No Tricks, It’s All Treats for the Upcoming October Program

Christopher Sodden Presents…

TANTALIZING DISCLOSURE AND THE CRAFT OF POETRY

Christopher Sodden received his MFA in Poetry from the Vermont College of Fine Arts.
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He teaches craft, theory, genre, and literature. He writes poetry, plays, literary, film and theatre critique for SharpCritic.com and EdgeDallas. He has earned more titles and has achieved more honors than we have space to enumerate. Don’t miss October’s program and meeting.

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Poetry Society of Texas
for Saturday, September 8, 2018, 2:30 p.m.
at the Preston Royal Library in Dallas.

Submitted by Recording Secretary, Barbara Blanks

Newly seated President Aman Khan opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, including first time visitors: Jim Fletcher of Fredericksburg; Jack Hooper, Dallas; and Domingo Rodriguez, president of Pegasus (Dallas) Chapter.

Treasurer Patrick Lee Marshall gave the August 2018 Financial report, and PST is in good shape, with no significant expenditures.

Recording Secretary Barbara Blanks gave the August 2018 Membership Report for Membership Chair Lynn Lewis. The membership statistics and new members are listed on page 8.

Librarian Barbara Blanks announced 15 book donations for the PST Permanent Collection at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. See the titles and authors on page 8.

Annual Awards Chair Beth Ayers stated that the Awards Banquet will be on November 10th. The registration form will be posted under Events on the PST website soon.

NOTICE: The Bulletin is going digital beginning with this September issue. It will usually be available on the website on or around the 16th of each month. It may be as late as the 24th as we work out all the details for the change. A few copies will continue to be printed and mailed to those members without access to the Internet. Going digital will result in a significant expense reduction for PST. It will also allow

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A Message From Our New President

Amanullah (Aman) Khan

It is with due humility and gratitude that I have accepted the opportunity to serve as president of PST, effective on September 1, 2018. I can assure you of my best efforts to serve the cause of poetry, and I look forward to working with every poet and poetry lover. Your input and counsel will be very crucial.

I had the opportunity to talk to some of you, and I am keen to hear from everyone. Please do not wait for my invitation. Your opinion matters!

PST is approaching its one hundredth year of existence, and it is up to us to pay tribute to and acknowledge efforts of those who served it so diligently in the past. I am cognizant of the fact that we have the responsibility of defining the future—a daunting task indeed!

I look forward to your input and guidance.

“Ars longa, vita brevis”

Hippocrates

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for an expanded and timelier edition of The Bulletin.

NOTICE: As of September 9, PST has upgraded its account with WordPress, and our website is now Ad Free. Our thanks to Webmaster Annie Neugebauer for handling the upgrade.

Spotlight on Poets Chair Susan Maxwell Campbell introduced Spotlight Poet Christine Irving from Denton. Chris, a world traveler who grew up in a military family, is married to a pilot. She won first place in the #1 NFSPS contest two years ago. She says her poems are a blend of craft and context, and that she relies a lot on story-telling.

Steve Sanders presented President Kahn with a certificate from NFSPS recognizing PST’s participation in celebrating National Poetry Day and Poetry Month.

Via Susan Campbell, Richard Kushmaul, Denton Poets’ Assembly Chair for the 2019 DPA-PST Summer Conference says they are already working on our 50th Summer Conference celebration to be held in July 2019 at the Embassy Suites in Denton. The theme will be “Prompts and Pathways.”

Program Chair Michael Guinn introduced Steve Sanders, a resident of Fort Worth, born in Beaumont. Steve, aka Blackbead the Pirate, is a lawyer, soldier, poet, promoter, actor, jewelry-maker, publisher, traveler, and beach bum. Currently, he is president of the Fort Worth Poetry Society, vice president of the Poets of Johnson County, and a councilor for PST. He is co-owner of Seadog Studios, a recording company specializing in spoken word CDs.

Before talking about “Fun Ways to Present Poetry,” Steve presented a poem in a fun way by donning a pirate hat and going into character to read a poem from his Pirate Log. He noted that what makes poetry fun for him does not necessarily make it fun for others. Still, he offered several suggestions: “Try to go where you are appreciated,” topped his list—such as retirement homes, children’s venues, literary lovers, and poetry events. Second, “Try dressing it up a bit.” It’s fun to wear costumes, use special effects, display illustrations, and use music/sound effects for backgrounds. Third, “Get out of your comfort zone.” Go to open mics at forums in addition to our own conventions, and just get out in front of the general public. Steve mentioned several locations that have upcoming events, including Central Market and Hullen Mall. You may contact him for more information at steve.sanders@gmail.com.

