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THE PST MONTHLY MEETING REPORT
Saturday, May 10, 2014 ~ Preston Royal Library, Dallas
Corresponding Secretary Jessica Gonsoulin reporting in conjunction with Recording Secretary Barbara Blanks

President Jimmye Inez Sessions called the meeting to order and welcomed members of the McKinney Mockingbird Chapter, who presented the program. She also welcomed new member Linda LeClaire May of Richardson. Past presidents Catherine L'Herisson and J. Paul Holcomb were present.

Treasurer Aman Khan gave the April Financial Statement. The largest expenditure was for the balance of printing *A Book of the Year.*

Director David Knape gave the April membership report for **Membership Chair Lynn Lewis** (page 6). **Librarian Barbara Blanks** had no donated books to announce since she wasn't there. Illness and a family emergency kept her away.

The Writer's Garrett is in need of two to four PST poets who would like to be part of their "Last Writes of Spring" event on Sunday, June 22, 12:30 p.m., in Addison. You may contact Alice Parker at apinsf@gmail.com, to volunteer and/or for more information.

The Nominating Committee for 2014 consisted of Jeannette L. Strother—Chair, plus Linda Banks, Marilyn Stacy, J. Paul Holcomb, and Budd Powell Mahan. Holcomb, representing the Nominating Committee, presented the proposed slate of PST officers for the 2014-2015 term:

Catherine L'Herisson, President
Budd Powell Mahan, Vice President
Aman Khan, Treasurer
Barbara Blanks, Recording Secretary
Jessica Gonsoulin, Corresponding Secretary
Beth Ayers, Director
Barbara Terrell Goerdel, Director
Susan Maxwell Campbell, Director

A nomination came from the floor for David Knape to continue as a Director, but he respectfully declined. No other nominations were presented, and there were no objections to the nominees. Members present cast their votes, and the new board was elected by acclamation. They will seat beginning with the September 2014 meeting.

Spotlight on Poets Chair Jessica Gonsoulin introduced Spotlight Poet Neal Ostman, of Colleyville. Neal began writing poetry in 1998. He has taught writing and poetry seminars at OU, and at Texas Writing Conferences. His poetry has appeared in various journals, anthologies, and e-zines.

If you would like to be a future Spotlight Poet, please contact Jessica for details. If you cannot be present at the meeting, a reader will be selected for you. This is a wonderful opportunity for others to hear your work.

Vice President Catherine L'Herisson reminded all that the NFSPS Convention, **Rendezvous of Poets for All Seasons**, will be held in Salt Lake City, Utah, June 26-29. Both the printed and on-line versions of the April *Strophes* have detailed information. If you plan to attend, please contact President Sessions about volunteering to be a delegate for PST.

Program Chair Catherine L'Herisson introduced Irene Robertson, President of the Mockingbird Chapter, located in McKinney. The Mockingbirds, each presenting two samples of their poetry, were: Jimmye Inez Sessions, Irene Robertson, Jessica Gonsoulin, Gene Perkins, David Knape, Sylvia Medel, Rachel Orosco, and Aman Khan. They also had their anthology and member chapbooks exhibited for sale. A portion of the proceeds were donated to their Student Awards Fund.

After the break, **Contest Chair Jimmye Inez Sessions** announced the winners for May 2014 Monthly Contests, and the meeting was adjourned.

MONTHLY CONTEST WINNERS

Critic Judge: Lynn Lewis, Fort Worth
First Place: Jan Benson, Ft. Worth –*Untitled Haiku*
Second Place: Manuel L. English, Poulsbo, Washington
Third Place: Catherine L'Herisson, Garland

Book Prizes

Reader: David Knape, Plano
Popular Prize: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK
A Galaxy of Verse Prize: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas
Poetry for Poets Award: Sylvia S. Medel, McKinney
William Barney Memorial: J. Paul Holcomb, Double Oak
M. Tandy Duemke Prize: David Knape, Plano
Other Poems Read By: Aman Khan, Annette Schwartz, Barbara Blanks, Alice Parker, and Miriam Hassert

Laugh Lines

Judge: Barbara Blanks, Garland
Winner: David Knape, Plano

Important Monthly Contest Announcement

Members have until August 15 to enter the September contests. Send entries to: new Contest Chair Irene Robertson at 3107 Marquise Court, McKinney, TX 75070.
E-mail address is: Rinii@tx.rr.com.

