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President's Message



Dear NFSPS Poets:

"I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree . . . and live alone in the bee-loud glade." As Yeats reminds us, the imaginative act of creating and crafting poetry is often—and perhaps rightly—one of isolation, of private meditation, quiet work, and thought. But at the same time this isolation keeps us from sharing our work, from trying new things, and—too often—from learning and growing as poets. I think that's why I find our conventions, especially our national conventions, so appealing. They bring us together with other poets to share, to perform, to learn, and even to socialize. Our June meeting in gracious Indiana, in the Crossroads of America, gave us opportunities to do all of these things—to share our work in an impromptu "jukebox" poetry reading, to perform at late

and early readings, to learn from Paddy Lynn as she channeled Emily Dickinson for a rapt audience, or from Mark Turcotte's wry humor and his powerful evocations of his native experience. And of course there were the contest readings, which kept so many of us on the edge of our seats, waiting to hear our own names called! Our hosts from the Indiana State Federation of Poetry Clubs worked hard to ensure that everything was as it should be, and that all were made to feel welcome and very much a part of things. It was indeed a Poetry Extravaganza in the Crossroads of America! (Be sure you stay tuned for news on next year's convention in New Mexico, which also promises a magical excursion, this time to the Land of Enchantment!)

But it's time to introduce myself. I've been involved with NFSPS since the early 1990's, as a member of the League of Minnesota Poets (where I grew up), and of the Alabama State Poetry Society (where I live and work). Many of you know my parents, Claire and Alan Downes, who worked together to serve as NFSPS Contest Chair and Contest Clerk. Some of you will also know my wife and two sons, who attend nationals when it works with their schedules (and offers age-appropriate amusement, I think). I've been a poet just about as long as I can remember, but of course I also have a day-job working for Auburn University, where I have the chance to teach both the study of poetry and poetry-writing.

I look forward to serving as NFSPS President, and I am deeply grateful to the many board officers I've worked with over the years, who have demonstrated again and again what service and commitment mean for our organization. Whether I was learning to act as Historian, as Judges' Chair, or as Chair of the Stevens Competition, there was always someone before me who had done it right, and who could help me learn how to fulfill their role (almost) as well. In taking on this new honor and responsibility, I especially want to thank Russell Strauss, our immediate past President.

Poets are special people, he reminds us every time he writes, and he is absolutely right. But poets like Russell, in their capacity for commitment and service, in their never-failing good humor and commonsense, are especially special. I can only hope to continue his traditions as we move NFSPS forward into this young century. The challenge of the presidency is significant, and no doubt it will afford less time than I would like for retreating to places like the Lake Isle of Innisfree. But I trust you all—poets and special people that you are—will help me keep hearing that call of poetry and of the imagination, "to hear it," as Yeats said, "in the deep heart's core." Thank you for this opportunity to serve.

Jeremy M. Downes ~ 30th NFSPS President

2012 COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY POETRY COMPETITION

NFSPS is pleased to announce the winners of the 2012 College/University Poetry Competition. The **Edna Meudt Memorial Award** went to Andrew Tennant of Salem, OR for his collection, *Where You See Angels All Over*. Andrew attends Corban University where he is majoring in English and Creative Writing. Meg Eden of Gambrills, MD received the **Florence Kahn Memorial Award** for her collection, *Your Son*. Meg attends the University of Maryland at College Park.

Both poets received awards of \$500.00 and publication of their chapbooks. Both of them were honored at this past NFSPS Convention at Merrillville, IN. Meg Eden was able to attend and read from her winning chapbook. Andrew Tennant was unable to attend because of prior commitments. NFSPS wishes to congratulate these fine poets for their outstanding collections of poems. Judges for this year's contest were J. Paul Holcomb of Double Tree, TX, Dorothy Williams of Golden, CO, and Lee C. Snell of Highland, UT. Kathryn E. Clement of Mesa, AZ served as Chair. NFSPS encourages all of the state organizations to promote this contest and to foster young poets in their respective states.

THE CROSSROADS OF AMERICA POETRY EXTRAVAGANZA NFSPS 2012 CONVENTION SUMMARY

The convention was a poetic success. The Indiana Chapters of ISFPC did a wonderful job of supporting each other in their assigned tasks. We had volunteers from the Lowell Indiana Chapter of General Federated Woman's Club along with volunteers from The Northwest Indiana Association of University Women and The Woman's Association of the Northwest Indiana Symphony.

Our workshops started with "Theatrical Poetry" on Thursday evening with Jeff Manes, Cornelius House, Ethel Fields, and Evan Walters giving a great show of putting feelings into poetry.

Friday morning saw Belinda Potoma's "Lost in Translation" followed by Andy Jaska's "Song Lyrics and Poetry" along with Amy Kindred's "Poetry in Art" on Friday afternoon.

Saturday morning saw a poetry panel discussion on today's poetry with David Stocking, Nobelsville, IN, moderating four poets that went in depth to discuss tradition and modern poetry with their views of poetry and the disparities in its composition. Panel members were Michael Erdelen, Sr., Lowell, IN, Amy Jo Zook, Mechanicsburg, OH, Nina Corwin, Chicago, IL, Vincent Schrader, Arcadia, IN, and Catherine Turfariello, Valparaiso, IN.

Saturday afternoon saw a visit from Emily Dickinson, a one-woman show that took the audience back to Emily's poetry and the 19th Century. Rave reviews!

The luncheons and dinners were all served at the table with delicious food and great service from the staff at the Radisson. The meals were followed by the ever popular contest winner announcements as well as the Stevens Manuscript and Student Contest winners.

The morning and evening readings were well attended with the evening readings at Starbucks. We extend thanks to the Starbuck's staff that participated in the readings and served us well.

A Special Recognition is mandated for Darleen Butler, Ft Wayne, IN, and Lenore Spitznagel, St Louis, MO, for stepping in to cover for Glenna Glee who was not able to attend the convention due to a health emergency. Glenna Glee contributed to and worked so very hard to put it together. We are happy to hear that the medical emergency is past and she is recovering well.

Lastly, however, by no means insignificant, we extend a thank you to all those who attended and participated to make this a very successful convention, truly one to remember. We hope to see you next year in New Mexico.

Respectfully submitted by Tom Spencer, President of the Indiana State Federation of Poetry Clubs.

NFSPS 2013 NATIONAL CONVENTION

The New Mexico State Poetry Society invites you to Albuquerque in the Land of Enchantment during June 13-16. *La Conferencia del Encanto* location is Hotel Albuquerque at Old Town, just a few blocks south of I-40 at 800 Rio Grande Blvd. Check out this beautiful Heritage hotel at www.HotelABQ.com. More information, hotel discount code, and updates on the "Convention" tab of our NMSPS website www.nmypoetry.com. Fabulous tours are already planned to entice you to "Come for the Convention, stay for an Enchanted Vacation."

