”

1HM Elaine Christensen, Sandy, UT
2HM Pat Jordan, Pearl, MS
3HM Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL
4HM Ann Gasser, West Reading, PA
5HM Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada
6HM Chandra Bales, Albuquerque, NM
7HM Joseph Shaffer, Yuma, AZ

35. MASSACHUSETTS STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15 (197 entries - Judge: John Otley, Alpharetta GA)

1st Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL –
“Kyrielle to My Husband”

2nd Jeanine Edwards Mah, Memphis, TN –
“Eden All Over Again”

3rd Rosemary Moeller, St. Lawrence, SD –
“Greetings to an Uzbekistan Torturer”

1HM Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT
2HM Jim Barton, Huttig, AR
3HM Jacqueline Williams, Mesa, AZ
4HM Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
5HM Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL
6HM Emma Cottrell, Duluth, GA
7HM Marie C. Tollstrup, St. George, UT

***36. POETRY SOCIETY OF TENNESSEE AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15** (86 entries - Judge: Amy Jo Zook, Mechanicsburg, OH)

1st Margo LaGattuta, Rochester Hills, MI –
“A Twist of a Dream”

2nd Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL –
“Harriet Travels Alone”

3rd Frances Cowden, Cordova, TN –
“Pantom from a Broken Moon”

1HM Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
2HM Rosemary Moeller, St. Lawrence, SD
3HM Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN
4HM Melody Jane Moore, New Britain, CT
5HM T.L. Hensel, Alpharetta, GA
6HM Edith L. Baker, Bountiful, UT
7HM Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL

37. POETRY SOCIETY OF MICHIGAN AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15 (184 entries - Judge: Robert Frederickson, West Valley City, UT)

1st Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX –
“Mama”

2nd Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL –
“Such Mourning Songs”

3rd Marilyn Stacy, Dallas, TX –
“Fear of Flying”

1HM Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT
2HM Jacqueline Williams, Mesa, AZ
3HM Hilda F. Wales, Albuquerque, NM
4HM Catherine L’Herisson, Garland, TX
5HM David Hedges, West Linn, OR
6HM John Calvin Rezmerski, Mankato, MN
7HM Stephanie Andrews, Melbourne Beach, FL

38. LIGHTEN YOUR LIFE AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15 (156 entries - Judge: Ann Carolyn Cates, Southaven, MS)

1st Catherine L’Herisson, Garland, TX –
“Plant Sale”

2nd Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA –
“The Postman Seldom Rings Twice”

3rd Martha P. Morrise, Roy, UT –
“Hunger Pangs”

1HM Dena R. Gorrell, Edmond, OK
2HM Marilyn Norton, Hot Springs, AR
3HM Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
4HM Brenda Brown Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS
5HM Ann Gasser, West Reading, PA

6HM Marilyn Stacy, Dallas, TX
7HM Mark Hudson, Evanston, IL

39. IOWA POETRY ASSOCIATION AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15 (161 entries - Judge: Mildred Baass, Victoria, TX)

1st Diane “Dee” Bowlin, Oklahoma City, OK –
“The Easter Egg Hunt”

2nd Lee Barry Priete, Citrus Springs, FL –
“Bright New Shoes”

3rd Esther Towns, Selma, IN –
“Smart Dog”

1HM Ray Reeder, Albuquerque, NM
2HM Jane Logan, Sparks, NV
3HM Shirley Ensrud, Blue Earth, MN
4HM Joseph L. Whitten, Odenville, AL
5HM Mike Corum, Pella, IA
6HM Lori Shannon, Manning, IA
7HM Marilyn Kratz, Yanktown, SD

***40. NEW JERSEY POETRY SOCIETY AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15** (170 entries - Judge: Naomi Stroud Simmons, Fort Worth, TX)

1st Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN –
“Yoked”

2nd Barbara Lewie Berry, Mansfield, TX –
“Prayer For Katherine”

3rd Marilyn K. Smith, Fair Grove, MO –
“They Got It In The End”

1HM Shirley Elliott Cosby, Emory, TX
2HM Barbara Green Powell, Beaumont, TX
3HM LaVerna B. Johnson, St. George, UT
4HM Dena R. Gorrell, Edmond, OK
5HM James F. Ahearn, Rochester, MI
6HM Molly Saty, Peoria, AZ
7HM Mary Rudbeck Stanko, London, Ontario, Canada