STUDENT AWARDS REPORT

Budd Powell Mahan

The PST Student Poetry Festival was held on April 19 at the J. Erik Jonsson Main Library in downtown Dallas. One of the biggest crowds in the history of student awards attended the awards presentation, filling the auditorium to its capacity of 179. Present to help greet and welcome guests were L.D. Carter, Beth Ayers, and former PST president, Catherine L'Herisson.

All winners present received a copy of the student anthology and were asked to read their prize-winning poems.

Plans are already underway for 2015. Sponsors of awards make this program possible, so please contact Budd Mahan if you would like to sponsor an award. Thank you to our past sponsors and to Birma Castle to whom the 2014 book was dedicated. Birma has supported the program for more than 20 years.

How important are the Student Awards? This note was sent to me by one child's grandmother:

"*Dear Mr. Mahan, Thank you for all you did for all the young poets of Texas! I was there on Saturday and enjoyed every moment of the afternoon at the library, hearing young poets reading their creations! My granddaughter was one of them. I heard about the awards on Wednesday the 16th, got in my car with my cat, and we hightailed it to Dallas! I drove for three more days after Easter and am now back home in California. It was worth it to see you standing there with all the children; honoring them. Best regards, Diana Grothe Ogilvie*"

This affirmation of our Student Poetry program made all the time and energy spent on this project well worth it.

Come Fly with Us On the Wings of Poetry...

to our exciting Summer Conference in Houston July 10-12, hosted by Poets Northwest, a PST chapter.

You received a registration form with details in your April *Bulletin.* Registration forms are also available on the PST Website: www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org.

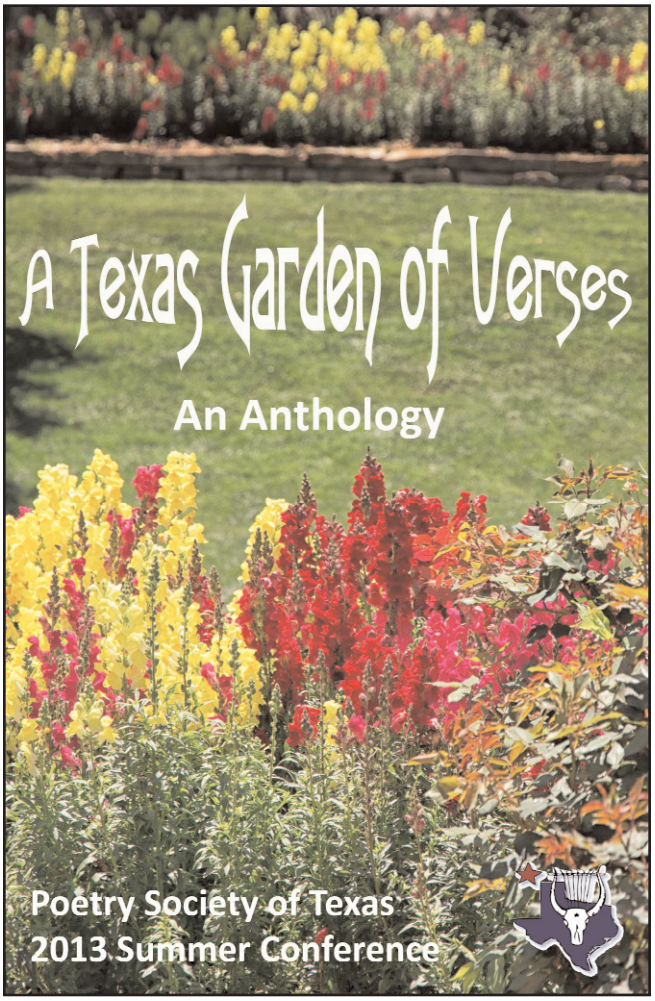
For a sample of what's to come, three of our well qualified conference speakers are: Lisa Salinas, Sharon Young, and Dr. Stephen Mendonça. Many others, including the Friday evening keynote speaker are being finalized. There will be a lively panel discussion (panel members TBA) and a workshop led by Terry Jude Miller, plus all the PST traditions: *You Be the Judge* contest, the Life Member Raffle, the bookroom, etc. There will be an additional poetry contest: *You Be There* (read the contest rules on the Website). The prizes are $100, $50, and $25, so get busy writing.