NFSPS 2012 ANNUAL CONTEST WINNERS

1. NFSPS Founders Award [to honor Mary B. Wall]

(\$1500 \$500 \$250) 436 Entries
Judge: Richard Foerster, Cape Neddick, ME

1st **Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT**
"Nothing Personal, CD Wright"

2nd **Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, Placerville, CO**
"Note to Self"

3rd **Michael S. Corum, Pella, IA**
"Going Fishing"

1HM Shirley Anne Leonard, Hamilton, IL

2HM David Autin, Louisville, KY

3HM Pat Hale, West Hartford, CT

4HM Jon Sebba, Murray, UT

5HM Pat Underwood, Colfax, IA

6HM Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

7HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

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2. Winners' Circle Award

(\$500 \$300 \$200) 269 Entries

Judge: N. Colwell Snell, Salt Lake City, UT

1st Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson, TX
"Waterfront Condos on Hemingway Pointe"**2nd Colette Tennant, Salem, OR**
"Ritual"**3rd Maria A. Costantini, Rochester, MI**
"Matryoshka Dolls"1HM Frances Neidhardt, Sherman, TX
2HM Beryle Williams, Estes Park, CO
3HM Juanita Mays, Milford, OH
4HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT
5HM Soubhik Barari, Boxborough, MA
6HM Markay Brown, St. George, UT
7HM Kenneth W. Michaels, York, PA**3. Almeda Boulton Memorial Award**

(\$500 \$300 \$200) 299 Entries

Judge: Eleanor Berry, Lyons, OR

1st Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN
"Miner's Widow"**2nd Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT**
"Visiting Poet"**3rd Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA**
"Within This Skin—Me in 1943 at Four"1HM Nancy Susanna Breen, Loveland, OH
2HM Charlotte Abernathy, Ashland, OR
3HM Linda Newman Woito, Riversside, IA
4HM Colette Tennant, Salem, OR
5HM Dorothy Williams, Golden, CO
6HM John McBride, Bettendorf, IA
7HM Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN**4. Donald R. Stodghill Memorial Award**

(\$200 \$100 \$50) 227 Entries

Judge: April Line, Williamsport, PA

1st David Bond, Carbondale, IL
"Caliche"**2nd Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR**
"Glass Traders"**3rd Joan Terry, Dallas, GA**
"The Karma Kick"1HM Colette Tennant, Salem, OR
2HM Markay Brown, St. George, UT
3HM Pat Hale, West Hartford, CT
4HM Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL
5HM Gary Hanna, Dagsboro, DE
6HM Doann Houghton-Alico, Nathrop, CO
7HM Jill Jennings, Woodstock, GA**5. Georgia Poetry Society Award**

(\$150 \$75 \$ 25) 81 Entries

Judge: Jeremy Downes, Auburn, AL

1st Lisa Salinas, Spring, TX
"1860 Census"**2nd Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT**
"House Calls"**3rd Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL**
"Harriet Awaits the Moon"1HM Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
2HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX
3HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT
4HM Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN
5HM Sara Gipson, Scott, AR
6HM Frances Brinkley Cowden, Cordova, TN
7HM Jim Barton, Huttig, AR**6. Poetry Society of Texas Award**

(\$125 \$50 \$25) 228 Entries

Judge: Charmaine Donovan, Brainerd, MN

1st Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
"The Artist at 48"**2nd Roberta Marggraff, Waterbury, CT**
"Hyannis"**3rd Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson, TX**
"To A Soldier Who Covers A Grenade With His
Body To Save A Comrade And To His Mother"1HM James F. Gaines, Fredericksburg, VA
2HM Candy Lish Fowler, St. George, UT
3HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

4HM Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS

5HM Edith L. Baker, Bountiful, UT

6HM Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

7HM Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT

7. Utah State Poetry Society Award

(\$100 \$60 \$40) 181 Entries

Judge: Christine Delea, Oregon City, OR

1st Loretta Miles Tollefson, Tome, NM
"Herodias, Salome's Mother"**2nd Markay Brown, St. George, UT**
"They Let me Talk to the Moon"**3rd JoAnne Bauer, Hartford, CT**
"Before the Lesson"1HM N. Colwell Snell, Salt Lake City, UT
2HM Julie Kim Shavin, Colorado Springs, CO
3HM Mary Shaw, Indianola, IA
4HM Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL
5HM Angie Kimmell, Denton, TX
6HM Ruth Schmidt-Baeumler, Two Harbors, MN
7HM Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT
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Stengel, Brainerd, MN; Tommy Little, Pearl, MS;
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Wesley Chapel, FL**8. Florida State Poets Association, INC. Award**

(\$100 \$50 \$ 25) 140 Entries

Judge: Zachery Savich, Carlisle, PA

1st Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN
"Tucson Corner"**2nd Linda Whittenberg, Santa Fe, NM**
"Miss Addie"**3rd Jan Haffley, Westfield, IN**
"Mirna A. Harpy"1HM Linda R. Frisa, Cincinnati, OH
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4HM Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL
5HM Pat Hale, West Hartford, CT
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7HM Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT**9. Alabama State Poetry Society Award**

(\$75 \$50 \$25) 134 Entries

Judge: Alan Birkelbach, The Colony, TX

1st Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
"The Poet of Juarez"**2nd Joshua Conklin, Oxford, CT**
"Ultrasound Slaying"**3rd Clarence P. Socwell, Ogdén, UT**
"Doctor of Brilliance"1HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT
2HM Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS
3HM Judy Johns, Pleasant View, UT
4HM Margaret Gleave, Southport, UK
5HM Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL
6HM Edith L. Baker, Bountiful, UT
7HM Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA**10. Connecticut Poetry Society Award**

(\$75 \$50 \$25) 194 Entries

Judge: Elaine Christensen, Sandy, UT

1st Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN
"M.C. Escher Revisited"**2nd Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN**
"Whistler's Mother"**3rd Clarence P. Socwell, Ogdén, UT**
"Emulating David"1HM Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN
2HM Dorothy Williams, Golden, CO
3HM Gayle Lauradunn, Albuquerque, NM
4HM Carol Mauriello, Olive Hill, KY
5HM Charlotte Abernathy, Ashland, OR
6HM Sheree Rabe, Austin, TX
7HM Ron Self, Columbus, GA**11. League of Minnesota Poets Award**

(\$60 \$40 \$30) 247 Entries

Judge: Valerie Bailey, San Antonio, TX

1st Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL
"Mississippi"**2nd Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN**
"A Jar of Coins"**3rd Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS**
"What Shape Did You Take?"1HM Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA
2HM Shirley Valencia, Dayton, OH
3HM Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL
4HM Sara Gipson, Scott, AR
5HM Kathy Larson, Salt Lake City, UT
6HM Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA
7HM Jacqueline Williams, Mesa, AZ**12. Two Ladies From Texas Award**

(\$60 \$40 \$20) 126 Entries

Judge: Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS

1st Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
"Moorje"**2nd Loretta Diane Walker, Odessa, TX**
"Possession"**3rd Lee Pelham Cotton, Locust Hill, VA**
"The Kittikat"1HM Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL
2HM Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL
3HM David Hedges, West Linn, OR
4HM Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL
5HM Betty Leake, West Chester, OH
6HM Stephanie Andrews, Melbourne Beach, FL
7HM Lynn Farmer, Decatur, GA**13. Max C. & Beverly Keith Golightly Memorial Award**

(\$50 \$30 \$20) 197 Entries

Judge: Jerri Hardesty, Brierfield, AL

1st Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX
"Sweeping Caliche"**2nd Edith L. Baker, Bountiful, UT**
"Going Through My Mother's Things"**3rd Elaine Zimmerman, Hamden, CT**
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7HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT**14. Indiana State Federation of Poetry Clubs**

(\$50 \$30 \$20) 201 Entries

Judge: Doris Stengel, Brainerd, MN

1st Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL
"Secrets in Lavender"**2nd Annie Neugebauer, Denton, TX**
"By Example"**3rd Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA**
"How to Choose a Tomato"1HM Linda La Rocca, Twin Lakes, CO
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3HM Trina Lee, Oklahoma City, OK
4HM Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK
5HM Edith L. Baker, Bountiful, UT
6HM Alexandra Moss Zannis, Fort Wayne, IN
7HM Margery Dorfmeister, Buena Vista, CO**15. Arizona State Poetry Society Award**

(\$50 \$30 \$20) 145 Entries

Judge: Meredith Cook, Blue Earth, MN

1st Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN
"Audubon at Sunset"**2nd Pat Hale, West Hartford, CT**
"Grain-Stack at Sunset"**3rd Mary Rudbeck Stanko, Ontario, Canada**
"The Sunset Ring"1HM Ann Gasser, West Reading, PA
2HM Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS
3HM Elaine Fowler Palencia, Champaign, IL
4HM Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX
5HM Francis Kerr Young, Ontario, Canada
6HM Dave Harvey, Talent, OR
7HM John Calvin Rezmerski, Mankato, MN

16. William Stafford Memorial Award

(\$50 \$30 \$20) 254 Entries

Judge: Madelyn Eastlund, Beverly Hills, FL

1st Jim Barton, Huttig, AR

"Applesong"

2nd Alexandra Moss Zannis, Fort Wayne, IN

"The Dance of the Dust Ball"