41. WYOPOETS AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15 (153 entries - Judge: Elaine Ipson, Stansbury Park, UT)

1st Valerie Martin Bailey, San Antonio, TX –
“Racoons Ate My Roof”

2nd Edith L. Baker, Bountiful, UT –
“Dust to Dust – Spain’s Andalusian Vultures”

3rd Marilyn Stacy, Dallas, TX –
“Some Things Can’t be Explained”

1HM Theda Bassett, Salt Lake City, UT
2HM Marillyn Johnson, Salt Lake City, UT
3HM Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS
4HM Sarah Hull Gurley, Germantown, TN
5HM Richard Lake, New Cumberland, PA
6HM Barbara Kalm, Solon, IA
7HM Don Shook, Fort Worth, TX

***42. NEBRASKA STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15** (164 entries - Judge: Mary Warner, Harrisburg, PA)

1st Joshua Conklin, Oxford, CT –
“Asphyxiation”

2nd Shirley Balance Blackwell, Los Lunas, NM –
“Occupant”

3rd Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX –
“Ungrounded Facts”

1HM Margo LaGattuta, Rochester Hills, MI
2HM Melody Jane Moore, New Britain, CT
3HM Caroline Johnson, Willow Springs, IL
4HM Pauline Mounsey, Sun City West, AZ
5HM Rosemary Moeller, St. Lawrence, SD
6HM Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT
7HM Arthur G. Elser, Denver, CO

43. MISSISSIPPI POETRY SOCIETY AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15 (58 entries - Judge: Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA)

1st Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson, TX –
“Time, And Again”

2nd Cecil Tresslar, Indianapolis, IN –
“Not at Peace with Snow”

3rd Alice King Greenwood, Odessa, TX –
“Resilience”

1HM Ruth F. Harrison, Waldport, OR

2HM Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT
 3HM Susan Whitley Peters, Lenexa, KS
 4HM Lee Pelham Cotton, Locust Hill, VA
 5HM Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
 6HM Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN
 7HM J. Paul Holcomb, Double Oak, TX

44. ILLINOIS STATE POETRY SOCIETY AWARD

\$25 \$20 \$15 (178 entries - Judge: Brian Woodham, Auburn, AL)

1st Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL –
 “A Bear of a Poem”

2nd Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT –
 “Hot Coffee to Keep You Warm”

3rd Elaine W. Christensen, Sandy, UT –
 “I am Turning Sixty”

1HM LaVerna B. Johnson, St. George, UT
 2HM Alice E. Gross, Southbury, CT
 3HM Shirley Balance Blackwell, Los Lunas, NM
 4HM Pat King, Albion, IA
 5HM Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL
 6HM Darleen Butler, Fort Wayne, IN
 7HM Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN

*45. GINGERBREAD POETS AWARD

\$25 \$20 \$15 (176 entries - Judge: Maureen Lavender, Fayetteville, AR)

1st Margaret Guthrie, Estes Park, CO –
 “The Musicians”

2nd Claire van Breemen Downes, St. Cloud, MN –
 “High School Orchestra”

3rd Tommy Little, Pearl, MS –
 “Dylan”

1HM Christine Beck, West Harford, CT
 2HM Elizabeth Lackmann, Albuquerque, NM
 3HM Emery L. Campbell, Lawrenceville, GA
 4HM Beth Staas, Westmont, IL
 5HM Shirley Ensrud, Blue Earth, MN
 6HM Valerie Martin Bailey, San Antonio, TX
 7HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT

*46. SAN ANTONIO POETS ASSOCIATION

AWARD \$25 \$20 \$15 (119 entries - Judge: Colette Tenant, Salem, OR)

1st Rosemary Wahtola Trommer, Placerville, CO –
 “How Many Can You Find”

2nd Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT –
 “Even Time”

3rd Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX –
 “Hurricanes and Vinyl LPs”