The 2014 Summer Conference Bookstore Manager is Michaud Lamrouex. If you plan to bring books to sell in the book room, you must e-mail the following information to him at lamrouex@sbcglobal.net by July 7th: •Book/s Title/s •Author's name •Book price • No. copies of each book. Before the conference, put the book price on a sticky tab and place it on the inside cover of each book.

The deadline for reservations is June 19, 2014, so make your plans soon. We will be at the Hyatt North Houston at 425 North Sam Houston Parkway East. Call 1-888-421-1442 for reservations and ask for the Poetry Society of Texas Summer Conference rate of $79.

WE ARE PROUD TO INTRODUCE PST'S FIRST POETRY ANTHOLOGY E-BOOK

A Texas Garden of Verses



Poems from the Poetry Society of Texas 2013 Summer Conference

The original thirteen chapter readers from the 2013 Summer Conference plus 40 additional poets contributed to this anthology. Among these are two past presidents of NFSPS, the current and seven past presidents of PST, eight Texas Poets Laureate and an Oklahoma Poet Laureate.

While this book has been a collaboration of many hands, credit must be given to Patrick Lee Marshall, Chair of the 2013 Conference. He dedicated his time and computer expertise to this project on behalf of PST. The photo credit for the lovely garden scene on the cover belongs to Andrea S. Marshall, Patrick's wife.

A Texas Garden of Verses is now available as an e-book at www.amazon.com, for only $1.99. It can be purchased and downloaded to computer, PC/Laptop, tablet, or smart phone. All proceeds benefit the Poetry Society of Texas.

A Publishing Opportunity for PST Members

Jerri Hardesty of the Alabama State Poetry Society invites all poets to enter the Morris Memorial Chapbook Competition
Entry deadline is May 31.
Details are available at www.newdawnunlimited.com

From Our Member Chapters…
Poetry NEWS from Across Texas

ALAMO AREA POETS OF TEXAS
Iris Maahs Reporting

New officers elected by acclamation at the May meeting of AAPT are as follows: President–Don Mathis, Vice-President–Peter Holland, Treasurer–Nancy Carter, and Secretary–Margie Cook. The meeting was conducted by Vice-President Peggy Mott in the absence of Sheila Moore who was traveling in Spain.

Kim Mott presented the awards for April. Winners in the assigned category were: HM–Toni Murguia, 3rd place–Peggy Mott, 2nd place– Kim Mott, 1st place–Sheila Moore. Winners in the open category were HM–Toni Murguia, 3rd place–Kim Mott, 2nd place–Sheila Moore, 1st Place–Don Mathis. The poems were judged by Joan Seifert of San Antonio.

After the April awards were presented, members enjoyed refreshments provided by Iris Maahs. Several people in the group reported that their poems had been published recently.
One of Peggy Mott's poems was displayed on the Website of Tammy Hildebrand, a designer of crochet patterns. Another of Peggy's poems was on a wool shop page. Both locations are in Ireland. President-elect Don Mathis was a first place winner for his age group in a regional contest.

AAPT will not meet in June, July, and August. Meetings will resume the first Saturday in September.

AUSTIN POETRY SOCIETY
Beth Kropf Reporting

At the April meeting of the Austin Poetry Society, the award for the 7th Annual Jenny Lind Porter Scholarship was presented to Valerie Huerta of St. Edward's University. Jenny Lind Porter was there in person to present the award, as was the nominating professor, Carrie Fountain.

The 2014 Annual Awards will be held on May 17 at the N.D. Studio. Barbara Youngblood Carr taped a poetry session on Channel Austin's EXSE Spoken Word Annual Event.

Jill Alexander Essbaum is a faculty member at the University of California at Riverside's MFA in Creative Writing Program.

Mariann Garner-Wizard participated in the East by South East Spoken Word Poetry Showcase.