3rd Pat Hale, West Hartford, CT

"The Eighth Month"

1HM Marilyn Downing, Hershey, PA

2HM Geraldine Felt, Layton, UT

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5HM Joe Dickie Shaffer, Yuma, AZ

6HM Brenda Brown Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS

7HM A. Rose Hill, Sheridan, WY

17. Nevada Poetry Society Award

(\$50 \$30 \$20) 203 Entries

Judge: Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

1st Ann Gasser, West Reading, PA

"Hurricane"

2nd Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

"Coffee on a Soggy Afternoon"

3rd Juanita Watts, Layton, UT

"Hawaii's Creator"

1HM Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL

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4HM Caroline Walton, Crystal River, FL

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18. New York Poetry Forum Award

(\$50 \$30 \$20) 209 Entries

Judge: Dave Malone, West Plains, MO

1st Marion McGaughy, Roxbury, CT

"From the Porch"

2nd Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Henderson, TX

"A Poet's Precept"

3rd Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, Placerville, CO

"After All"

1HM Betty Spence, Mobile, AL

2HM Catherine L'Herisson, Garland, TX

3HM Winston Derden, Houston, TX

4HM Frank Kutchen, De Moines, IA

5HM Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

6HM Jim Brosnan, Assonet, MA

7HM Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

19. Columbine Poets of Colorado Award

(\$50 \$30 \$20) 191 Entries

Judge: Rosalyn Ostler, Salt Lake City, UT

1st Joe Dickie Shaffer, Yuma, AZ

"Redeeming Grace"

2nd Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

"Snow Wars"

3rd Ann Gasser, West Reading, PA

"I Am So Cool!"

1HM Colette Tennant, Salem, OR

2HM Vicky Dovenspike, Houghton, IA

3HM Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

4HM Jeanne Losey, Shelbyville, IN

5HM Loretta Miles Tollefson, Tome NM

6HM Dorothy Williams, Golden, CO

7HM Karen K. Gibson, Provo, UT

20. Morton D. Prouty & Elsie S. Prouty Memorial Award

(\$50 \$30 \$20) 256 Entries

Judge: Bill Reyer, Tiffin, OH

1st Richard R. Cuyler, Salida, CO

"Snow Geese"

2nd Dorothy Williams, Golden, CO

"The Coyote Who Came For Water"

3rd Gayle Lauradunn, Albuquerque, NM

"Tracking the Rio Grande"

1HM Elizabeth Fritzler, Lakewood, CO

2HM Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN

3HM Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

4HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

5HM Martha P. Morrise, Roy, UT

6HM Gary Hanna, Dagsboro, DE

7HM Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN

21. Poets Roundtable of Arkansas Award

(\$50 \$30 \$20) 209 Entries

Judge: Carolyn Walker, Clarkson, MI

1st Linda Whittenberg, Santa Fe, NM

"The Man who Slept inside a Tree"

2nd Nadia Ibrashi, Troy, MI

"Art is Simply Divine, My Dear"

3rd Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT

"A Measure of Words"

1HM Rose Ann Spaith, Columbus, OH

2HM Sheree Rabe, Austin, TX

3HM Ginny Lowe Connors, West Hartford, CT

4HM Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

5HM Daniel Maguire, Baltimore, MD

6HM Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX

7HM Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA

22. CSPS James E. MacWhinney Memorial Award

(\$50 \$30 \$20) 84 Entries

Judge: Elaine Ipson, Stansbury Park, UT

1st Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

"Saguaro at Dawn"

2nd Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

"Upon Instilling Eye Drops Twice a Day"

3rd Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT

"In a Heart beat"

1HM Vivian Ramsey Stewart, Oklahoma City, OK

2HM Rose Ann Spaith, Columbus, OH

3HM Margaret Gleave, Southport, UK

4HM John F. Foster, Sun City Center, FL

5HM Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

6HM Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, Placerville, CO

7HM Ruth F. Harrison, Waldport, OR

23. Louisiana State Poetry Society Award Sponsored

by Pat Sipes Juelg, LSPS Past President (\$50 \$30 \$20)

137 Entries

Judge: Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

1st Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

"Take one Down and Pass it Around"

2nd Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, Placerville, CO

"Even Accounting for Surface Friction"

3rd Ron Self, Columbus, GA

"Human"

1HM Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

2HM Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT

3HM Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN

4HM Lynne Elise Benson, Taylorsville, UT

5HM Mary Rudbeck Stanko, Ontario, Canada

6HM Barbara Lewie Berry, Mansfield, TX

7HM Polly Opsahl, Rochester Hill, MI

24. Ohio Award (\$50 \$25 \$15) 243 Entries

Judge: Dr. Michelle Bonczek, Annville, PA

1st Ginny Lowe Connors, West Hartford, CT

"Fledging"

2nd Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield, TX

"On (Not) Living in the Country"

3rd Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT

"View From Lefe's Hill"

1HM Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN

2HM Rose Ann Spaith, Columbus, OH

3HM Lee Pelham Cotton, Locust Hill, VA

4HM Markay Brown, St. George, UT

5HM Jill Jennings, Woodstock, GA

6HM Pat Hale, West Hartford, CT

7HM Joyce Gregor, Westcliffe, CO

25. Humorous Poetry Award

(\$35 \$25 \$15) 145 Entries

Judge: Richard Lake, New Cumberland, PA

1st Linda S. M. Jacobs, Runnells, IA

"Dusty Old Creation"

2nd Dena Gorrell, Edmond, OK

"A Weighty Matter"

3rd Catherine L'Herisson, Garland, TX

"Eve Speaks"

1HM Shirley Valencia, Dayton, OH

2HM Ann Gasser, West Reading, PA

3HM Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT

4HM Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

5HM Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

6HM Martha P. Morrise, Roy, UT

7HM John F. Foster, Sun City Center, FL

26. Our American Indian Heritage Award

(\$35 \$25 \$15) 129 Entries

Judge: Shaun Koont, New York, NY

1st Joy McDowell, Springfield, OR

"Red Bliss"

2nd Naomi Stroud Simmons, Ft. Worth, TX

"Parting Song of the Sinagua"

3rd Joyce Gregor, Westcliffe, CO

"Destiny"

1HM Edith L. Baker, Bountiful, UT

2HM Jacqueline Williams, Mesa, AZ

3HM Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL

4HM Lee Pelham Cotton, Locust Hill, VA

5HM Caroline Walton, Crystal River, FL

6HM Marilyn Gilbert Komechak, Ft. Worth, TX

7HM Pat Hale, West Hartford, CT

27. Minute Award (\$35 \$25 \$15) 108 Entries

Judge: Glenna Glee Jenkins, Anderson, IN

1st Ann Gasser, West Reading, PA

"Storm Fury"

2nd Sherry A. Farmer, Grayson, KY

"Elegy for a Young Rock Musician"

3rd Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

"Sidetracked"

1HM Charmaine Pappas Donovan, Brainerd, MN

2HM Dennis R. Patton, Alexander, AR

3HM Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

4HM Lisa Salinas, Spring, TX

5HM Mildred Vorpahl Baass, Victoria, TX

6HM Shirley Valencia, Dayton, OH

7HM Mary A. Couch, Noblesville, IN

28. Jesse Stuart Memorial Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 219 Entries

Judge: Colette Tenant, Salem, OR

1st Linda Newman Woito, Riverside, IA

"I Traveled Far to Study Poetry"

2nd Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

"The Bag Boy"

3rd Doris Henderson, Danbury, CT

"Ghosts"

1HM Nadia Ibrashi, Troy, MI

2HM Jeanne Losey, Shelbyville, IN

3HM James F. Gaines, Fredericksburg, VA

4HM John Calvin Rezmerski, Mankato, MN

5HM Kitty Yeager, Arkadelphia, AR

6HM Caroline Johnson, Willow Springs, IL

7HM Anne Jones, Arlington, TX

29. Missouri State Poetry Society Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 133 Entries

Judge: Sandra Soli, Edmond, OK

1st Nadia Ibrashi, Troy, MI

"Newlywed Scrabble"

2nd Regina Murray Brault, Burlington, VT

"Ending Where it Began"

