Minutes of the Poetry Society of Texas Meeting Saturday, April 8 2017 – 2:30 p.m. Submitted by Barbara Blanks, Recording Secretary

President Budd Powell Mahan opened the meeting by welcoming everyone. He recognized past presidents: J. Paul Holcomb, Linda Banks, Marilyn Stacy, Jimmy Inez Sessions, and Catherine L’Herisson.

Director Barbara Goerdel gave the March Membership Report for Membership Chair Lynn Lewis (report on p. 6). Librarian Barbara Blanks announced five donations to the PST collection held at the Dallas Central Library. (donations list on p.6).

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Vice-President Catherine L’Herisson displayed the poster the Academy of American Poets sent in honor of Poetry Month. If you or your chapter have done anything special to celebrate, please send reports to both Valerie Martin Bailey, Bulletin editor and Beth Ayers, who will report to NFSPS. NFSPS awards a certificate for participation.

The Mockingbird Poetry Society is celebrating Poetry Month with an Open Mic, on April 29, 1-3 pm, at the Heard-Craig-Carriage House in McKinney.

Director Beth Ayers cited the Fort Worth BookFest is scheduled for October 14. Go to www.fortworthbookfest.com for information.

President Mahan announced the Nominating Committee for the 2016-2017 Board: Linda Banks, chair; J. Paul Holcomb, Marilyn Stacy, Jeannette Strother, and Jimmee Inez Sessions. The committee traditionally consists of past PST presidents.

Linda Banks reported the major plans for the NFSPS Convention have been completed. They are now working on the details. Meanwhile, both the PST website and the NFSPS website have information, schedules, meal plans, and registration forms. Please NOTE: People cannot just drop in and attend a program. You must be a registered attendee. June 6 is the deadline for getting the reduced rate at the convention hotel.

Susan Maxwell Campbell announced the winner of the second annual Fort Worth Poetry Society William D. Barney Memorial Chapbook Contest, 2017, for President Michael Baldwin. It honors the deceased Fort Worth poet William D. Barney. He was a member of FWPS, a past president of PST, won the national Robert Frost Award in 1961, and was Texas Poet Laureate in 1982-83. The winner receives $50 plus 25 copies of the published chapbook.

This year the contest was judged by Doris Stengel, of Minnesota. The first place winner was Barbara Blanks, of

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The Nature of Nature Poetry
Presented by Michael Baldwin, MLS, MPA

The Merry Month of May is the Perfect Time to Take a Closer Look at Nature

Michael Baldwin, an Author and Creativity Consultant is well qualified to trace the history of nature poetry via examples of the great Romantic poets and up thru modern times, plus he will share some of his own nature poems. Power Point images will illustrate his ideas and the historical periods. Don't miss this!

Linda Banks lives in Benbrook and is now retired from his post as the head of the Benbrook Library. He has served as the President of the Fort Worth Poetry Society, and he won the 2011 Edwin M. Eakin Memorial Book Award for his book titled Scapes. Everybody loves nature, so come and enjoy this May treat.

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APRIL MONTHLY CONTEST WINNERS
Critic Judge: Lynn Lewis, Fort Worth
First: J. Paul Holcomb, The Calculus of Love
Second: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas
Third: Von S. Bourland, Garland

Book Prizes
Reader: Barbara Blanks, Garland
Popular Prize: Barbara Blanks, Garland
A Galaxy of Verse Prize: Lois V. Chapman, Denton
Poetry for Poets Award: Florene Flat, Lubbock
William D. Barney Mem. Award: Miriam Haset, Pasadena
M. Tandy Duemke Mem. Award: Linda Banks, Mesquite
Robby K. Mitchell Mem. Award: Tony Dickensheets, Coppell
Other Poems Read By: Sylvia Medel, Naomi Stroud Simmons, Marilyn Stacy, and J Darrel Kirkley

April Laugh Lines
Judge: J. Paul Holcomb
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Garland, for Not Quite Leaping Puddles. Blanks, surprised, immediately disqualified herself, explaining she had withdrawn her manuscript shortly after the deadline, forfeited the entry fee, and published the book elsewhere. In fact, it had been announced for PST library donation at the March meeting. It was an oversight that it was included with the other entries.