Jane Chance's book *Only Begetter* is out and available at BookWoman and on Amazon.com.

Jane Cocke Perdue published a collection of poetry called *Paradise to Pentecost and Beyond.*

Judith Austin Mills will celebrate the book release of *Accidental Joy* on Sunday June 1 at BookWoman.

Debra Winegarten's new poetry book *Where Jewish Grandmothers Come From* is available from BookWoman or from www.sociosights.com.

On June 18 at Farewell Books, Nick Courtright and Kyle McCord, both widely published, will read.

For complete event listings and member news, please visit http://www.austinpoetrysociety.org/

DENTON POETS' ASSEMBLY
Richard Weatherly, Reporting

Denton Poets' Assembly met Saturday May 17 at the Emily Fowler Public Library. During the April meeting, J. Paul Holcolmb presented a lesson on the sonnet. Members read and commented on their sonnets during the meeting. As a follow up, he presented a lesson on the "Stretched Sonnet." Quoting J. Paul, "I wanted to do it this month because Roberta Bowman came up with the innovation, and her funeral was last week. This will be remembering her in a literary way. Also, it will follow the lesson on sonnets so folks should have something to stretch." Members and guests also read free choice poems.

The Merging Visions Reception, held on Thursday, April 24 at the Center for the Visual Arts, proved to be a resounding success. Merging Visions, is a collaboration exhibition between Denton Poets' Assembly and Visual Arts Society of Texas.

Denton Poets' Assembly meets on the third Saturday of each month, 10AM–Noon at the Emily Fowler Central Library, 502 Oakland Street in Denton. Meetings are free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome. For more information, visit www.DentonPoetsAssembly.weebly.com

MOCKINGBIRD CHAPTER
Jessica Gonsoulin Reporting

A guest was present at the May 3 meeting. Rachel Orazco, a librarian, passed out flyers for a library poetry festival in Wylie May 29 and 31.

Inez Grimes, the mother of PST President Jimmye Inez Sessions, has moved to Tool, TX. The two will attend the Summer Conference in Houston July 10-12.

Beth Ayers announced that the results of the Barnes and Noble reading would not be available for another week. She had also been a speaker at a library Teen and Tween contest awards presentation.

David Knape said that the garage sale fundraiser would replace the June 7 meeting. The hours are 7 am to 12 pm outside the Carriage House. He asked Sylvia Medel to handle the publicity. She agreed, but thought posting signs in the vicinity was best.

PERMIAN BASIN CHAPTER
Jennifer McNeely Reporting

The Permian Basin Chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas hosted its monthly meeting and writer's roundtable on April 26 at the Ground Floor in Midland, as well as an open mic night on May 10. Local poets are encouraged to attend these monthly events, which occur on the last Saturday at 2 p.m. and the second Saturday at 7 p.m., respectively.

Poets participated in Forrest Fest in Lamesa on April 24-26. Forrest Fest is a multicultural international poetry festival whose mission is to provide literary, educational, and quality of life opportunities for a diverse economically disadvantaged community. Poets participated in open mic events throughout the

weekend, as well as poetry workshops.

The Permian Basin Chapter is accepting submissions for its anthology, which they will promote during the 100,000 Poets for Change event Sept. 27 at Noel Plaza Park in Odessa. All ages are welcome. Poets and artists are encouraged to submit up to three poems or pieces of artwork, based on the theme: "worldwide positive change" to permianbasinpoetrysociety@gmail.com. The deadline for submissions is June 15. Poets and artists from around the globe have already submitted to the anthology, including two former Texas poet laureates. The anthology will be published in e-book format and in special collectible print format through lulu.com.

As always, the Permian Basin chapter continues to promote poetry through its own Facebook page and through West Texas Poets. West Texas Poets is a Facebook page created by the Permian Basin Chapter, Poetry Society of Texas.