3rd Caroline Johnson, Willow Springs, IL

"Sonnet to My Sister: For Minnie Mouse"

1HM Dave Harvey, Talent, OR

2HM Stephanie Andrews, Melbourne Beach, FL

3HM Esther M. Towns, Selma, IN

4HM Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS

5HM Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA

6HM Mildred Vorpahl Baass, Victoria, TX

7HM No Citations or Alternates for this contest

30. Barbara Stevens Memorial Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 252 Entries

Judge: Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA

1st Ginny Lowe Connors, West Hartford, CT

"Old Tree"

2nd Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL

"In Remembrance"

3rd Barbara Lewie Berry, Mansfield, TX

"Rainbow"

1HM Martha P. Morrise, Roy, UT

2HM Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

3HM Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK

4HM Rosalyn Ostler, Salt Lake City, UT

5HM Janice Canerdy, Potts Camp, MS

6HM Doris Henderson, Danbury, CT

7HM Francie Smith Rountree, Sautee, GA

31. Dorman John Grace Memorial Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 132 Entries

Judge: Steven Shields, Johns Creek, GA

1st Marta Rijn Finch, Bennington, VT

"The Book-Collector's Daughter"

2nd Edith L. Baker, Bountiful, UT

"Brahms in Winter"

3rd Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

"Perfume"

1HM Jerri Hardesty, Briarfield, AL

2HM Debra Kuss, Corbin, KY

3HM Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA

4HM Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

5HM Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

6HM Rosemerry Wahtola Trommer, Placerville, CO

7HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT

32. Poetry Society of Oklahoma Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 155 Entries

Judge: David Hedges, West Linn, OR

1st N. Colwell Snell, Salt Lake City, UT

"Mad Hours With Sylvia"

2nd Wilda Morris, Bolingbrook, IL

"Communion"

3rd Jim Barton, Huttig, AR

"Three Months to Live"

1HM Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK

2HM Larry Hand, Woodstock, GA

3HM Lee Pelham Cotton, Locust Hill, VA

4HM Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA

5HM Eleanor Berry, Lyons, OR

6HM Naomi Stroud Simmons, Ft. Worth, TX

7HM Kay Merkel Boruff, Dallas, TX

33. Save Our Earth Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 133 Entries

Judge: John Rezmerski, Mankato, MN

1st Michael Conner, Tahoka, TX

"In Hieroglyphs of Heat Shimmer"

2nd Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT

"The Mountains and the Mine"

3rd James F. Ahern, Rochester, MI

"I Battle the Wind"

1HM Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN

2HM Beth Honeycutt, Denton, TX

3HM Elizabeth Fritzer, Lakewood, CO

4HM T. L. Hensel, Alpharetta, GA

5HM Carol Mauriello, Olive Hill, KY

6HM Gail Teachworth, Crystal River, FL

7HM Karen K. Gibson, Provo, UT

34. Ben Lomond Poets Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 119 Entries

Judge: Ann Carolyn Cates, Southaven, MS

1st Marilyn Downing, Hershey, PA

"The Mountain's Story"

2nd Shirley Valencia, Dayton, OH

"Late Hike on a Snowy Mountain"

3rd Clarence P. Socwell, Ogden, UT

"At Mount St. Helen"

1HM Brenda Brown Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS

2HM Alice B. Couch, Noblesville, IN

3HM Mary A. Couch, Noblesville, IN

4HM Catherine L'Herisson, Garland, TX

5HM Joyce Kohler, Midway, UT

6HM Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

7HM Martha P. Morrise, Roy, UT

35. Massachusetts State Poetry Society Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 207 Entries

Judge: Pam Barney, Carlisle, PA

1st Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA

"Consorts"

2nd Mary A. Couch, Noblesville, IN

"It's the Only Way To Go"

3rd Michael Bourgo, Cedar Rapids, IA

"My Last Garden"

1HM Maxine S. Nicholson, Roanoke, VA

2HM Shirley Valencia, Dayton, OH

3HM Inge Logenburg Kyler, Eaton Rapids, MI

4HM Judy Johns, Pleasant View, UT

5HM Sheree Rabe, Austin, TX

6HM E.K. Mortenson, Pottstown, PA

7HM Mildred Vorpahl Baass, Victoria, TX

36. Poetry Society of Tennessee Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 150 Entries

Judge: Cathy Tenzo, Seattle, WA

1st Glenn Pruden, Sandy, UT

"Public Transportation"

2nd Joshua Conklin, Oxford, CT

"Love Movement"

3rd Debra Kuss, Corbin, KY

"Night Owl's Lament"

1HM Mildred Vorpahl Baass, Victoria, TX

2HM Polly Opsahl, Rochester Hill, MI

3HM Doris Henderson, Danbury, CT

4HM Karen K. Gibson, Provo, UT

5HM Pat Hale, West Hartford, CT

6HM Dave Harvey, Talent, OR

7HM Winston Derden, Houston, TX

37. Poetry Society of Michigan Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 201 Entries

Judge: Budd Mahan, Dallas, TX

1st Ron Self, Columbus, GA

"Inadequate Instruments"

2nd Judy Johns, Pleasant View, UT

"Touring the Vocational School"

3rd Martha P. Morrise, Toy, UT

"Young in Seattle"

1HM Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

2HM Loretta Diane Walker, Odessa, TX

3HM Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

4HM Eleanor Berry, Lyons, OR

5HM Brenda Brown Finnegan, Ocean Springs, MS

6HM Madelyn Eastlund, Beverly Hills, FL

7HM Donna Pucciani, Wheaton, IL

38. Lighten Your Life Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 142 Entries

Judge: John Ottley, Alpharetta, GA

1st Nancy LaChance, Lebanon, MO

"The Fly"

2nd Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas, TX

"Somewhere in Texas"

3rd Ann Gasser, WestReading, PA

"To a Lover Who Strayed, But Now Seeks Reconciliation"

1HM Cynthia Weber Nankee, Canton, MI

2HM Robert La Fleur, Ponsford, MN

3HM Vivian Ramsey Stewart, Oklahoma City, OK

4HM Lynda La Rocca, Twin Lakes, CO

5HM Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT

6HM Rose Ann Spaih, Columbus, OH

7HM Birma Castle, Beaumont, TX

39. Iowa Poetry Association Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 171 Entries

Judge: Dena Gorrell, Edmond, OK

1st Melinda B. Hipple, Baldwin City, KS

"A Hug for Buford"

2nd Martha P. Morrise, Roy, UT

"Zeer Land"

3rd Barbara Lewie Berry, Mansfield, TX

"Creative Justice"

1HM Jim Barton, Huttig, AR

2HM Shirley Ensrud, Blue Earth, MN

3HM Doyle R. Wood, Wichita Falls, TX

4HM Clark Elliott, Oklahoma City, OK

5HM Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA

6HM Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

7HM Jeanne Losey, Shelbyville, IN

40. New Jersey Poetry Society Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 179 Entries

Judge: Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN

1st Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

"Keepsake"

2nd Janet Watson, Wesley Chapel, FL

"When Jefferson Dined Alone"

3rd Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA

"Lost in Today's Limerlost"

1HM Polly Opsahl, Rochester Hill, MI

2HM Linda Whittenberg, Santa Fe, NM

3HM Patricia Barnes, Grosse Ile, MI

4HM Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN

5HM Madelyn Eastlund, Beverly Hills, FL

6HM Jim Barton, Huttig, AR

7HM Clarence P. Socwell, Ogden, UT

41. WyoPoets Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 173 Entries

Judge: Juanita Torrence Thompson, Flushing, NY

1st Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

"In The End, It Is More Mysterious Than Life Itself"

2nd Marie-Louise Meyers, Oxford, PA

"The Starvelings"

3rd Diane Glancy, Shawnee Mission, KS

"Imaginary Kingdom"

1HM Marillyn B. Johnson, Salt Lake City, UT

2HM Helen Webb, South Point, OH

3HM Alexandra Moss Zannis, Fort Wayne, IN

4HM Marilyn Downing, Hershey, PA

5HM Catherine Moran, Little Rock, AR

6HM David L. Byrn, Prescott, AZ

7HM JoAnne Bauer, Hartford, CT

42. Nebraska State Poetry Society Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 157 Entries

Judge: Kevin Clark, Holladay, UT

1st Gary Hanna, Dagsboro, DE

"At The Edge"