After the break, Contest Chair Rich Weatherly announced the winners of the September Monthly Contests. The winners’ names can be seen in the winners’ box at the top of this page. Everyone is encouraged to enter the Monthly contests. After the contest winners were announced, the meeting was adjourned.
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News From Our Member Chapters From Across the Great State of Texas

Alamo Area Poets of Texas
Antonia Murguia Reporting

President Lois Heger called the September meeting to order. Antonia Murguia led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence was observed.

President Heger announced that we would review the correct placement of the headings for our poems.

The May contest winners were announced and winning poems were read aloud. The winners were: Assigned Topic: 3rd HM ~ Antonia Murguia; 2nd HM ~ Carol Siskovic; 1st HM ~ Iris Maahs; 3rd Place ~ Antoinette Winstead; 2nd Place ~ Sheila Moore; 1st Place ~ Rene Ornes. Open Topic: HM ~ Lois Heger; 3rd Place ~ Sheila Moore; 2nd Place ~ Patricia Keoughan; 1st Place ~ Lois Heger.

After the break, September’s contest poems were read aloud. The September judge will be J. Paul Holcomb. The assigned topic for the October contest is: “Favorite Flower” or “A Storm.”

Announcements: We are very fortunate this year. We will have Budd Powell Mahan, Past President of PST 2017, Octavio Quintanilla, San Antonio Poet Laureate 2018-2020, and Carol Reposa, Texas Poet Laureate, 2018, as featured speakers and workshop presenters.

The next meeting will be on October 6, at 2 pm.

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Beaumont Chapter
Barbara Green Powell Reporting

Beaumont Chapter members are alive but having personal and family problems. I apologize and will try to do a better job reporting. Most of our members sent in poetry for the 2018 PST Contests and are anxiously awaiting results at November’s Awards Banquet. The way time is flying it won’t be long. Some of our members passed around the Beaumont Chapter entries and made a list of the poems we liked best. On meeting day, we met and chose the top twelve. We high-fived each other when we all chose the same poem as number one. There were some very good poems, but the same poem had touched us all. It was exhilarating to get together, forget problems, and just enjoy reading and discussing poetry.

We meet the third Thursday of each month in a member’s home. September’s meeting will be held in the home of Lou Whitaker from 10 a.m. till noon. We read and critique the previous month’s poems. We read our poem for September and Birma emails them to the poet who critiques our work. The poet lives in another state, which turns out to be a blessing when entering PST contests.

Birma Castle and Barbara Powell were honored to be judges in a contest for the Missouri State Contests.

We hope to see you all at the PST Awards Banquet in November. Meanwhile, keep reading and writing poetry.

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Denton Poets’ Assembly
Richard Weatherly Reporting

Recent changes by Denton Poets’ Assembly have made it easier for poets to attend our regular meeting and critique session. The critique session now follows the regular meeting.

We met on Saturday, September 15th at the Emily Fowler Public Library. The public and guests were invited. Our regular meeting began at 10 a.m.

After greeting visitors, members discussed chapter business and related chapter activities. The latest addition of Merging Visions Collections has been submitted to the printer.

Following the discussion, we read assigned poems based on J. Paul Holcomb’s lesson, “A Tale of Serendipity and the Triolet.”

Following the assigned poetry readings, J. Paul presented his September lesson, “Blank Verse Is Not Free Verse.” Later in the meeting, members and guests read a free choice poem. At noon we adjourned our regular meeting.

Denton Poets’ Assembly meets on the third Saturday of the month, 10 a.m.– 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 http://Denton Poets Assembly.weebly.com

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Fort Worth Poetry Society
Anne Jones Reporting

Steve Sanders opened the meeting by reading two poems by A.E. Houseman.

In old business, we were reminded of Artsgoggle on October 20. Steve, our president, mentioned that Hulen Mall would also like us to be there the same day to read Halloween poems. Because of the conflict, Steve asked for a member to stay with Artsgoggle when he is at the Hulen Mall. Fil Peach volunteered. Steve also reminded us of reading British poems at Central Market at the end of September. There will be a mike set up, and they
would like for us to wear costumes. It will be from September 19 to October 2. He will send members an email, so we can let him know when we can be there. Hulen Mall would also like for us to read military poems on November 11, on Veterans’ Day, from 2 till 4 p.m.