The official winner is Ann Howells of Dallas, for Slowly Beating Wings.

President Mahan announced the 2017 A Book of the Year (for work done in 2016) has been dedicated to Valerie Martin Bailey of San Antonio.

Program Chair Catherine L’Herisson introduced our program speakers, Valerie Martin Bailey and Floyd “Michaud” Lamrouex, both from San Antonio and both members of San Antonio Poets Association. Valerie, owner/editor/publisher of Word Design Press, NFSPS executive board member, Encore Editor Emeritus, Life Member of PST, a councilor, recipient of the Hilton Ross Greer Outstanding Service Award, and other credits too long to list here. Michaud is equally busy as a successful attorney, PST’s legal counsel, SAPA’s treasurer/membership chair, program chair, and Webmaster. He also manages convention book rooms, hosts a monthly poetry venue, plays trumpet in his church orchestra and his brass quintet, and is working on a fantasy series—among many other things.

Valerie stated they were not here to teach us. “We’re here to celebrate Poetry Month,” to serve up slices of life poems from their own experiences. Valerie said Michaud is like a son to her. He says he began writing poetry because of Valerie. He said, “All of this I owe to her and her guidance. She’s my mentor. I love her for it.”

They alternated reading poems, from young love, to childhood experiences, to the dark side of illness, to nature, to humorous poems—Michaud’s advice is: “Always leave them laughing.” Michaud also played “Amazing Grace” on both his flugelhorn and trumpet.

After the break, Monthly Contest Chair Irene Robertson announced the winners in the April 2017 Monthly Contests (see the winners in the contest box on p. 1).

News From Our Member Chapters

AUSTIN POETRY SOCIETY
Elzy Cogwell Reporting
On May 20, the APS Annual Awards Ceremony, 1:30–4:00 p.m., will happen at a new location, Yarborough Branch Library, 2200 Hancock Dr., Austin. The deadline for submission of annual awards entries has passed. The APS April 15 meeting featured Jena Kirkpatrick, publisher and editor of the napowrimo.net, which challenges poets to write one poem a day for an entire month. To receive the month poetry anthology, the Fourth Thursday Open Mic Readings will continue to meet and participate, and presented attendees with a choice of one of two free books, Rogue Waves or Walking the Bones.

3/8 – John and Chris Irving, Bob Schinzel, Vicki Li, Betty Roberts, Becca Hines, and Richard Kushmaul attended Dr. Souris’ Texas Poet Laureate (TPL) series of lectures featuring Alan Birkelbach, Texas Poet Laureate 2005. He attended, participated, and presented attendees with a choice of one of two free books, Rogue Waves or Walking the Bones.

3/15 – DPA members submitted poems to the NFSPS annual contest.


Member Activities: April


Denton Poets’ Assembly meets on the third Saturday of the month, 10 a.m. – noon at the Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland Street, Denton, TX 76201. Meetings are free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome. For more information, visit www.DentonPoetsAssembly.weebly.com.

FORT WORTH POETRY SOCIETY
Elizabeth Anne Jones Reporting
Susan Campbell opened our April meeting by reading “Mother in the Kitchen” by Jorie Graham. Because it was a fairly long poem, she provided members with copies of the poem. We discussed it at some length.

In old business Steve Sanders presented a roster of officers for the coming year. From the floor, we asked Tricia Ferguson if she would like to serve as Vice-President instead of
Mike Baldwin. She agreed. The roster now includes Hilda Mendoza as webmaster, Marilyn Komechak as historian, Anne Jones as treasurer, Susan Campbell as secretary, Tricia Ferguson as vice-president, and Steve Sanders as president. This slate was voted on and approved.

The plans for our May Social were refined. It will be held at Buffalo West in Fort Worth on May 20. Officers will be installed. Winners of our annual poetry contest will be announced, and our guest speaker will be Robert Wynne.

In new business Steve reported that he had been in touch with Star Telegram and the Fort Worth Military Museum personnel about moving it to its temporary home in the historic Stockyards. As they plan a Grand Opening on Memorial Day, Steve has presented them with the idea of having a poetry contest on poems about the military. Susan Campbell has volunteered to judge them. We are hoping that the winning poem will be read at the opening. There will be a fee for entering a poem. Monies will go to the Museum. Other ideas were discussed. When the plans are firm, Steve will let us know what they are. Members of the FWP S will not be eligible.