2nd Ron Self, Columbus, GA

"Omen"

3rd Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT

"Sabbath"

1HM Pat Hale, West Hartford, CT

2HM Lee Pelham Cotton, Locust Hill, VA

3HM Vivian Ramsey Stewart, Oklahoma City, OK

4HM Von S. Bourland, Happy, TX

5HM Jacqueline Williams, Mesa, AZ

6HM Kolette Montague, Centerville, UT

7HM Cecil Tresslar, Indianapolis, IN

43. Mississippi Poetry Society Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 62 Entries

Judge: Amy Jo Zook, Mechanicsburg, OH

1st Martha P. Morrise, Roy, UT

"Love's Answer"

2nd Linda Banks, Mesquite, TX

"Dark Paths"

3rd Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT

"Shock and Awe"

1HM Jacqueline Williams, Mesa, AZ

2HM Delores Hinde, Hot Springs, AR

3HM Marilyn Stacy, Dallas, TX

4HM Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL

5HM Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA

6HM Grace Diane Jessen, Glenwood, UT

7HM J. Paul Holcomb, Double Oak, TX

44. Illinois State Poetry Society Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 93 Entries

Judge: Cathy Moran, Little Rock, AR

1st Beth Staas, Westmont, IL

"Gypsies"

2nd Ann Gasser, West Reading, PA

"Autobiography of a City"

3rd Mary Rudbeck Stanko, Ontario, Canada

"Right Here On Lincoln Ave."

1HM Jeanne S. Kelly, Madison, MS

2HM Susan Stevens Chambers, Good Thunder, MN

3HM Russell H. Strauss, Memphis, TN

4HM Margaret Barrett Mayberry, San Antonio, TX

5HM Lucille Morgan Wilson, Des Moines, IA

6HM Karen K. Gibson, Provo, UT

7HM Eleanor Berry, Lyons, OR

45. Gingerbread Poets Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 131 Entries

Judge: P M F Johnson, St. Paul, MN

1st Jeanne Couvillon-Powell, Spring, TX

"Prison Concert"

2nd N. Colwell Snell, Salt Lake City, UT

"New Release"

3rd Valerie Dubé, Palm Bay, FL

"My Ghetto"

1HM Robert La Fleur, Ponsford, MN

2HM Ruth Hill, British Columbia, Canada

3HM Barbara Blanks, Garland, TX

4HM Edith L. Baker, Bountiful, UT

5HM Eleanor Berry, Lyons, OR

6HM Judy Johns, Pleasant View, UT

7HM Patricia Barnes, Grosse Ile, MI

46. San Antonio Poets Association Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 131 Entries

Judge: Joe Whitten, Odenville, AL

1st Coleen T. Ward, Melbourne, FL

"What Tree and Rope and White Cotton Know"

2nd Dennis Herschbach, Sartell, MN

"Cycles"

3rd Doann Houghton-Alico, Nathrop, CO

"Bindweed"

1HM Stephanie Andrews, Melbourne Beach, FL

2HM Annie Neugebauer, Denton, TX

3HM Marilyn Downing, Hershey, PA

4HM Barbara J. Funke, St. George, UT

5HM Dave Harvey, Talent, OR

6HM Doris Jones, Madison, MS

7HM Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL

47. Maine Poets Society Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 146 Entries

Judge: Geraldine Felt, Layton, UT

1st Patrick Lee Marshall, Keller, TX

"Neptune's Deadly Dragon Daughter"

2nd Lynne Elise Benson, Taylorsville, UT

"Opera"

3rd Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL

"The Endless Ocean"

1HM Marilyn Downing, Hershey, PA

2HM Lisa Salinas, Spring, TX

3HM Crystie Cook, Sandy, UT

4HM Dena R. Gorrell, Edmond, OK

5HM Valerie Martin Bailey, San Antonio, TX

6HM Marilyn Stacy, Dallas, TX

7HM Richard T. Lake, New Cumberland, PA

48. Miriam S. Strauss Memorial Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 82 Entries

Judge: Ann Gasser, West Reading, PA

1st Dian S. Barnett, Marietta, GA

"Ode to an Outrageous Peach Hat"

2nd Angie Kimmell, Denton, TX

"Domestic Anticipation"

3rd Diane Stefan, Mountain Home, AR

"Dandelion Whine"

1HM Alison Chisholm, Southport, UK

2HM Dorothy Williams, Golden, CO

3HM Lee Pelham Cotton, Locust Hill, VA

4HM Maurine Haltiner, Salt Lake City, UT

5HM Anita M. Krotz, Salt Lake City, UT

6HM Francis Kerr Young, Ontario, Canada

7HM Virginia Mortenson, Des Moines, IA

49. Joseph V. Hickey Memorial Award

(\$25 \$20 \$15) 123 Entries

Judge: Nancy Baass, Victoria, TX

1st Vera Ogden Bakker, West Bountiful, UT

"Willow Park Bridge"

2nd Valerie Martin Bailey, San Antonio, TX

"Missing Bridge"

3rd Catherine L'Herisson, Garland, TX

"Disappearing Bridge"

1HM Edith L. Baker, Bountiful, UT

2HM Jacqueline Williams, Mesa, AZ

3HM Meredith R. Cook, Blue Earth, MN

4HM Janelle Hawkridge, Winnebago, MN

5HM Jeanne Losey, Shelbyville, IN

6HM Colette Tennant, Salem, OR

7HM Frances Brinkley Cowden, Cordova, TN

50. Student Award (\$50 \$30 \$20 \$5 HMs) 158 Entries

Judge: Jim Barton, Huttig, AR

1st Ariella Stromberg, Dallas, TX

"Sante Fe"

2nd Ashley-Anne Adnitt, Ontario, Canada

"Haiku"

3rd Summer Hutchinson, Cleburne, TX

"She Danced"

1HM Peter LaBerge, Stamford, CT

2HM Kaitlin McHargue, Cleburne, TX

3HM Dorothy McKinney, New Boston, TX

4HM Avery Crofford, Fort Worth, TX

5HM Emma Woodberry, Dallas, TX

6HM Allison Yuen, Los Altos, CA

7HM Katelyn Swanson, Minburn, IA

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WINNERS 2012****Junior Level: Grades 6-8 (100 entries)**

Judge: James Ahearn of Rochester, MI

1st Julia Schmidt, Cache La Poudre Middle School, Fort Collins, CO

"Reflections of the Poudre"

2nd Shirley Wong, North Albany Middle School, Albany, OR

"Aurora"

3rd Lillie Bahrami, Summit Middle School, Boulder, CO

"Pomegranates"

4th Jacquelyn Wong, White Station Middle School,

Memphis, TN

"Night Bringer"

5th Jennifer Xiao, White Station Middle School,

Memphis, TN

"The Gardens of the Mountain"

1HM Asha Gehring, Stoller Middle School, Portland, OR

2HM Kristen Romano, The Hockaday School, Dallas, TX

3HM Anup Challa, White Station Middle School,

Memphis, TN

4 HM Kathryn Banks, The Hockaday School, Dallas, TX

5 HM Maddie Moss, St. Pius X School, Portland, OR

Senior Level: Grades 9-12 (134 entries)

Judge: Jim Barton of Huttig, AR

1st Claire Friedman, Rowland Hall, Salt Lake City, UT

"Going"

2nd Erica Sallee, Briggs High School, Columbus, OH

"Meeting Pablo Neruda"

3rd Olivia Niles, Trinity Valley School, Fort Worth, TX

"Genetics"

4th Suanny Vizcaino, Trinity Valley School, Fort Worth, TX

"Temporal"

5th Catherine Babikian, Valley High School, West Des

Moines, IA

"Homecoming"

1HM Nicholas Thyre, Breck School, Golden Valley, MN

2HM Olivia Kuncio, Cretin Derham Hall, St. Paul, MN

3HM Nia Ashley, Millington Central High School,

Millington, TN

4HM Katherine Heise, Brainerd High School, Brainerd, MN

5HM EmilyAnn Adair, Briggs High School, Columbus, OH

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**CONVENTION POETRY
CONTEST WINNERS**

Note: Due to lack of participation, the rules were suspended and repeat winners were allowed.