The biggest piece of business was a lengthy discussion concerning our chapbook contest rules. We will decide about a cap on the percentage of unpublished poems. Two other areas were discussed and dealt with. In new business, Steve and Mike will meet with a lawyer, Bryan Boyer, to deal with a non-profit status for our group. Hilda caught us up on website possibilities. After kudos, we critiqued eight poems. The best part of our meeting!

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GULF COAST POETS
Daniel Carrington Reporting

In September, the Gulf Coast Poets welcomed Jonathan Moody as the guest poet for our monthly meeting. Jonathan is the author of the poetry collections Olympic Butter Gold (Northwestern University Press, 2014) and The Doomy Poems (Six Gallery Press, 2012.) He is a literature teacher for Pearland ISD, and he lives in Fresno, Texas.

In member news, Matthew Riley, the Director of Friendswood Public Library, hosted the library’s 2nd Annual Ekphrastic Poetry Reading on October 15. GCP congratulates the following members for their selection by the judges to be featured: Jane Chance, David Cowen, Sandi Stromberg, John Milkereit, and Daniel Carrington. Elsewhere, we’d like to also congratulate members Laura Peña, Sandi Stromberg, and Tria Wood for being selected as Juried Poets for the 2018 Houston Poetry Fest. The festival will take place October 12-14, and will also feature honorary lifetime member and former Houston Poet Laureate Robin Davidson as a guest reader.

GCP is looking forward to fall. On October 6, we will host Poetry Out of Bounds, the annual kick-off event for the Houston Poetry Fest. Organized by Laura Peña, this year’s Featured Poet will be 2018 McAllen, Texas Poet Laureate Edward Vidaurre.

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HI-PLAINS CHAPTER
Tom & Frances Ferris Reporting

The Hi-Plains Chapter met on August 18. Members present were: John Scmidt, Frances Clegg-Ferris, Bryan Hampton, Von and Barry Bourland, and Karl Smith.

President, Frances Clegg-Ferris presented Harper Sonnet forms for critique. Several presented poems for critique, and most honored a father or grandfather, in honor of Father’s Day.

For our Program, the Logolilt Form information was given out to be worked on and returned as homework. The Logolilt form was invented by Flozari Rockwood. It consists of two iambic 6 line stanzas, with rhyming scheme: aabcb ddefe. The syllables are: 8-4-2, 8-4-2, 8-4-2, 8-4-2. An internet example was given, and the group worked and read their partial or finished work.

In our business meeting, the June minutes were approved as sent out by email, and Karl gave a treasurer’s report. He is still having trouble with the accounts at the bank and needs copies of the minutes authorizing him to sign them.

In New Business John discussed “The Oklahoma Rose” newsletter — they deal with marketing and we can join. They are found at www.angelfire.com/poetry/psoc/poetry–Society_of_Oklahoma.

There was discussion regarding entering state contests through the National Federation of Poetry Societies. Check nfsps.com. PST members are eligible to enter state contests.

A question was raised about donations to the local society, and we would need to vote to include such money received into the general fund.

Remember the October luncheon is the 27th from 11 a.m. until about 2 p.m. at the Jackson Street Grill with an order-your-own-meal format. We meet after the meal in the Park Place Tower’s Board Room. After the Logolilt homework critique we will read for 10 minutes, if possible, poems of our own or favorites regarding Thanks and things we are thankful for, as a way to remember Thanksgiving.

Refreshments were provided by Bryan and Frances. After the round robin the meeting was adjourned.

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MOCKINGBIRD CHAPTER
Thomas K. Martin Reporting

MPS held its regular meeting on September 1, in the Heard–Craig Carriage House in McKinney. President Alice Parker presided. A total of eleven members and one guest attended.

Domingo Rodriguez introduced his sister, Bianca Brunk, who attended as his guest. She is a visual artist and writer.

President Parker and Susan Mardele reminded members about the poetry reading scheduled for 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
on Saturday, September 29, to commemorate National Poetry Day, Thursday, October 4. The event will be held at the Filtered Coffee Shop (218 East Louisiana Street) just east of the McKinney square. At the event, people who wish to read will sign in, and then there will be a round-robin reading until the time elapses.

Susan reminded everyone that McKinney’s Oktoberfest will be going on during that weekend, so parking may be a challenge. She encouraged people to arrive early. Susan will explore the possibility of having Filtered post a sign outside on the sidewalk to catch people’s attention and invite them in for the reading.

Alice expressed appreciation to Sylvia Medel for the wonderful job she did in promoting the event. She produced a couple of flyers and has gotten information about the event posted in The Dallas Morning News, on the Art & Seek Website, on the McKinney Convention & Visitors Bureau Website, and other locations.