1HM John Calvin Rezmerski, Mankato, MN
 2HM Eleanor Berry, Lyons, OR
 3HM Constance Chambers, Tolland, CT
 4HM Mary Cimarolli, Richardson, TX
 5HM Mary Christine Delea, Oregon City, OR
 6HM Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA
 7HM Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

47. MAINE POETS SOCIETY AWARD

\$25 \$20 \$15 (173 entries - Judge: Jory Mickelson, Moscow, ID)

1st Janice Freytag, Souderton, PA –
 “Easter Lilies”

2nd Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX –
 “Calving”

3rd JoAnne Bauer, Hartford, CT –
 “Sea Change”

1HM Charlotte Abernathy, Ashland, OR
 2HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT
 3HM Anthony Fusco, West Haven, CT
 4HM Annie Neugebauer, Denton, TX
 5HM Eleanor Berry, Lyons, OR
 6HM Karen Gibson, Provo, UT
 7HM Mary Christine Delea, Oregon City, OR

*48. MIRIAM S. STRAUSS MEMORIAL AWARD

\$25 \$20 \$15 (156 entries - Judge: Laurel Winter, Asheville, NC)

1st Rosemary Wahtola Trommer, Placerville, CO –
 “Before We Can Unlearn”

2nd Andrea L. Watson, Taos, NM –
 “Teaching the Tapestry”

3rd Patricia Barnes, Grosse Ile, MI –
 “Ten O’Clock Scholar”

1HM Helen Keith Beaman, Provo, UT
 2HM Michael Bourgo, Cedar Rapids, IA
 3HM Julie Nelson, Orem, UT
 4HM Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL
 5HM Martha P. Morrise, Roy, UT
 6HM Susan Whitley Peters, Lenexa, KS
 7HM Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

49. TWO MAGGIES AND KATE AWARD

\$25 \$20 \$15 (198 entries - Judge: April Line, Williamsport, PA)

1st Mary Christine Delea, Oregon City, OR –
 “The Stalker: Letter #387”

2nd Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA –
 “Cheap Crystal”

3rd John Calvin Rezmerski, Mankato, MN –
 “Portrait of Disjunction”

1HM Polly Opsahl, Rochester Hills, MI
 2HM Loretta D. Walker, Odessa, TX
 3HM Robert L. Lynn, Duluth, GA
 4HM Viktor Tichy, Fairfield, IA
 5HM Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN
 6HM Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN
 7HM Debra Kuss, Corbin, KY

50. STUDENT AWARD

\$50 \$30 \$20 HMs: \$5 (158 entries - Judge: Ann Copeland, Sayre, PA)

1st Josephine Ada Just, Houston, TX –
 “Eating the Sky”

2nd Alex Stenzel, Cumming, IA –
 “Broken”

3rd Rowan Hinton, McKinney, TX –
 “Firefly Hopes in a Wishing Well Jar”

1HM Olivia Niles, Cresson, TX
 2HM Nicole Hunt, Bedford, TX
 3HM Nicole Clark, San Dimas, CA
 4HM Lila Cutter, Fairfield, IA
 5HM Meghana Vuyyuru, Plano, TX
 6HM BreeAnn Moerbe, Wolfforth, TX
 7HM Antony Jenkins, Wolfforth, TX

CONVENTION POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

Judges: Margo LaGattuta and Polly Opsahl
 1st Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN,
 “Catechism”

2nd Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS,
 “When the People Wore Waves”

3rd Beryle Williams, Estes Park, CO,
 “Image”

*Unranked Honorable Mentions in
 Alphabetical Order:*

1HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
 2HM Shannon Murton, Lansing, MI
 3HM Lianne Spidel, Greenville, OH
 4HM Beryle Williams, Estes Park, CO
 5HM Lianne Spidel Greenville, OH
 6HM Lori Goff, Walled Lake, MI
 7HM Pat King, Albion, IA

INVOCATION POETRY CONTEST WINNERS

Judges: Margo LaGattuta and Polly Opsahl
Unranked, Alphabetical Order

Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX
 Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX
 Ruth Schmidt-Baeumlner, Two Harbors, MN
 Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN
 Beryle Williams, Estes Park, CO
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Judge: Jeri Hardesty of Alabama

1st Matthew Bernstein, Catlin Gabel School, Portland, OR
 “My Great Grandfather’s Letter”