POETS OF TARRANT COUNTY

Lynn Lewis Reporting

The May meeting of the Poets of Tarrant County was called to order by President J. Paul Holcomb. Mona Lynn McDaniel was the Contemporary Poet reader with Alexandra Teague's "Language Lessons." The minutes from the April meeting were accepted as read. Treasurer Chuck Poole gave the treasury report. President Holcomb noted the passing of Roberta Bowman, and that her funeral would take place later in the day. A sympathy card was passed around and signed by all who were present. Lynn Lewis was the Spotlight Poet, and she included Roberta's poem, "Courtship," in her reading. President Holcomb read the Kudos list. Our Featured Program: the poems of David Knape, read by David Knape. He requested and received a standing ovation. Assignment poems were read after the break. The meeting was then adjourned by President Holcomb.

POETS NORTHWEST

Carol A. Taylor Reporting

PNW held its Annual Spring Fling on Saturday, May 17 at Clementine's Restaurant in Houston. The event included a buffet dinner and presentation of awards and cash prises for winners of the 36 contest categories sponsored this year by members and friends of Poets Northwest. Winners of cash prizes read their winning poems. There was no regular meeting at the Pearl Fincher Museum for the month of May.

PNW is on Facebook at www.facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest, and our Website address is www.poetsnw.com. Both sites have information about our programs and events. Copies of our bi-annual PNW anthology are available for sale at meetings or can be obtained by contacting Lynn Grice. Plans are underway for the PST Summer Conference to be hosted in Houston by PNW. We hope to see you all in Houston in July.

RUSK COUNTY POETRY SOCIETY

Vina Hathaway Reporting

Members of RCPS gathered at Baylor University to hear fellow poet, Anne McCrady present her program on "The Original Hyper-link" and to fellowship with poets from across the state, enjoy lunch with them and participate in Scott Wiggerman's workshop.We were thrilled to be part of The House of Poetry event.

The Rusk County Poetry Society met in April at the Church of Christ all-purpose building on south Main Street in Henderson. The May 15th meeting will feature Mary Tindall as Lesson Poet and Reta Maxted and Marie Dixon as Spotlight Poets. The meeting starts at 2 P.M.

Sue Roberts presented the lesson on Lists. Nathan Brown from Oklahoma who teaches creative writing, came up with the idea. One category is letters. Letter writing (in long hand) is almost a lost art. One can think of love letters, letters to the editor, letters to a friend who moved away and so on. Some other list headings offered by Mr. Brown include family stories, special dates in history, arts, places, colors, and events. Any one of these subjects could trigger a moving poem. That's the idea. When something crosses your mind during the day or night you jot it down under one of your list headings. Then you think about it, explore your feelings about it, and write a poem about it. So the assignment is to first make some lists and then pick a subject from the list and write a poem.

Spotlight Poet was Mary Tindall. She presented three of her poems: "Taking Turns" (about the illness of a loved one and her caretakers), "Sun On Our Backs" (father and son doing recreation together), and "Mr. Henry's Lesson" (a teacher who inspired students). All these people have been important in Mary's life.

Attending the meeting were: Kent Dixon, Sue Roberts, Marie Dixon, Richard Hurzeler, Carol Thompson, Mary Tindall, Reta Maxted and Vina Hathaway. Carol Thompson provided the delicious refreshments—a tasteful array of two kinds of sandwiches, seedless green grapes, vanilla wafer cake, iced tea and fruit punch.

Mary Tindall coordinated the reading of critiqued poems. Lesson poems on Place/Direction by Anne McGrady were shared. Copies of *Light in the Attic* by Shel Silverstein were passed out. Sue Roberts thanked all present for a "good meeting." (Submitted by Richard Hurzeler).

SAN ANTONIO POETS ASSOCIATION

Valerie Martin Bailey Reporting

President Sharon Turner called the SAPA meeting to order on April 19 and led the pledge of allegiance and gave the invocation. Seventeen poets were present and approved the minutes and the treasurer's report. A slate of officers was presented by the nominating committee and since no further nominations were made from the floor, the members accepted the slate by acclamation. The new officers to be installed on May 17 are: President: Margaret Barrett Mayberry; Vice-President: Sheila Tingley Moore; Treasurer: Floyd (Michaud) L. Lamrouex, Recording Secretary: Loretta Burns Vaughan; Corresponding Secretary: Valerie Martin Bailey. The parliamentarian and historian and the new standing committee chairpersons will be appointed by the new president, Margaret Mayberry.