- 1st Glenna Glee, "Indiana, Crossroads of American"
- 2nd Charmaine Donovan, "A Hundred Days 'Til the Fair"
- 3rd Robert Ummel, "Back in Indiana"
- 4th Charmaine Donovan, "Spring Reflections in Fall"
- 5th Budd Powell Mahon, "Beneath Patoka Lake"
- 6th Russell H. Strauss, "On the Banks of Dresser's River: Some Far Away Thoughts"

**INVOCATION POETRY
CONTEST WINNERS**

Glenna Glee, "The Privilege" (Friday Lunch)
Charmaine Donovan, "To One Who Knows All"
Mary Couch, "Song of Thanks"
Charmaine Donovan, "Nourishing Fellowship"
Charmaine Donovan, "Boundless Nourishment"
Markay Brown, "Our Father"

NFSPS MEMBER SOCIETY NEWS

POETS ROUNDTABLE OF ARKANSAS' branches are staying active during the summer. We are working on poetry contests for our annual Arkansas Poetry Day conference. The conference is in Benton (south of Little Rock) this year on October 20th. We have 23 contests. The deadline is August 15th for consideration. Please see our website www.poetsroundtable.com for event and contest information. ~ *Laura Loughridge, Reporter*

GEORGIA POETRY SOCIETY was hosted by University Press of North Georgia State College and University on April 21, 2012. Bob Wood was the featured member reader. Bob teaches in the School of Literature, Communication, and Culture at The Georgia Institute of Technology. His poems have appeared in *Minnetonka Review*, *Jabberwock Review*, *Sojourn*, and *Prairie Schooner*. His chapbook, *Gozia Notebook*, was published by Finishing Line Press. Dr. Bonnie Robinson, director of the University Press of North Georgia, presented a workshop, *Digital Publishing, Blogging, and Other Connections*. The morning session ended with a presentation about the *Shout II* anthology, followed by member readings. The afternoon session opened with the presentation of the Charles Dickson Chapbook award to Lynn Farmer for her chapbook, *The Rare, Persistent Light*. A native of Knoxville, Tennessee, Lynn has lived in Decatur, Georgia for most of her life. Among her many poetry awards are the Edwin Davin Vickers Memorial Award and the Byron Herbert Reece International Award from the Georgia Poetry Society; the Lennon Memorial Award for Lyrics, from the Poetry Society of Virginia; and the James E. Warren, Jr. Prize, from the Academy of American Poets in New York, through Emory University. Her work has appeared in many publications. GPS road shows throughout the state have been an informative and entertaining way to introduce poetry and the Georgia Poetry Society to the public. Paul Samuels and Mary Shaheen have been instrumental in organizing a statewide Poets in the Schools Program. ~ *DuAnne Royall Kaiser, Reporter*

INDIANA STATE FEDERATION OF POETRY CLUBS members attended the Spring Meeting at Falls Park in Pendleton, IN. As at our nearby Mounds Park in Anderson, IN, we had to set up our own tables and chairs and put them back as we found them, but the caterer cleaned the kitchen very well and everything worked out fine. Carolyn Dewey put several pictures on Facebook. We had Steve Jackson of the Madison County Historical Society who enlightened us about the early times in the area, including the hanging of white men for killing Indians, the first in the country. This park is on the National Historical Register for this. Tom Spencer was elected President, Caroline Dewey, 1st VP and Contest Director, and Mary Couch accepted 2nd VP and Manningham Chair for her second term. Installation was conducted by President Glenna Glee Jenkins who presented each of the new officers with a huge sunflower, a history of ISFPC, and an ISFPC tote bag, after reading each of them their duties from the By-Laws. There were also reports from the officers and from representatives of the clubs. After lunch, we hashed through the details of the National Convention which we are sponsoring June 14-18, 2012, in Merrillville, IN. Several items for the "goody-bags" and door prizes were collected. The "goody-bags" will be assembled by those early comers on Wednesday at Convention. The meeting wrapped up a little early so those who were interested could explore the area, and those who had long trips home could be happily on their ways. The 2012 Rendezvous will be held at Turkey Run State Park, Oct. 26-28, 2012. ~ *Glenna Glee Jenkins, ISFPC President*

LOUISIANA STATE POETRY SOCIETY had the best of times for all who celebrated poetry month at our Spring Festival held on April 21, 2012, at Messina's Catering Hall in Kenner, LA. Poets enjoyed shared verse

throughout the day: Julie Kane, the Louisiana State Poet Laureate, spoke about the villanelle, a 19-line poetic form; and winners of the 2012 Spring Contest were announced. Emma Dutreux Pierson won 1st place in the theme category "May I Quote You." LSPS Chapters continue to meet each month to share poetry and hone skills. We are accepting entries for the LSPS 2012 Fall Festival Contest, "Music, Music, Music." The postmark deadline is September 7, 2012. Contact Charlie Egedy (cegedy1@tigers.lsu.edu), LSPS President, for contest categories and guidelines. ~ *Mary Galvin*

MAINE POETS SOCIETY members gathered in May at the University of Maine in Augusta for their all-day meeting. The subject poems on "Travel" were judged by member judge Ellen Taylor. Triolets were judged by guest judge Kathleen Ellis. The next meeting will be Saturday, September 15, 2012 at the Rockland Public Library. Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. There is a \$12 registration fee which includes lunch. Non-members are welcome and may stay to participate in a reading-in-the-round at about 3:00 p.m. Contests, open to members only, will be on the subject of "From Away," to be judged by member Jenny Doughty, and in the form of blank verse, which will be judged by Jacob Fricke, poet laureate of Belfast. For more information visit our website: www.maine-poets-society.com or call our Membership Chair Cynthia Brackett-Vincent at 207-778-0467. ~ *Sally Joy, Publicity Chair*

MISSISSIPPI POETRY SOCIETY's Spring Festival was held on April 21-22, 2012 at beautiful Lake Tiak O'Khata in Louisville, MS. Judy and Ken Davies hosted a pre-festival fellowship on Friday, April 20 at the Green Heron cabin. MPS President Brenda Finnegan called us to order Saturday. Mike Shelton gave the welcome, then Dierdre Payne led us in devotion. Jeanne Kelly conducted a workshop on poetry forms. The business meeting followed lunch. After supper, Emory Jones spoke on the duties of a contest coordinator. Judy Davies demonstrated an accurate way to record our poems and poetry submissions. Ken Davies explained copyrighting. Sunday, we began with a devotional on Psalm 23 by Emory Jones. MPS Poet Laureate Pat Jordon read from her touching book, *The Tender Gift*. Door prizes were given out. Contest winners were announced throughout the festival by Jeanne Kelly, Contest Coordinator, and are posted online at www.misspoetry.net. We decided that our 5-year anthology, celebrating our 80th anniversary, will be titled *Mississippi Milestone*. The books will be available at the MPS Fall Mini-festival in Jackson at Belhaven University on October 20, 2012. Contest details for the Fall Mini-festival will be online at our website. The WU/MPS SB 41st Annual Literary Competition is co-sponsored by MPS South Branch and Writers Unlimited, with over \$1,000 in prizes. For details (starting in August), send a SASE to Brenda Finnegan, 7606 Davenport Lane, Ocean Springs, MS 39564, or send an email with "WU/MPS SB Literary Competition Info" in the subject line. Writers should also request "adult categories" or "student categories." The deadline for entries is September 25. MPS President Brenda Finnegan recently attended this year's NFSPS Convention in Indiana and informed us of these MPS winners in the NFSPS contests: Brenda Finnegan-- 1st HM #34, 5th HM #37, 6th HM #16, and Citation #19; Jeanne Kelly-- 1st HM #44; Janice Canerdy-- 5th HM #30; Tommy Little-- 6th HM #17, Citations in #6 and #7; Emory Jones-- 6th HM #13; and Doris Jones-- 6th HM #46. Congratulations to them and to our State Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey on her appointment as U.S. Poet Laureate! ~ *Wynne H. Alexander, MPS Secretary*