Several members reported on the success of the WordFest last month, which was sponsored by Poets of Tarrant County and Poets of Johnson County. More than 400 people were registered. It was a fine conference, with numerous workshops and seminars about both poetry and prose. Several of the kudos included members judging children’s poems in the PST contests. Our meeting concluded with a rather lengthy critique session with helpful suggestions and insights.

**GULF COAST POETS**

*Daniel Carrington Reporting*

Gulf Coast Poets recently hosted two fantastic poets as our featured speakers. Stacy Nigliazzo, author of Scissored Moon (Press 53, 2013), was our guest in March. And-all-around poet, educator, and activist Lupe Mendez was April’s feature. Stacy’s work often centers on her experiences as a registered nurse, pulling back the hospital curtain to reveal our shared humanity. Lupe, by contrast, presented poems that explore his roots and heritage and also serve as an urgent voice on current social issues that matter to us all. GCP was honored to hear from both these uniquely gifted artists.

In individual member news, this National Poetry Month GCP is proud to announce that Glynn Irby, Matthew Riley, Mark Jodon, Terry Jude Miller, Laura Pena, David Cowen, and John Milkereit were all accepted into the 2017 Austin International Poetry Fest di-verse-city anthology. Congratulations to them all!

In upcoming news, on May 6, Matthew Riley of Friendswood Public Library will host another installment of his Off the Page poetry series. Featured readers will include author Lyn Coffin and GCP’s very own Dr. John Gorman. As summer approaches, the poetry is heating up!

**HOT POETS SOCIETY**

*Sandi Horton Reporting*

The HOT (Heart of Texas) Poets Society met at Barnett’s Pub in Downtown Waco on Saturday, March 25 to celebrate Irish poets. A search committee formed and began searching for a permanent venue after the group of HOT Poets decided to meet the first Saturday of every month from 3-5 pm. The previous seven months the HOT group had met at a variety of locations on different days and times. The search committee led by Mary Evans set up the new meeting schedule to begin the first Saturday in April at Fortune Cookie Express in Waco near I-35, Baylor, and Downtown Waco.

The Hot Poets Society met on Saturday, April 1 from 3-5 pm in our new venue, Fortune Cookie Express, in a private room upstairs with wall to wall windows. Sandi Horton donated a new microphone and speaker to the poetry group. Mary Evans hosted the open mic. Everyone enjoyed the new space and took several turns each on the new mic. Eleven poet lovers signed the attendance roll. The next meeting is Saturday, May 6.

**MOCKINGBIRD CHAPTER**

*Beth Ayers Reporting*

The Mockingbird Chapter began National Poetry Month with our usual meeting on April 1. Our President, Alice Parker, and eight other members were present. We were especially pleased that a new PST member, Aisha Kureishy, attended her first Mockingbird meeting along with her husband Shahrulk. They live in McKinney.

Our chapter will continue with Poetry Month celebrations by hosting our annual Collin County Poetry Contest Awards Ceremony on April 23. We have 57 student winners from 27 schools in Collin County. We also have a contest category for adults and for Mockingbird members. This is our 46th year to support poetry in the schools through this contest. Thanks to the many hours of hard work by Sylvia and Manny Medel, we will have an anthology of winning poems for each winner. We will end the month by sponsoring an Open Mic poetry session on April 29 and encouraging local poets to attend.

In an effort to promote a strong connection between the Mockingbird members and PST, Sylvia Medel will now make a regular report to share the good news when Mockingbird members place in the PST Monthly Contest or are otherwise recognized by PST.

**POETS NORTHWEST**

*Lynn Grice Reporting*

Poets Northwest’s March meeting featured a presentation on Haikus by Lynn Roberts Grice. She shared the history of the form and poems by early and contemporary poets. Quite a discussion ensued about some of them. The poets present were challenged to write their own and share them at the Read-A-Round or at the next meeting.

At our April meeting we celebrated National Poetry Month by looking at the poems of U.S. Poet Laureates. Members brought in poems from one of these poets to share at our meeting. Also, since April 27 was Poem in Your Pocket Day, members were encouraged to select or write a poem to carry in their pockets and to share it with others on that day.
May will find us celebrating our 30th annual Spring Fling, so we will not have a regular meeting at the museum. The awards ceremony and banquet will be held on May 20. Contact us for details.