Susan Mardele invited anyone who enjoys art and poetry to attend a poetry reading in which she has been invited to participate. The event will take place at The Cove in McKinney at 6:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 2.

Ann Marie Newman reminded members about the field trip planned for 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 11, at the Dallas Museum of Art (DMA). There will be no cost for access to the DMA. The group will meet at the Chihuly glass exhibit.

Ann Marie will start with a short presentation on using art to inspire writing. Participants will then be free to move about the DMA and use the exhibits to inspire poetry. The group will reconvene to share what they have written. Ann Marie reminded everyone to bring paper and a pen or a pencil if preferred. She requests that anyone who wishes to participate, please RSVP at annstoryart@gmail.com or call 972-922-5465 in advance.

Domingo Rodriguez announced that he was elected President of Dallas’ new Pegasus Chapter of PST. He wanted to let everyone know that the group’s September meeting date was changed to Wednesday, September 12, because of a conflict at the venue on the usual night.

Bianca Brunk invited everyone to visit her booth at the Fort Worth ArtsGoggle in November.

The minutes for the September 10th meeting of the Poets of Tarrant County are as follows:

The meeting was called to order by President Barbara Goerdel, who called upon J. Paul Holcomb to introduce our Featured Speaker and current PST president, Dr. Aman Khan. He spoke on his early poetic influences, as well as the best ways to approach entering contests. He also talked about how translating poems from one language to another would be a very good writing exercise. Louin Berry III was our Contemporary Poet Reader. His poet of choice was Liane Ellison Norman. Hollis Davis was the Spotlight Poet.

The minutes from the June meeting were accepted as read, and the treasury report was given. A motion was made by Barbara Berry and seconded by J. Paul Holcomb that a previous donation made by Lynn Lewis in honor of Naomi Simmons be earmarked as part of the “Flowers from Naomi” tribute for our Featured Speakers. The “yes” vote was unanimous.

Announcements: Poets of Tarrant County now have a listing on PBS/KERA’s Art and Seek webpage, as well as a Twitter page. Member contest entries are to be sent to Jeannette Strother. After the break, President Goerdel read the Kudos List, and assignment poems were read. The meeting was then adjourned by President Goerdel.

**RUSK COUNTY POETRY SOCIETY
Jo Morrow Reporting**

The Rusk County Poetry Society met August 16 at the usual venue in Henderson. President Mary Tindall called the meeting to order and asked Richart Herzeler to open with prayer. She announced that minutes would be postponed until next meeting.

Announcements were: RCPS donated a raffle gift for the Life Members’ fund at PST’s summer conference in Waco. Our Celebration of Poetry activity is coming up in October, and a special guest presenter will be here. RCPS is anticipating a Jubilee Event in 2021 celebrating 50 years as an organization. Rusk County Poetry Society members, along with members of the Rose Garden Poetry Society are working toward publication of a book of haiku for the occasion. The Smith County library is offering a free writer’s workshop to be held at Tyler’s Rose Garden Center on September 1.

Adrianne Pamplin presented an interesting lesson regarding cross-disciplines in the arts. She gave examples of famous artists in history who demonstrated talent in second and third areas of creativity (including writing, music, visual arts, etc.). Her conclusion indicated that people who are creative in one area are often able to produce original
work in other areas of the arts. She challenged members to think about our other (than writing poetry) artistic interests and abilities. Our assignment for the September meeting is to create something original (other than a poem) and to write a poem about the creation.

Refreshments were provided by Mary Tindall and Sue Roberts. Poems were collected from the members to be sent for critique, and previously critiqued poems were returned and shared with members, including critical comments that were discussed. Members commented on their appreciation for the time and knowledge expended on our behalf by those who take time to read and critique our work. We were pleased to have a visitor at the meeting and for the closing we were asked to tell her what we enjoyed about participating in the Society and the answers attested to the fact that we feel blessed to be involved.

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POETS NORTHWEST
Lynn Grice Reporting

Our 31st Annual Spring Fling, which celebrates our Houston area poets with a contest and banquet, was held on May 19 in lieu of our regular meeting. We enjoyed a wonderful buffet dinner at Clementine’s Restaurant, and readings of the award-winning poems by the winners. There was a silent auction, and we raised $164.