OREGON POETRY ASSOCIATION held its Spring Conference on the grounds of Clackamas Community College in Oregon City on April 20-22. On Friday night, Ingrid Wendt gave an inspiring talk on the conference's theme, "Collaboration," followed by readings of her poems. The workshop leaders, David Abel and Carl Adamschick, each read selections of their poems,

followed by an open-mic for other members. David and Carl gave excellent, lively workshops the next day. Three seats on our nine-member Board of Directors had come open. President Laura LeHew, of Eugene, stepped down and left the Board. She has presided through a difficult time of transition with great resourcefulness: whatever the crisis, she always seemed to have an idea what to do next. Marv Lurie, Treasurer, from Portland, and Sally Ehrman, of Ashland, also stepped down. During our Annual General Membership meeting on Saturday, we elected Carol Brockfield, Medford; Ann Staley, Corvallis; and Kathy Bowman, Joseph; to fill the newly-vacated seats. Our newsletter is now electronic to all who can access it on-line. Copies are mailed to members who request them. Our website is back up and running, after some serious glitches. Our regional units continue to give programs that bring in members of the public. The Rogue Valley Unit had its fourth annual Poetry and Pie Day in April, in the Medford Public Library. There are monthly workshops and critique groups. The workshop given by State Poet Laureate Paulann Peterson was very well-attended. The Eugene/Springfield Group continues with its quarterly Reading Series in the Springfield Library. They have collaborated with the city of Eugene to post poems on the walls of the downtown parking structures. The Portland Group has members giving workshops in assisted-living homes, to encourage the residents in their writing. They are also collaborating with the Kaiser Health Group to get poetry on hospital walls, a program with documented benefits to patients. The Salem group now has a monthly poetry column in the Salem Statesman-Journal. Poetry lives in Oregon. Our Association continues to serve poets and the public. ~ *Dave Harvey, OPA Secretary*

POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS' Student Awards Festival was held on May 5, 2012, 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 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 Treasurer Amy Sandberg, Recording Secretary Barbara Blanks, Director David Knappe, and member Kay Merkel Boruff. ~ *Nancy Baass*

UTAH STATE POETRY SOCIETY's April Poetry Festival was well attended and was an exciting event. We were able to enjoy a great workshop conducted by Rob Carney, poet and professor at Utah Valley University. The highlight of our festival was provided by Ted Kooser, Past U.S. Poet Laureate. He spoke to us on Friday evening and again on Saturday. This was a great learning experience. We are now looking forward to our Poetry Festival in 2013, and to the NFSPS National Convention in Albuquerque, NM. It promises to be a great experience. Keep watching www.utahpoets.com this fall for updates on our contest for next year. The convention held in Merrillville, Indiana was GREAT! Thanks to all involved. ~ *Eric Read, President*

WYOPOETS celebrated Poetry Month on April 28th in Casper, WY at a spring workshop, "Place Makes Person." Mr. George Vlastos, poet and teacher in Casper, engaged an enthusiastic class of poets representing poetry groups from Colorado and Wyoming. The one-day sessions transported poets to "past places" to explore language and memory. WyoPoets returned to Casper for the June, 2012 Writers' Conference and business meeting. M. L. Liebler conducted three poetry sessions during the two-day event. Mr. Liebler is the founding director of The National Writer's Voice Project in Detroit, and won, among his many awards, the 2011

Michigan Library Notable Book Award. On Saturday, June 2, WyoPoets held election of officers. Those elected were, Abbie Taylor, president; Linda Coatney, vice president; Aaron Holst, secretary; Arthur Elser, treasurer. Christine Valentine, WyoPoets' newsletter editor, will mentor the newly appointed editor, Shelagh Wisdom. Nancy Ruskowsky of Cody, WY will be chairman for the Eugene V. Shea National Poetry Contest. ~ *Lee Ann Siebken, Reporter*

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. Winning poems will be read at our Fall Conference and all poems receiving recognition, both winning and honorable mention, will be published in our quarterly journal, *Sandcutters*. Contest rules are available, with an entry deadline of September 5, 2012. For details on entering, go to www.azpoetry.webs.com or www.facebook.com/ArizonaStatePoetrySociety. You may also contact contest chairperson, Carol Hogan, via email at carolhogan@cox.net or send a SASE to 10401 N. Cave Creek Rd. #116, Phoenix, AZ 85020.

POETS ROUNDTABLE ARKANSAS sponsors three contests annually. See www.poetsroundtable.com for deadlines and rules.

CONNECTICUT POETRY SOCIETY sponsors the upcoming annual contests: Connecticut River Review, deadline Sept. 30; and the Al Savard Memorial for CT poets only, deadline Jan. 30. For submission details, see www.ct-poetry-society.org.

ILLINOIS STATE POETRY SOCIETY's Helen Schaible International Shakespearean/Petrarchan Sonnet Contest is open to all. Submit only one entry of either a Shakespearean or Petrarchan sonnet. The entry must be original and unpublished. Submit 2 copies, typed double-spaced, on standard 8 1/2" x 11" paper with name and address on one copy in the upper right corner, but no ID on second copy. Prizes: 1st \$50, 2nd \$35, 3rd \$15. Three Honorable Mentions unranked. Three Special Recognitions unranked. There is no fee. Winners will be notified by November 1. The poet keeps all rights. No entries will be returned. Enclose a SASE for the winners' list. All rules printed here. Mail entries, postmarked by September 1, 2012, to Barbara Eaton, 416 Gierz Street, Downers Grove, IL 60515.

MISSISSIPPI POETRY SOCIETY holds two contests each year, Spring and Fall, in conjunction with our festivals. For rules and information write to Jeanne S. Kelly, 315 Church St., Madison, MS 39110. Email: jskelly04@gmail.com (put "contest information" in the subject line), or consult the MPS website www.misspoetry.net.

MISSOURI STATE POETRY SOCIETY's Summer contest deadline: Postmark September 1, 2012. 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. Mail poems and fees to Anna Roberts Wells, 10632 St. Andrews Court, Festus, MO 63028.

NEW JERSEY POETRY SOCIETY's October National Poetry Day 2012 state-wide contest has an open topic or theme. Deadline, September 1, 2012.

NEW MEXICO STATE POETRY SOCIETY will have quarterly contests in 2012 to feed our "get-ready kitty" for the 2013 Convention. Only \$1 per poem up to 15 poems; half of the entry fees pot (up to \$100 per contest) to be divided by 3 winners. Publication in early 2013. Remaining two deadlines are: October 1st and January 1st, 2013. For themes and contest rules, visit us at www.nmpoetry.org and click on Contests. While you're there, check out the rest of our new website.

OREGON POETRY ASSOCIATION for the Fall Conference, 2012, OPA will offer its five regular contests, plus one that follows the theme for our Spring, 2012 Conference, "Collaboration." We are accepting no more than one entry in each contest from each entrant. "Poet's Choice," limit 80 lines, any subject, any form, offers four prizes: 1st \$100; 2nd \$50; 3rd \$30, 4th \$20; and HMs. The others are: "Free Verse," limit 40 lines, any free form; "Traditional Verse," limit 40 lines, any traditional form; "Members Only," 6-12 lines, any subject, any form; "New Poets," limit 30 lines, any subject, any form. Prizes in each of the above contests will be 1st \$50; 2nd \$30, 3rd \$20, and HMs. "Collaboration" is limited to 40 lines, any subject, any form, but must be written by at least two collaborators, and the collaboration must be with words, not other media of communication. The prizes will be 1st \$100; 2nd \$60; 3rd \$40; and HMs. The prize money is to be split among the collaborators. Fees for OPA members will be \$5, no matter how many categories are entered. For non-members the fee is \$4 per poem. Entries (2 copies each, one with and one without identification) and fee are to be mailed to Colette Tennant, 2885 Grayhawk Court NW, Salem, OR 97304, postmarked by August 31, 2012. Complete contest rules will be found at www.oregonpoets.org. Questions can be e-mailed to ctennant@corban.edu.