Poets Northwest President, Mike Owens, read his poetry on April 12 at the Grapeland Public Library.

If you plan to be in the Houston area on the third Saturday of the month, please join us at one of our monthly meetings at the Pearl Fincher Museum of Fine Arts. Poets and guests are encouraged to read original or favorite works during the second half of the meeting. Our PST chapter is on the Web at http://www.poetsnw.com and on Facebook at http://facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest.

POETS OF TARRANT COUNTY
Angie Goin Reporting

President Ron Eddins opened the April 3 meeting to a full house of members and a guest of Naomi Simmons, her daughter Barbara Derrick, from Atlanta, Georgia. Vice-President Barbara Goerdel was the Contemporary Poet Reader. She read “Engineers’ Corner” by Wendy Cope. The Spotlight Poet was Naomi Simmons. Treasurer Barbara Berry gave the finance report, and Secretary Angie Goin read the March minutes. Vice-President Barbara Goerdel introduced the program speaker, Lewisville Poet Laureate J. Paul Holcomb, whose presentation, titled “Strawberry Soup,” addressed the evolution of a poem—a topic contest were: 1st place: Loretta Vaughan, 2nd place: Valerie Bailey, 3rd place: Sheila Moore, 1st Honorable Mention: Margaret Mayberry, 2nd Honorable Mention: Jean Jackson. These poems were judged by Marilyn Stacy of Dallas. Thanks Marilyn for your time, effort, and expertise.

We took a break to enjoy delicious refreshments provided by Pat Gibbs and Mary Cervantes. After our monthly book raffle, the meeting was adjourned.

TYLER ROSE GARDEN POETRY SOCIETY
Mary Tindall Reporting

The Tyler Rose Garden Poetry Society met Thursday, April 13 in the Hanks Senior Center in Whitehouse, Texas. Members attending were John Boney, Richard Hurzeler, Jackie McVey, Carol Thompson, Mary Tindall, and visitor Peter Hoheisel. Richard opened the meeting with a prayer. Peter invited poets to poetry reading events at 10 a.m. on April 15 at Barnes and Noble and another at 1 p.m. at the Tyler Library to celebrate National Poetry Month. Peter discussed the use of exact words.

Mary Wood was absent due to a recent fall that resulted in a broken hip. Her poem “Cowboys, Concrete, and Plastic Jugs” was read. Other poems were read around the group including ekphrastic poems for the March assignment.

Refreshments were served, fellowship was enjoyed, and members left inspired to be specific in writing.

WICHITA FALLS POETRY SOCIETY
Linda Smith Reporting

On March 18, eleven members of the Wichita Falls Poetry Society and one guest met in the Texas Room of the Kemp Center for the Arts with Rosellen Sheetz presiding. Carol Sales, Executive Director of the Kemp Center was our guest.

For roll call, Rosellen asked each person to name an animal and tell how a relationship with that animal (presumably a pet) has influenced his or her life. Each telling was unique and gave everyone insight into the minds and lives of other members. The lesson was to be about writing poems about animals, so the exercise was a lesson in itself. Surely lots of ideas for the April contest poems were hatched.

Carol Sales was present to give information about how the Kemp Center facility might be used, and how the Kemp Center could help the WFPS offer a poetry workshop for the community. After she left, the subject was discussed, and a motion was approved stating that Sheri Sutton will form a committee to work out details and offer a plan for the workshop at the April meeting. The Kemp offers a Mystery Art Show in September/October, wherein works of art are displayed for viewing and sale. Lynn Hoggard suggested that this would work well with a lesson on ekphrastic poetry. She agreed to present a lesson on that form in September. Members agreed that changing the date of the September meeting might be in order. The minutes of the February meeting and the treasurer’s report were presented and approved as printed.

Geneva Rodgers, who prepares the yearbook, solicited volunteers to present lessons and, therefore, preside at meetings during our 2017-2018 year. Each month was filled and refreshment assignments were determined.
The subject of officers was raised and several changes were made. President Linda Smith, Recording Secretary Monica McCawley, and Corresponding Secretary Doyle Wood will continue in their duties. Sheri Sutton will be Treasurer, Webb Key will be Public Relations/Kemp Center Liaison Committee Chair, and membership recruiting will be the responsibility of all members. Geneva Rodgers will again handle the yearbook.