June 16th’s meeting focused on the ins and outs of the contest trail, especially as related to the PST Annual Contests. Many of our members had tips on what to enter and why. The July 21st meeting was a BIG Read-around with feedback. A lively discussion ensued. The August 18th meeting examined what makes for a good critique. September 15th was our mini-workshop, “True Lies and Real Poems,” led by Susan Maxwell Campbell.

Lisa Salinas’ daughter, Olivia, won two awards in the PST Student Contest: 2nd Place in “A Different View Award” and 3rd Place in “The Anthony Dickson Memorial Award” Her son, Matthew, won 1st Place in “The Nancy Baass Award.” Congratulations to these two fine, young poets. We know Mama’s proud!

Maxine Kohanski, Karen Mastracchio, Mike Owens, Jenna Pashley Smith, and Lisa Salinas were all winners in The National Federation of State Poetry Societies’ Annual Contests. PNW took 15 places. Maxine and Lisa will have their poems published in the next Encore. Congratulations to everyone. Lynn Grice, Lisa Salinas, Donald Samp, and Sharon Young attended the PST Summer Conference in Waco.

Lisa won 1st Place in the PST July Monthly Contests, and her poetry has also been selected for Color:Story, A collaborative exhibition featuring the work of Houston Poets and art created by two local artists who will use the poems as inspiration. The art exhibition will run from January 12 to March 23, 2019 at the Silos at Sawyer Yards in Houston. Opening night on January 12 will feature a reveal of the artwork and a poetry reading by featured poets. All are welcome.

Michael Owens has been selected as a Juried Poet for the 2018 Houston Poetry Fest in October. Courtney O’Bannon Smith’s poem, “The Viewing,” appears in this year’s Spring issue of Relief: A Journal of Art and Faith.

PNW’s 2017 anthology, Honoring Art—An Ekphrastic Anthology, is now available for $6 each. Contact Lynn Grice at texaspoet53@hotmail.com to purchase.

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 Windwood Presbyterian Church, 10555 Spring Cypress Rd. in Houston. 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.poetsnsw.com, on Facebook at http://facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest, on Twitter @HoustonPoets, and on Instagram Poetsnorthwest.

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SAN ANTONIO POETS ASSOCIATION
Valerie Martin Bailey Reporting

SAPA met on May 19 with 20 members present, including new member Rajesh (Raj) Wagle and a returning member Yogi Thami.

President Pat Gibbs called the meeting to order and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silent prayer.

The April minutes were approved and Floyd (Michaud) Lamrouex gave the treasurer’s report.

Vice President Jean Jackson presented our poetry achievement awards: the third runner-up for Poet Laureate was Floyd (Michaud) Lamrouex, the second runner-up was Loretta Burns Vaughn, and the first runner-up was Sheila Tingley Moore. In addition to being first runner-up to Poet Laureate, Sheila Tingley Moore earned the Poetic Excellence Award for the 14th time. And SAPA’s 2018-2019 Poet Laureate is Valerie Martin Bailey. This is the 12th time she has earned this honor.

The candidates for Poet Laureate are the five poets who win the most contests in SAPA, PST, and NSPS in a current year. These five candidates are then judged on a point system that awards various points for many poetic activities that are added to their scores for winning poems. Points are awarded for the following: service as officers, committee chairs, committee members, for attendance at meetings,
conferences/conventions, participation in poetry events, sponsoring and/or judging contests, book publication, articles on poetry, winning manuscript contests, speaking engagements, venue hosting, giving workshops, or winning any special honor from PST, NFSPS, or other outside poetry organizations or venues. At SAPA, the Poet Laureate must earn the title. A separate Poetic Excellence Award is given to the poet who wins the most poetry contests in SAPA, PST, and NFSPS combined. Occasionally one person earns both honors.

After the poetry achievement awards, Contest Chair Valerie Bailey announced the winners of the April contests. Winners in the assigned topic were: Sheila Moore: 1st place, Valerie Bailey: 2nd place, Margaret Mayberry: 3rd place, and Paige Parker: HM. Winners in the Open topic were: Sheila Moore: 1st place, Jean Jackson: 2nd place, Carol Siskovic: 3rd place, and Lois Heger: HM. SAPA would like to thank Barbara Blanks for judging both contests.