SPRINGFIELD WRITERS' GUILD Poetry/Prose Contest: Awards \$100, \$50, \$25 and below. Categories in unpublished fiction, non-fiction, and poetry. Fees \$2 or \$3, depending. Entries accepted until September 30. Winners announced October 27. Send SASE for guidelines to Lee Ann Russell, 1004 N. Rogers, Springfield, MO 65802, 417-866-0638 or email lar1111@sbeglobal.net (subject: Contest).

POETRY SOCIETY OF TENNESSEE's 56th Mid-South Poetry Festival offers over \$2,000 in prizes and features nearly 40 poetry contests with a wide variety of subject and/or form requirements. Deadline is August 27, 2012. To download the brochure, please visit: tpstn.org.

POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS' 2012 Annual Contest deadline: August 15, 2012 (postmarked). Of the contests offered, 52 are open to PST Associate Members and Non-Members. First Place poems win monetary awards and publication in PST's *A Book of the Year*.

See www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org for a brochure listing all contests, procedures, and rules, or mail a SASE to: PST Annual Contests Chairman Nancy Baass, 2306 N. De Leon St., Victoria, TX 77901.

2012 ENCORE COVER ART SELECTED

Encore editor, Valerie Martin Bailey, announces that the winning photograph for the 2011 Encore cover has been selected. It is a stunning photograph taken by Linda Banks of Mesquite, Texas, titled "Butterfly Moment."

Linda took this photograph in her own backyard. Valerie wishes to thank everyone who participated by sending art work and photos. This was a really hard choice, so if it is all right with all who entered photos or art, I would love to keep these on hand for a time when I might not get as many beautiful entries. Several people who entered have been surprised several years later when I notified them that I wanted to use their photo for the cover.

Congratulations, Linda Banks. I hope everyone enjoys your lovely cover photo.

MEMO FROM SHARON TURNER, CONTEST SPONSORS/BROCHURE CHAIR

Concerning 2013 NFSPS annual contest, contest 48, incomplete information was sent to the Brochure Chairman. The contest should read "Sybella Beyer Synder Memorial Award". Please make a note of this correction on your brochure.

NFSPS NOTICE

The Nominating Committee, appointed by outgoing NFSPS President Russell H. Strauss for the purpose of selecting the slate of officers for the 2012 - 2014 NFSPS Executive Board, to be voted on by the State Delegates at the 2nd Plenary Session of the 2012 NFSPS Convention, was comprised of three NFSPS past presidents: Chairman Nancy Baass, Amy Jo Zook and Doris Stengel. The slate was voted into office unanimously and appears on page 2 of *Strophes*.

QUESTION* ON GOOD PRACTICES FOR STATE SOCIETIES

How do State societies deal with the historical storage of their journals and members books (other than at Baylor University)? Paper copies are hard to keep stored as officers change and most of us keep our records in our homes. With technology being what it is, CDs will eventually become outmoded. What about flash drives? Any tech people have the answer?

Please respond to: Brenda Finnegan, MPS President, at writeaway@cableone.net or to 7606 Davenport Lane, Ocean Springs, MS 39564.

* Posing questions concerning the challenges that state societies face is new for *Strophes*. If this proves fruitful, Brenda will share the informative responses in an upcoming *Strophes* issue. Paul Ford, *Strophes* Editor

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ADDITIONAL CONTESTS

INDIANA STATE FEDERATION OF POETRY CLUBS contest deadline is Sep 1st postmark. We will read the top winners' poems at the Fall Rendezvous in Indiana's beautiful Turkey Run State Park in October. For rules and details of contest:

www.isfpc.org/ISFPC_ANNUAL_CONTEST.html

REDROCK WRITERS' CHAPARRAL POETRY CONTEST

Chair: Barbara Funke (bfunke2@gmail.com). Entries welcome: postmarked Oct. 10, 2012, through Jan. 10, 2013. **CHOLLA** Division: any subject, any form. Prizes: \$200, \$100, \$50. **CHAQUETA** Division: Southwest subject--nature, people, history, any form. Prizes: \$100, \$50, \$25. **CHAPAREJOS** Division: Rhymed & metered, any subject. Prizes \$100, \$50, \$25. **CHIMERA** Division: Imaginative or absurd/humorous, any form. Prizes \$100, \$50, \$25. **GUIDELINES:** Each poem must: 1) be original, UNPUBLISHED, 42 lines or fewer; 2) have line lengths to fit chapbook pages; 3) be "typed" neatly on white 8 1/2 x 11 paper without art work; 4) be in good taste; 5) have won no more than \$10 in any contest. SEND two COPIES of each poem, Division title in top left corner: first plain, no ID; second ID top right corner (name, address, phone, email). Fees: \$3 per poem; checks (no cash) payable to Redrock Writers Guild. Mail poems and check in one envelope to Chaparral Poetry Forum Contest, Barbara Funke, 474 W. Rolling Hills Dr., St. George, UT 84770-6111. Will publish top 3 poems in the *2013 Chaparral Poetry Forum* chapbook (editor, Barbara Funke) and online at www.redrockwriters.org. For winners list, include SASE.

POETRY EVENTS

NFSPS POETS-plan ahead for an awe-inspiring weekend in southern Utah next spring. On Friday March 22, 2013, POETRY in THE PARK now in its 4th year, will feature Utah's new Poet Laureate, Lance Larsen, to help you find and develop your poetic voice in beautiful Zion National Park. Make plans to explore the park's majestic red rock cliffs and impressive natural beauty. Stay nearby in St. George, Utah (45 minutes away) with its new regional airport or fly into Las Vegas, Nevada.

Participants are limited to 30 poets for this workshop from 9 am - 4 pm that includes an easy nature walk along the Virgin River guided by Naturalist Michael Plyler. Held at the historic Zion Nature Center, you'll love this time away from life's pressures to fill your well, write poetry, and picnic with new friends. Cost is \$60 (\$48 for UTSPS or ZNPF members) which includes free entrance to the park and snacks. Please bring your own sack lunch. Presented in partnership with Zion Canyon Field Institute and Zion National Park Foundation; partially funded by the Utah State Poetry Society, Utah Division of Arts and Museums, and the National Endowment for the Arts. See www.poetry-in-the-park.com for more information.

In conjunction with POETRY in THE PARK, make March 22-23, 2013 a complete writers' weekend paradise by attending the annual RED ROCK WRITERS' SEMINAR in the historic St George Opera House. Featured faculty will include Lance Larsen, Maurine Haltiner, former Utah Poet of the Year, and Janice Brooks, journalist and freelance writer. Contest awards for the prestigious national Chaparral Poetry Forum will be presented during the seminar. See www.redrockwriters.org for further information.



Utah's newest Poet Laureate is Lance Larsen, BYU professor of English, NEA Fellow in Poetry, award winning author of several poetry collections: *Genius Loci*, *Backyard Alchemy*, *In All Their Animal Brilliance*, and *Erasable Walls*.

NFSPS 2013 NATIONAL CONVENTION

The New Mexico State Poetry Society is hosting nationals in Albuquerque (ABQ) at the Hotel Albuquerque from June 13-17. Hotel Albuquerque reservation details for NFSPS members are as follows: During June 9-20, rates are \$99 Single/Double, \$114 for triple, \$129 for Quad in ABQ or at a sister hotel in Las Cruces. Rates for post-convention tours with stays at sister hotels in Santa Fe are still under negotiation. Reserve now to ensure you get to stay in this lovely hotel, rather than at overflow lodgings. Call toll-free 1-866-505-STAY (7829) or email hotelabq@hhandr.com and give them the following Block Code: 13062013NA 2013 Natl Federation of State Poetry Soc. See the "convention" link on www.nmpoetry.com for more information on the convention and pre/post convention tours.