Minutes of the General Meeting of the Poetry Society of Texas
on Saturday, October 13, 2018 at 2:30 p.m.
at the Preston Royal Library in Dallas.
Submitted by Recording Secretary, Barbara Blanks

President Aman Khan opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, including visitors Jeffrey DeLotto, Daniel Carson, and program speaker Christopher Soden. He recognized past president Catherine L’Herisson, and Domingo Rodriguez, president of Pegasus (Dallas) chapter.

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

Extension Chair Susan Maxwell Campbell mentioned that as part of the 2019 Summer Conference, the Denton Poets’ Assembly is holding a joint exhibition with Merging Visions, a program of the North Texas Visual Arts Society of Texas.

Director Richard Weatherly said a Merging Visions exhibit opens Oct. 21. Go to Denton Poets’ Assembly website for details.

Recording Secretary Barbara Blanks gave the September 2018 Membership Report for Membership Chair Lynn Lewis. The report can be seen on page 8.

Librarian Barbara Blanks also announced three book donations for the PST Permanent Collection at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. The list of book donations can be read on page 8.

Annual Awards Chair Beth Ayers reminded us the Awards Banquet will be on November 10.

The registration form is posted under Events on the PST website and in this Bulletin on page 7.

Spotlight on Poets Chair Susan Maxwell Campbell introduced Spotlight Poet Jeffrey DeLotto, a professor of English at Texas Wesleyan University in Fort Worth. In addition to his chapbooks, his work has appeared in numerous venues. He is a gardener and the “skipper on the mutinous family sailboat.”

Corresponding Secretary Ann Howells introduced our guest speaker Christopher Soden for Program Co-Chair J. Darrell Kirkley. Soden is a Dallas native, attended SMU, was mentored by Jack Myers (2001 Texas Poet Laureate), and received an MFA from Vermont College in 2015. He is a playwright as well as a founding member and current President Emeritus of Dallas Poets Community. Dallas named him “a distinguished poet” in 2001. His work has appeared in a variety of journals.

Soden’s program was titled: Tantalizing: Disclosure and the Craft of Poetry. He stated that a poem should entice the reader to “infer, surprise, and extrapolate meaning;” that is, read between the lines. Is the poem saying this…or that? “Tantalize the reader—torment with the sight of something desired but just out of reach. Parcel out information to wake up the reader. A successful poem becomes a thing apart, with a life of its own—self-contained so the poet doesn’t have to be there to explain it.”

Soden provided handouts of four poems, and after

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each was read, asked for interpretations from audience members

After a break, Contest Chairman Richard Weatherly announced the winners of the October Monthly Contests, then the meeting was adjourned.

**From Our Member Chapters... NEWS from Across Texas**

**ALAMO AREA POETS OF TEXAS**

*Antonia Murguia Reporting*

The October meeting for the Alamo Area Poets of Texas (AAPT) was very exciting. We started the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence. The featured guest was Budd Powell Mahan, Past President of the Poetry Society of Texas.

Budd delivered an eye opening workshop that I call the Do’s and Don’ts of Writing Poems. He explained everything very well and gave great examples. He also brought his partner, L.D. Carter, whom we enjoyed meeting.

Winners of the September contests were:

- **Assigned Topic:** 2nd HM—Antonia Murguia, 1st HM—Antoinette Winstead, 3rd Place—Patricia Keoughan, 2nd Place—Rene Ornes, 1st Place—Sheila Moore. Winners in the Open Topic: 3rd HM—Lea Fagin, 2nd HM—Patricia Keoughan, 1st HM—Rene Ornes, 3rd Place—Peter Holland, 2nd Place—Sheila Moore, 1st Place—Antoinette Winstead.

- Sheila decorated for fall and brought wonderful snacks. The assigned topic for November is Best Christmas or Treacherous Waters. Barbara Berry will be the judge. The featured guest will be Octavio Quintanilla, San Antonio’s current Poet Laureate. The next meeting will be November 3rd at 1 p.m. Happy October!

**BEAUMONT CHAPTER**

*Beverly Green Powell Reporting*

Our last meeting was held in the home of President Birma Castle. Four members were present so we had time for visiting after going over critiqued poems and reading our September lesson poems. Now, it’s time for our October meeting, and time to write another poem. That’s a good thing!

Birma Castle and Barbara Powell attended the *Gift of Life*, Breast Cancer Survivor’s Breakfast sponsored by Philpott Ford.

We plan to attend the PST annual Awards Banquet. Members anxiously await the email saying “You have a reason to attend.” It’s an exciting time because poets love to see their poems published. I remember the first time I received the coveted card in the mail, I screamed so loud my husband thought I’d been bitten by a snake. We lived in the country at the time. It’s been nice seeing Facebook announcements about new members joining PST. Hope to see you in November at the Awards Dinner.