Refreshments for the break were provided by John Eubanks and Antoinette Winstead. After refreshments we read our May poems, and then held our officer installation ceremony, officiated by outgoing President Pat Gibbs. The outgoing President’s plaque was awarded by Jean Jackson, Pat’s vice president for the past two years. All incoming and outgoing officers and chairs were honored with certificates, gifts, and words of appreciation for their service both past and future. The new officers were installed and they are ready to do great things for the 2018-2020 term, when SAPA will climax 2020 by hosting the PST summer conference in San Antonio. The new officers are as follows:

Floyd (Michaud) L. Lamrouex ~ President/Treasurer
Paige Parker ~ Vice President
Valerie Martin Bailey ~ Recording Secretary
Clyta Coder ~ Corresponding Secretary
Bruce Davis ~ Parliamentarian
Charles E. Jones ~ Historian

Webmaster Michaud Lamrouex and our membership invites you to visit our updated and refreshed Website at www.sapoets.org. Historian Charles Jones invites you to visit our Facebook page under his capable management.

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TYLER ROSE GARDEN POETS
Mary Tindall Reporting
The Rose Garden Poetry Society met Thursday, September 13 at the Hanks Senior Center in Whitehouse to share poems and inspire each other in the pursuit of poetry. Emphasis was our own collections. Topics ranged from friendship to why write poetry in forms including haiku and and free verse.

Carol Thompson read selections from a new Ted Kooser anthology.

Some members plan to attend a book publishing course offered at the Tyler Junior College Regional Center in October. Poets enjoyed the afternoon of fellowship and poems.

THE BULLETIN’S DIGITAL DEBUT

On September 8, 2018 PST’s Executive Committee voted to send The Bulletin as a PDF attachment to an e-mail, beginning with September’s edition.

For PST to grow and prosper, we need to reach more people. The Bulletin is one way to accomplish that. However, the paper-based Bulletin was too expensive to print many additional copies. Moving to a digital Bulletin provides the capability to reach more people with the same effort and lower cost.

The two most important reasons for the shift away from a paper Bulletin are (1) reduction of cost, saving us about $2,500 a year and (2) ease of communication.

Member benefits include:

• The ability to enlarge the font on your screen for easier reading.
• Receiving The Bulletin soon after e-mailing — no postal delay.
• Printing a single page or multiple pages, single-sided or double-sided, depending on your printer.
• Sharing this document with other people.

Additional benefits include:

• Increasing distribution of The Bulletin to other people and organizations to improve awareness of PST and its relevance in poetry communities across Texas.
• Involving a broader group of people in PST. Younger generations prefer and expect to receive their information digitally.
• Expanding the content of The Bulletin beyond its current six pages without additional cost.
• Continuing to explore ways to utilize electronic communications can benefit PST’s members.

PST will continue to use U.S. Mail to deliver paper copies to members without computers or email addresses.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT ~ AUGUST 2018
from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis

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WELCOME NEW PST MEMBERS

We are glad you joined, you will ♥ PST!

Patricia Ferguson, Burleson – Active Member
Jack L. Hooper, Dallas – Active Member
Mark Jodon, Houston – Active Member
Ann Marie Newman, Richardson – Active Member
Geneva Rodgers, Thrcockmorton – Active Member
Groesbeck Public Library - Associate Member
Mark Jodon, Houston – Sustaining Member

BOOK DONATIONS REPORT
From PST Librarian Barbara Blanks

Librarian Barbara Blanks reports that the following books were donated in August and September to the permanent collection at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library:

- **Songs for a Mechanical Age, A Volume of Steampunk Poetry** by Stephen Sanders
- **Takeaways, A Volume of Original Poetry**, by members of the Fort Worth Poetry Society
- **Platform**, by UT at Austin, School of Architecture, 2017
- **Accidental Origami: New and Selected Works**, by Karla K. Morton
- **Constant State of Leaping**, by Karla K. Morton
- **Hometown, Texas—Young Poets & Artists Celebrate Their Roots**, by Karla K. Morton
- **Rogue Waves**, by Alan Birkelbach
- **Bushwhacking Home and Other Poems**, by Lynn Hoggard
- **Mercury and Moonlight**, by James Thomas Fletcher
- **Émigré, Poems from Another Land**, by James Thomas Fletcher
- **Cairn**, by James Thomas Fletcher
- **In a Burst of Recycled Electrons, Poems & More**, by James Thomas Fletcher
- **Honoring Art, An Ekphrastic Anthology**, by Poets Northwest, 2017
- **Ten Counties Away**, by J. Todd Hawkins
- **This Great Turtle Heart (the Tao of Turtlism)**, by Dr. Charlotte Renk, Catherine Case Lubbe Manuscript Prize, 2017

If you have published a collection of poems or your chapter has published an anthology, please consider donating a copy to this collection. Send your books to Librarian Barbara Blanks at 1518 Running River Rd., Garland, TX 75044-7254.

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