Contest Chairman, Wallace Vaughan, announced the winners of the March contests: The contests were judged by Marilyn Stacy of Dallas and the winners in the assigned contest with the topic of "Irish Madness" were: Margaret Mayberry (1st), Lois Heger (2nd), Valerie Bailey (3rd), Sheila Moore (HM). Winners

in the open topic contest were: Loretta Vaughan (1st), Sheila Moore (2nd), Carol Siskovic (3rd), Pat Gibbs (HM).

A book raffle was held, after which SAPA members enjoyed refreshments provided by Sharon Turner and Valerie Bailey. The April poems (assigned and open) were read. The assigned topic was "foolishness." They will be judged by Naomi Stroud Simmons of Ft. Worth, and winners will be announced at the May meeting. The meeting was adjourned with the admonition to write our May poems on the subject of "I Remember Momma." The judge for those poems will be Jimmye Inez Sessions.

WICHITA FALLS POETRY SOCIETY

Linda Smith Reporting

The Wichita Falls Poetry Society met on April 19, 2014, at 2 p.m. in the Texas Room of the Kemp Center for the Arts. President Doyle Wood greeted ten members and special guests Jimmye Inez Sessions, PST President, and her friend Karen Mason. Roll call was answered with a line from a favorite poem.

Minutes of the March 15 meeting were approved as per online communication. Sheri Sutton gave the Treasurer's report and BragTime was shared by all.

New officers were announced for 2014-2015. They are Linda Smith–President; Monica McCawley–Recording Secretary; Doc Wood–Corresponding Secretary; and Webb Key–Treasurer. Committee Chairs are Webb Key, Kemp Center Liaison; Monica McCawley, Publicity; and Doc Wood, Membership. Programs for the next year were finalized so that yearbooks can be available at the May meeting.

Members agreed to have the Christmas luncheon on the second Saturday in December and the summer workshop at Throckmorton on the third Saturday in July. PST President Jimmye Inez Sessions discussed PST membership and the annual contest entries. She also urged members of the WFPS to attend the Summer Conference July 10-12 in Houston, hosted by Poets Northwest.

Refreshments for the meeting were furnished by Monica McCawley and Sheri Sutton.

Winners in the April contest for the best Acrostic poem are Doc Wood (1st); Webb Key (2nd); Sheri Sutton (3rd); Linda Smith (1HM); Cynthia Lewis (2HM); and Geneva Rodgers (3HM). The Critic Judge was Von S. Bourland of Happy.

Doc Wood presented the lesson on "Rhythm and Meter in Poetry" with several handouts for reference.

Poems for the May contest will be on any subject, rhyming verse, using some form of meter which must be stated on the poem, with a 24 line maximum.

The May program/lesson on the "Techniques of Edgar Allan Poe" will be presented by Geneva Rodgers.

Editor's Note: All PST members are urged to find a PST chapter to attend regularly. Fellowship with other poets keeps us challenged and helps us grow poetically. However, if you are a member-at-large and there is no chapter in your area, consider starting one. If that is not an option, and you would like to be included in the monthly news, send news of your publications, reading engagements, and other poetic activites, and you will be included in the news exchange. We want to know what *all* our members are doing.

A Letter of Invitation from Utah

Hi Poet Friends,

We are extending a cordial invitation for all of you to join us for Utah's **"Rendezvous of Poets for All Seasons,"** June 26-29. The deadline (May 20) for this year's NFSPS convention registration is fast approaching. We understand there is a bit of a problem getting info via the NFSPS.com site. So just go to the utahpoets.com site if you need the registration form or other Convention information, or find your *Strophes* in that pile of papers you've been meaning to get to on your desk.

We look forward to welcoming you to Salt Lake City, Utah. We will be at the Double Tree Hotel by Hilton, located a convenient and free shuttle bus ride away from the Salt Lake City Airport.

We have a wonderful lineup of speakers and presenters, the book sales room, announcements of contest winners, and other great activities in the newly-renovated hotel. If you have attended a convention in Utah before, you know we roll out the red carpet to welcome you. We hope you will join us for the best ever convention. We look forward to seeing you there.