**DALLAS PEGASUS CHAPTER**

*Domingo Rodriguez Reporting*

Hello Everyone, I just want to send out this reminder that our monthly meeting of wordy fellows will be this Thursday, October 11. We will meet as usual at the Preston Royal Library at 6:00 p.m. I apologize for all of the confusion lately, but it now looks like everything is back on schedule, at least until the holidays hit! Hope to see you all there. This is a personal invitation for those who need it. Please bring copies of your poems if you plan to read for positive critiques. We will also discuss our logo at this meeting. *May your ink only dry upon the page and never in the well.*

~ Domingo 805-302-9494
DENTON POETS’ ASSEMBLY

Richard Weatherly Reporting

The Denton Poets’ Assembly meets every third Saturday of the month at the Emily Fowler Public Library in Denton, Texas. Our October meeting will be held on Saturday, October 20. We always start our meetings at 10 a.m. by welcoming visitors, then members discuss chapter business and related chapter activities, such as Merging Visions 2018, a collaborative exhibit of art and poetry, which will open on Saturday, October 20 at the MCL Grand, 100 N. Charles St., in Lewisville. A public reception will be held on Sunday, October 21 from 2–4 p.m. in the MCL Grand’s Art Gallery and Recital Hall. The Merging Visions Exhibit will be on display through Saturday, November 24. The Gallery is open from 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Tuesdays through Saturdays, closed Sundays and Mondays.

Following the discussion, we will read assigned poems based on J. Paul Holcomb’s lesson, “Blank Verse Is Not Free Verse.”

After the assigned poetry readings, J. Paul will present his October lesson. Later in the meeting members and guests will read a free choice poem. We will adjourn the meeting at noon, and a critique session will follow the regular meeting.

Denton Poets’ Assembly meetings are free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome. For more information, please visit http://DentonPoetsAssembly.weebly.com.

FORT WORTH POETRY SOCIETY

Anne Jones Reporting

Marilyn Komechak opened our meeting by reading two poems by Elizabeth Ebert, “Cowboy Courting Time” and “He Talked About Montana.” She also gave a brief bio of this poet, who recently passed away.

In old business, our president Steve Sanders announced that he, Mike Baldwin, and Ryan Boyer have completed the necessary paperwork that will make us a non-profit organization. Ryan is a friend of Steve’s and an estimable lawyer. We are grateful to all three. Becoming a non-profit organization has been long overdue.

Our poetry readings at Central Market went really well. Steve, Tricia Ferguson, and Anne Jones participated. Shoppers stopped in groups to hear us read British Poetry. Several shoppers thanked us personally, and one shopper was there most of the afternoon. It was very gratifying.

Steve reminded us about Artsgoggle later this month, and another reading at Hulen Mall the same day. Halloween poems for kids is the theme at the mall.

Steve invited us to join him at a Steam Punk Poetry Slam in Venus November 9–11. Hulen Mall also wants to honor veterans on November 11 with poems concerning the military. Fil Peach will be in charge.

Lastly, Mike Baldwin has extended the deadline to November 30 for poems and artwork that have a classical music theme. These poems will be in an anthology to raise money and awareness for our local symphony. Check your PST Bulletin for submission rules. We passed a motion that some kind of language will be included in Chapbook rules that will encourage new poets to enter.

Our critique session was led by Tricia Ferguson and was a bit different this time as we wrote critiques on the poems, which were then given to the poets at the end of the critiquing period.

HOT POETS SOCIETY OF WACO

Sandi Horton Reporting

Many members of the HOT Poets Society participated in the WordFest sponsored by the Waco Cultural Arts Festival October 5–7. Nathan Brown, Anne McCrady, and Michel Guinn were the featured poets for the three day event. On Saturday night a reception and reading of individual poems was held for contributors to the 2018 WordFest Anthology edited by Sandi Horton. Poets came from as far as Wyoming to read. Many PST members were included in the journal with Texas poets in attendance from San Antonio, Houston, Austin, Tyler, Grand Prairie, Dripping Springs, Fort Worth, Denton, and more. About 60 poets attended one or more of the events during the weekend.

The HOT Poets continue to meet on the third Saturday of every month from 2–4 p.m. at Cultivate7twelve on Austin Avenue in downtown Waco. On October 20, members are asked to bring a couple of poems by one of their favorite poets to read. An open mic will conclude the meeting.

For the September meeting, each HOT Poet
brought a list of five things they look for in a good poem to share and discuss. Other poets in the area and attendees at a WordFest workshop also gave their lists to Christine Boldt and Sandi Horton to compile a list to be shared.

**MOCKINGBIRD CHAPTER**
*Thomas K. Martin Reporting*

MPS held its regular monthly meeting on Saturday, October 6 in the Heard-Craig Carriage House in McKinney. President Alice Parker presided, and seven members attended.