2nd Larissa Banitt, Catlin Gabel School, Portland, OR
 “A Day on the Beach”

3rd Jodie Rogge, Parish Episcopal School, Dallas, TX
 “Playing With Bees”

4th Michelle Xiau, White Station Middle School, Memphis, TN

“Dance Partners”

5th Claire Coker, The Hockaday School, Dallas, TX
 “Ocean Reef”

1HM E. Skye Hurlin, Robert Gray Middle School, Portland, OR

2HM Elise May, Robert Gray Middle School, Portland, OR

3HM Tessa Subra, Subra Homeschool, Polk City, IA

4HM Anna Bulger, The Hockaday School, Dallas, TX

5HM Rachel Dustman, Pleasant Hill Intermediate School, Pleasant Hill, MO

MANNINGHAM POETRY TRUST WINNERS 2011**Senior Level:** Grades 9-12 (97 entries)

Judge: Martha P. Morrise of Utah

1st Emma Pcolinski, Benet Academy, Lisle, IL

"La Città Eterna"

2nd Anisha Datta, Glencoe High School, Hillsboro, OR

"Phoenix"

3rd Alison Yang, Sylvania Southview High School, Sylvania, OH

"Bitter Melon"

4th Hannah Srajer, Oak Park and River Forest High School, Oak Park, IL

"Crusade"

5th Sarah Jackson, Germantown High School, Germantown, TN

"Ruins"

1HM Christa Hubbard, Eagle Point High School, Eagle Point, OR

2HM Haley McKinnon, Franklin High School, Portland, OR

3HM Deyanira Nunez, Rio Grande High School, Albuquerque, NM

4HM Chelsea Christison, Forest Grove High School, Forest Grove, OR

5HM Audrey Metzger, Rutherford B. Hayes High School, Delaware, OH

NFSPS MEMBER SOCIETY NEWS

ALABAMA STATE POETRY SOCIETY's April meeting was well attended. State Poet Laureate, Sue Brannon Walker, was speaker and workshop presenter. The fall meeting will be at the University of Montevallo on October 28 and 29 with round robin readings on the evening of the 28th and workshops, luncheon and awards on the 29th. More information may be found at alabamapoets.org. New officers are Joe Whitten, President; Barry Marks, Programs Chair; Jerri Hardesty, Contest Chair, and Kathleen Thompson, Publicity. ~ *Joe Whitten, President*

GEORGIA POETRY SOCIETY met on April 30, 2011, at the Sidney Lanier Cottage, Lanier's birthplace, in Macon, Georgia. The program was opened by Historian/Lanier Re-enactor Marty Willett who spoke of Lanier's life as a poet ("Song of the Chattahoochee," "Corn," "The Marshes of Glynn," "Sunrise"), lawyer, soldier, flautist, novelist, teacher, and composer. Lanier composed many pieces of music including the official cantata for the 100th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence. Lanier's life was celebrated by the reading of poems written "In the Spirit of Sidney" by GPS members for this occasion. Poet-in-Residence at Georgia College and State University, Alice Friman, read from her latest book, *Vinculum* published by LSU Press. After lunch, Youth Contest winners were recognized with several present reading their winning poems. The program was closed with member Ron Self reading Civil War poems from Andrew Hudgins' *After the Lost War*. ~ *Ann Kuykendall Gillespie, Reporter*

ILLINOIS STATE POETRY SOCIETY will celebrate twenty years as a chartered poetry society on August 20, 2011. A day-long event will take place at the Park Ridge Country Club starting with coffee and rolls followed by a morning session. Lunch with a keynote speaker will lead off an afternoon with two more sessions, one of which will be readings of contributors to our new anthology entitled *Distilled Lives*. Mardelle Fortier will be the next President of ISPS. Immediate past President, Susan T. Moss, will remain on the board as advisor; Judith Tullis will be the Vice-President; John Gordon, Treasurer; Gail Goepfert, Secretary. ~ *Susan T. Moss, Past President*