Sincerely,
Kolette Montague
2014 Convention Committee Member

SO HOW DID WE CELEBRATE NATIONAL POETRY MONTH IN APRIL?

Reports have been coming in about how PST poets celebrated last month. In addition to all the NPM celebrations we read about in our Chapter News, we find poets all across Texas celebrated National Poetry Month in various ways. PST Chapters, individual poets, and even cities celebrated.

Barbara Blanks, Valerie Bailey, and many others posted poems on Facebook. Barbara Blanks also resolved to write a poem every day in April and at last report had exceeded her goal with 34 poems written and five more under construction. Her 34 poems included a Gloss, Rondeau, rhymed verse and several other forms. Way to go!

The City of San Antonio just selected its second Poet Laureate, Laurie Ann Guerrero, and is once again featuring poems by its poet citizens on its Via buses.

The City of Beaumont paid tribute to National Poetry Month by featuring its legendary Texas Poet Laureate, Violette Newton on the front page of the *Beaumont Enterprise*. The newspaper not only featured an extensive story on Violette, who passed away in 2013 at the age of 100, it also wrote about Birma Castle and the Beaumont Chapter in their poetry month story.

Floyd (Michaud) Lamrouex honored NPM at his Barnes & Noble venue by having participants bring their favorite classic or contemporary poems by a famous poet or by a friend. It was an memorable evening of poetry with many familiar and beloved poems being read by poets and enjoyed by poets and spectators.

If you did not send in your National Poetry Month efforts and events, you may continue to send them, and they will be used as space allows. We want to hear how PST poets are covering our state with poetry.

THE APRIL 2014 MEMBERSHIP REPORT
from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis

(Note: The new editor has been assuming that membership reports are for the current month, but the reports are for the previous month. Please accept my apology, and if you keep an archive of Bulletins, change all membership reports to reflect the month previous to the month stated on the report).

Active: 191; Associate: 4; Honorary: 5; Library: 3; Life: 62; Student: 24; Supporting: 1; Recently Deceased: 1

Current Membership Total: 288

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WELCOME NEW PST MEMBERS

Joined April 2014

Deborah Kegley, Wichita Falls
Monica McCawley, Wichita Falls
Shirley McKee, Cleburne
Laurie Kolp, Beaumont
Linda LeClaire May, Richardson
Cade Huie, Grand Prairie
Nancy Harrison, Rio Vista
Mark E. vanGelder, Austin
Molly Middleton Meyer, Allen

Associate Member:

Manual L. English, Poulsbo, Washington.

Help us keep our membership roll up to date. Please let Membership Chair, Lynn Lewis, know if there is any change in your contact information: address, phone, or e-mail.

It is with great sadness that PST reports the death of
Roberta Pipes Bowman on April 29, 2014
Roberta was a resident of Haltom City, Texas and a life member of the Poetry Society of Texas. She was a renowned author and poet and received countless awards and accolades for her poetry.
We extend our deepest sympathy to her children, grandchildren, great–grandchildren, and to her brother.
Roberta will be sorely missed by her many friends.

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Book Donations Report from Barbara Blanks

No book donations were reported in April. A family emergency and illness kept our Librarian from attending the monthly meeting. If you have book donations, please send them to Barbara Blanks at the address listed in the Executive Board box in the next column. They will be kept in the PST's permanent collection at the Dallas Central Public Library.

TIME TO PLAN FOR THE LIFE MEMBER RAFFLE

It's time for each PST chapter to plan for their chapter's contribution to the Life Member Raffle that takes place every year at our Summer Conference (July 10-12) to fund our Life Membership Fund. Each chapter is responsible to provide items to be raffled. Sharon Martin Turner, Life Member Chairman asks that chapter representatives contact her at: sdmturner@aol.com and let her know what you will bring to the raffle. We hope to have interesting and worthwhile donations in order to raise funds for this worthy cause.

✍ **Please Make A Note of This** There are no state meetings in Dallas in June or August.

Almost Everyone Cooperates...but there are a few hold-outs who still send *Bulletin* news to my personal e-mail account, where there's danger of news being deleted. I get hundreds of e-mails daily and it helps if *Bulletin* news is sent to the *Bulletin* account at vbaileyBulletin@satx.rr.com.

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