Lynn Hoggard has a book of poetry coming out soon, and she invited members to attend a reading of poems from Bushwhacking Home on April 10, at 7 pm in the Museum and Art Center at Midwestern State University.

A break was taken to enjoy refreshments provided by Webb Key. Poems in the March contest for the best sonnet ranked by Jimmye Inez Sessions of Lewisville were read. Results are: Geneva Rodgers (1st), Sheri Sutton (2nd), Linda Smith (3rd), Doyle Wood (1HM), Lynn Hoggard (2HM), and Roberta Sund (3HM).

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**OUR CONVENTION HEADQUARTERS**
will be the Hilton Fort Worth. This historic hotel is located in the heart of downtown, a bustling area with interesting sites and shops within walking distance. Call 1-817-870-2100 for room reservations, and mention that you are with the National Federation of State Poetry Societies. Single and Double rooms are $119, Triple is $129, and Quad is $139. Cut-off date for these special convention rates is June 6, 2017. Please note, the hotel offers valet parking only: Day rate-$15, Overnight-$18. Public parking is also available, and it is free on Friday night and all day Saturday and Sunday. Please note, the Hilton has no shuttle service. DFW Airport to Hilton: use a Taxi, Super Shuttle, or Uber.

Convention rate is available three days before and after the convention. There are many things to see and do in Fort Worth, Arlington, Dallas, and the entire Metroplex area, so consider a vacation while you’re here.

**REGISTRATION INFORMATION**
The Registration Form, meal prices, menus, excursions, Bookroom, and more info is on the PST Website at www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org (under Events), or at www.nfspsc.com. Fill out your registration form completely. Mail it with your check payable to Poetry Society of Texas to: Beth Ayers, Convention Registrar, 8117 Alderwood Place, Plano, TX 75025. We will confirm your registration via email. If you have questions, contact Beth Ayers at beth.ayers55@gmail.com or contact Linda Banks at bankslinda@att.net. Registration form and info about meals and excursions is on a flyer in this Bulletin.

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**Register Now!**
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Enter as many times as you want. $10 entry fee for each group of three (or fewer) poems.

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**CONVENTION SPEAKERS**
Carmen Tafolla, of San Antonio and the 2015 Poet Laureate of Texas is our keynote speaker. She is joined by noted poets: Urania Fang, Anne McCrady, Pat Stodghill, Dr. Nathan Brown, Karla Morton, Beth and Mark Ayers, Scott Wiggerman, and Diane Glancy. A poetry/art project will be ongoing, culminating on Sunday morning with a reading at the FW Water Gardens and the creation of a Poetree.

**CONVENTION EXCURSIONS TRANSPORTATION COSTS**
Billy Bobs Honky Tonk – Wed. evening – $5 person
Fort Worth Stockyards – Thu. morning – $5 person
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Bulletin Editor, Valerie Martin Bailey, notes a change in the news deadline. Chapter news should be sent to Valerie at vbaileyBulletin@satx.rr.com. Chapter news must be received by midnight on the 14th of each month except November, June, and July. Other announcements must be approved by the Executive Board before being printed.

BOOK DONATIONS REPORT
From PST Librarian Barbara Blanks

Librarian Barbara Blanks reported that the following books were donated to the permanent collection of the Dallas Central Library:

Inkwell Echoes 2015-16 ~ San Antonio Poets Association anthology, Edited by Valerie Martin Bailey, Cover Photo by Michaud L. Lamrouex.

Space Cat ~ Written by Michael Baldwin, Illustrated by JDarrell Kirkley.

The Learning Dance: Selected poems of Eleanor Jennings Eilenberger, Compiled and Edited by: Richard Hurzeler, Mary Wood, Joyce McGee, Cherry Day, Justin Robinson, and Evelyn Appelbee.

If you have published a collection of poems or if your chapter has published an anthology, please consider donating a copy to this collection. Please send books to Librarian Barbara Blanks at the address listed in the box to the right.

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Unpublished poems: any/any Line Limit 36. See entry info on page 5, right hand column. Come on now, start writing!

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