INDIANA STATE FEDERATION OF POETRY CLUBS held their spring meeting on May 21st in Lowell, IN, sponsored by the Lowell Club. Georganna Tresslar was elected to serve her second term as treasurer and Jan Haffley was installed as the new secretary. A committee was named to look into new ways to interest children in poetry and will make their report at the

Rendezvous in October. A local high school class presented a program on Shakespeare plays. Brochures are available for the annual Rendezvous contest by sending SASE to Darleen Butler, 2219 Lakeland Lane, Ft. Wayne, IN, 46815. Contest deadline: September 1, 2011. ~ *Glenna Glee, President*

KENTUCKY STATE POETRY SOCIETY plans to hold its Annual Meeting and Poetry Conference October 14 - 16, at General Butler State Resort Park in Carrollton, KY. The weekend will coincide with the organization's celebration of National Poetry Day, October 15. Besides the annual meeting, activities for the weekend will include an awards ceremony honoring the winners of the Annual Adult Poetry Contest, workshops, a weekend poetry contest and round robin reading. Two workshops will be led by Steven R. Cope. The first workshop, "Writing Poetry Like No One", will focus on developing a unique, distinctive and courageous voice. The second, "How To Write A Furrbawl Prize-Losing Poem", will include a discussion of what tendencies work *against* writing a good poem. Mr. Cope has taught literature and writing at Eastern Kentucky University, Morehead State University, and the University of Kentucky. His poems have appeared in over 200 literary journals and magazines, have been nominated for a Pushcart Prize and been published in *Best Poems of the Year*. His published collections include *Clover's Log*, *In Killdeer's Field*, and *The Furrbawl Poems*. For additional information on lodge reservations at General Butler, registration and workshop fees, visit www.kystatepoetrysociety.org (KSPS web site). ~ *Becky Lindsay, President*

MAINE POETS SOCIETY's May meeting, an all-day affair, took place in Augusta. Member Dawn Potter, author of several books, judged the members' *Persona* poems in the morning session and read poems and passages from her own works. After a fine lunch, Tom Carper gave detailed commentary on the sonnet entries and showed us ways to improve our iambic pentameter lines. Next meeting will be September 17th in Belfast with judges Valerie Lawson and Michael Brown, editors of the *Off the Coast Journal*. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. Non-members are welcome and may stay to participate in a reading-in-the-round at about 3:00 p.m. The society normally meets three times a year—in February, May, and September. This year, we are planning a fourth meeting—a workshop open to all, in October. For more information, contact co-President Marta Finch: moimarta@comcast.net. For membership information, contact Membership Chair Cynthia Brackett-Vincent at Brackett-Vincent@encirclepub.com or www.encirclepub.com/poetry/mps or 207-778-0467. ~ *Sally Joy, Publicity Chair*

MASSACHUSETTS STATE POETRY SOCIETY held its annual meeting in May at the Reading Public Library in Reading, MA. The morning featured a workshop, "USING PREDICTION" conducted by Jeanette C. Maes and the afternoon featured a program by Maryellen Letarte, on the poet Louise Bogan. The MSPS summer outing will be held at the Saugus Ironworks in Saugus, MA on Saturday, August 6th. ~ *Jeanette C. Maes, President*

NEVADA POETRY SOCIETY charter member (1976) Gloria Springer Oberg died at the age of 86 on January 16, 2011, after a long illness. She was a prized poet and wrote a number of performed plays with Nevada settings. Gloria was also active in the California Federation of Chaparral Poets. She wrote quickly, easily, and had a fondness for wry humor. Other Nevada poets appreciated her skill at kind, encouraging critiquing. ~ *Sam Wood, President*

OREGON STATE POETRY ASSOCIATION has changed its name to the **OREGON POETS ASSOCIATION**. We're happily continuing to support projects like the Poets-in-the-Schools Project and the

Poetry Box Project, the boxes are like curbside realtor boxes but with copies of poems inside for passersby. We're gearing up for our 2011 Fall Conference to be held at the beautiful Kah-nee-tah resort near the eastern slopes of Mt. Hood from Friday, October 15th to Sunday, October 17th. For background on this exciting conference, visit our website: oregonpoets.org. Alongside our conference is our renown Poetry Contest, which follows the CLMP guidelines; for details see our improved website. As the literary world increasingly utilizes the Web, saving Oregon trees, we're working to become more computer-savvy. We're continuing to hold readings throughout Oregon; many of our members are poetry activists, teaching, organizing readings, planting poetry boxes, editing literary journals, and running small presses. We're also recruiting new members, especially from various young writers' groups, and offering poets 18-&-under free one-year memberships; after all, they are the future leaders of our association, our family of poets in Oregon! ~ *Charles F. Thielman, Eugene Chapter Chairperson*

POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS' Student Awards Festival was held on April 30, 2011, at the Repertory Company Theatre in the north Dallas area with Poetry in the Schools Chairman Budd Powell Mahan officiating. Prior to the event, certificates were mailed to winning students. Those attending read their winning poems. Upon arrival, students, with their families and friends, were greeted, registered and given the anthology containing all first place winning poets with their poems as well as the names of those who won other placings, along with the names of their teachers and schools. PST President Catherine L'Herisson made opening remarks. Others assisting with duties and/or showing support were Vice President Jimmie Inez Sessions, Treasurer Amy Sandberg, Recording Secretary Barbara Blanks, Directors Pat Randolph and David Knappe, past presidents Marilyn Stacy and Jeannette L. Strother and members Kay Merkel Boruff and Catherine Brown. ~ *Nancy Baas*

UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY We are sad to report that our President Elect, Helen Keith Beaman, passed away in early April before she could begin her term of office as President of the Utah State Poetry Society. Helen was also serving as the College/University Competition Chairman. In early July, our society also lost Theda Bassett. She was a longtime member, friend, mentor, and encourager to many of us. Theda also served as a judge on the national contests, most recently for contest #29 Louisiana State Poetry Society Award. Both Helen and Theda will be sorely missed. Our Treasurer, Eric H. Read, was asked to fill the position of President and has accepted. For information on our Annual Poetry Contest, refer to our website: www.utahpoets.com. ~ *Eric Read, President*

CONTESTS

ARIZONA STATE POETRY SOCIETY's Annual Fall Poetry Contest will offer cash prizes for poems in varied categories, with several awarding \$100 in prize money. All poets and aspiring poets are encouraged to enter. Winning poems will be read at our Fall Conference and may be published in *Sandcutters*, our quarterly journal. For contest rules and details on entering, visit www.azpoetry.org or contact contest co-chairperson, Shirley Griesbach at 12811 W. Beechwood Drive, Sun City West, AZ 85375-3235. There is still time to enter, but poems must be received by September 13, 2011.

ILLINOIS STATE POETRY SOCIETY November 10, 2011, is the deadline for submissions to our 18th annual poetry contest. Free verse, formal verse and theme poetry about personal growth should be sent to contest chair, William Vollrath, 6818 Osage Ave, Downers Grove, Illinois 60516. Please see our website for more details: illinoispoets.org

LEBANON (MO) POETS SOCIETY's 5th Annual Poetry Contest. Deadline: Dec 2, 2011. Format: send two copies of each poem; include category and name of poem on both copies in left corner; on one copy include name and address in right corner. Limits: poems should be 36 or fewer lines. Poets may enter as many poems as they wish in any category. Poems will not be returned. Poets retain the rights to their poems. Enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope. Categories:

1. Rhymed or blank verse, any subject
2. Free verse, any subject
3. Poet's choice: any form, serious or humorous

Fees: \$3.00 per poem. Make checks payable to Velvet Fackeldey. Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10, and honorable mention in each category. Mail entries to: Nancy LaChance, 14940 Hwy 64, Lebanon, MO. 65536

MASSACHUSETTS STATE POETRY SOCIETY announces the Annual Poet's Choice contest. Subject and Form: Poet's choice. Line limit: 40 lines. Prizes \$50, \$25, \$15. Deadline: November 1, 2011. Additionally, the Arthur (Skip) Potter Memorial Contest has a deadline of December 15. Subject and Form: Poet's choice. Line limit: 40 lines. Prizes \$50, \$30, \$20. Entries should be sent to MSPS Contest, 64 Harrison Ave., Lynn, MA 01905-1350. Name of the contest should be written on the envelope. Information about all MSPS contests is on our web site: mastatepoetrysociety.tripod.com

MISSOURI STATE POETRY SOCIETY Summer contest deadline: Postmark September 1, 2011. Two copies of each entry, category number and name in upper left corner of both copies, poet's name and address in upper right corner of one copy. If member, put "Missouri State Poetry Society" below your address, otherwise put "non-member". 40 or fewer lines. May be previously published if poet retains the rights to the poem; may enter each category as many times as poet wishes. Categories: 1) rhymed verse or blank verse, 2) free verse, 3) humorous verse, 4) any form, summer subject, 5) poet's choice, MSPS members only (any form, any subject). Members pay \$1 per entry. Non-members pay \$2 per entry. Payable to MSPS. Send to Michelle Martin Foster, PO Box 1776 West Plains, MO 65775. SASE or write your email address on a 3x5 index card for list of winners.

SPRINGFIELD POETS AND FRIENDS Annual Contest deadline: December 1, 2011. Contact MJBecco@hotmail.com for details or M.J. Becco, Contest Chairman, 3025 N. East Ave., Springfield, MO 65803

WYOPOETS held their June meeting in Casper, Wyoming where Linda Ruhle announced the Eugene V. Shea National Contest and called for poems. This year's deadline is November 30, 2011, and the contest is open to all poets worldwide; submissions must be in the English language and fees in U. S. funds. Prizes will be awarded in U. S. currency. Eligibility: Poems, published or unpublished. Any subject, any form, 40 lines or less (including title and line breaks); No poems that have won a prize larger the \$50 in any contest, or a money prize in a previous WyoPoets Annual contest. Poems must be original work of the entrant. No pornography, racial or sexual slurs, or language considered obscene by average broad-minded readers. Prizes: 1st - \$100; 2nd - \$50; 3rd - \$30; 4th - \$20. Five or more honorable mentions to be awarded. Fees: \$2 entry fee, plus \$1.00 per poem (examples: 3 poems for \$5.00; 5 poems for \$7.00). Requirements: Poems, except Oriental forms, must be titled, typed or computer generated, in English, on 8-1/2 by 11" white paper and at least 10 point, preferably 12 point or larger font. No more than one poem per page. Single or double spaced. One side of the paper only. Photocopies okay if clear and legible. Submit two copies of each poem, one copy for the judge with NO identification and one copy showing your

name, mailing address and phone number in the upper right hand corner of the front side. No limit on number of entries. No electronic submissions. No poet can win more than one monetary prize, but can win additional Honorable Mentions. Include self-addressed Stamped envelope for a winners list. Submitting: Send both copies of poems submitted, together with entry fee to: Linda Ruhle, Contest Chair, 692 W. River Rd., Worland, WY 82401 by November 30, 2011. Final judging will be by a qualified out-of-state judge not affiliated with WyoPoets. Decisions will be final. The Contest Chair will not enter this contest. Winners will be invited to read their winning poem at the WyoPoets' spring workshop in April, 2012, date to be announced. Rights: Winning poems may be published in our spring newsletter only with the author's written permission. All rights remain with the author. Be sure to keep copies of your entries. Poems will not be returned. All copies of poems will be destroyed after the spring workshop in Casper, WY. Visit www.wyopoets.com or www.facebook.com/WyoPoets

ENCORE COVER WINNER ANNOUNCED

Encore Editor, Valerie Martin Bailey, announces that the winner of the 2010 *Encore* cover is a photograph titled *Southern Comfort* submitted by Lee Ann Russell of Springfield, Missouri. Congratulations Lee Ann. This edition will make its debut at the summer convention in Dearborn, Michigan in June and will be available at the convention and afterward.

A NOTICE FROM THE EDITOR OF ENCORE

I have had many inquiries during the past few years from poets who have won an NFSPS contest and have a poem published in *Encore*. They ask why they have not received their complimentary copy. Apparently there is a need to clarify that we do not give complimentary *Encore* copies to winning poets. The winners have already received cash awards for their poems, and everyone must pay to purchase an *Encore* in order to offset the cost of publishing it. Thanks for understanding. ~Valerie Martin Bailey, *Encore* Editor

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