President Parker and other members who participated in the September 29 open mic event at McKinney’s Filtered Coffee Shop, commented on the success of the early National Poetry Day celebration. A lot of people came through the shop due to McKinney’s Octoberfest celebration going on that weekend. Everyone who participated agreed that it had been great to have so many non-members walk through and listen to the readings. A wonderful variety of poems were shared. The five people who signed up to read included some non-members. Several people who just happened by for coffee stopped and listened to the readings, and some members brought friends who participated.

Ann Marie Newman observed that several readers at the event appeared to be unfamiliar with effective microphone skills. The group suggested that before the next public reading, we should have some training during a future meeting on the appropriate use of microphones. This will help members use them more effectively. Ann Marie Newman volunteered to bring a microphone to a future meeting and give that training.

President Parker reminded members about the MPS field trip to the Dallas Museum of Art (DMA) scheduled for Sunday, November 11. It will be an experience in using art to inspire poetry. Those who want to participate should send Ann Marie an RSVP email ahead of time to (annstoryart@gmail.com). MPS members are welcome to invite guests, but should let Ann Marie know how many people they plan to bring. Members from other clubs are also welcome, but they also need to let Ann Marie know they intend to participate. We will meet by the Chihuly glass display at 2:00 p.m. The event will last until about 4:00 p.m. Ann Marie will give a brief presentation on using art to inspire writing. After the presentation, participants will be free to move around the museum and use the exhibits to inspire their poetry. The group will reconvene before 4:00 p.m. to share what they have written. Everyone should bring a writing pad or notebook and pen.

President Parker reminded members that PST’s annual Awards Banquet will be held on Saturday, November 10, and non-members are welcome to participate. Information and the registration form will be in the October Bulletin and on PST’s Website (www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org). Awards for 100 contests will be presented after the meal and during the afternoon.

President Parker announced that she will appoint a Nominating Committee to nominate candidates for the offices of President and Secretary. Both positions will be elected for two year terms during the regular meeting on Saturday, November 3 at 1:30 p.m. Jimmye Inez Sessions was appointed to chair the Nominating Committee.

**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, as well as the 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. August 18th’s 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: Second Place in “A Different View Award” and Third Place in “The Anthony Dickson Memorial Award.” Lisa’s son, Matthew, won First 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 Pasheley 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 First Place in the PST July Monthly Contest. Michael Owens has been selected as a Juried Poet for the 2018 Houston Poetry Fest in October. Courtney O’Banion 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. If you would like to purchase an anthology, contact Lynn Grice at texaspoet53@hotmail.com.

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.poetsnw.com. We are on Facebook at http://facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest. We are on Twitter @HoustonPoets, and on Instagram Poetsnorthwest.

POETS OF TARRANT COUNTY

Lynn Lewis Reporting

The Poets of Tarrant County usually meet on the first Monday of the month at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church in Fort Worth.

The October 1st meeting of the PTC was called to order by President Barbara Goerdel. Barbara was also the Contemporary Poet Reader, and she read haikus written by John Han.

The minutes from the September meeting were approved and the treasury report was presented.

Secretary Lynn Lewis read from the obituary of DeLoris Duemke Whitney, who passed away on September 2nd at a Phoenix hospital. Deloris was a PST Life Member and a member of the Honorary Poets of Tarrant County. She and her husband had retired in Scottsdale, Arizona.

Ron Eddins was the Spotlight Poet, and we enjoyed hearing his poetry.

The new business portion of the meeting was open for suggestions and discussions of new ideas concerning our organization.

Assignment poems were read before the break. President Goerdel read the Kudos List, and Lynn Lewis introduced the Featured Speaker, Masood Parvaze. He spoke about his travels and the poetry that emerges from having done so.

After our featured speaker concluded his presentation, the meeting was adjourned by President Goerdel.

RUSK COUNTY POETRY SOCIETY

Jo Morrow Reporting

The Rusk County Poetry Society met September 20 at the Henderson location with 13 present, including one prospective member. The meeting opened with a prayer offered by Richard Hurzeler. Secretary Adrianne Pamplin was absent due to illness and minutes were postponed. The treasurer’s report was given by Sharon Taylor. Adrianne was also to have been our “Spotlight Poet” for the month.

In Adrianne’s absence, our visitor, Janet Tyner, accepted an invitation to share her original photographs with her poetry superimposed on the prints. This was in response to a challenge issued at the end of the August meeting to bring an example of creative endeavors in addition to poetry with a poem written about the example.

Also shared were a large oil painting by Jackie McVey and a wedding gown by Jo Morrow.

Members enjoyed refreshments and discussed details for the upcoming “Celebration of Poetry” in October. Critiqued poems were returned and new poems were collected to be sent for critique. RCPS members so appreciate the time and effort expended in our behalf by the poets who judge our work.

The lesson by Jo Morrow was a discussion of denotation and annotation and included reading works by Emily Dickinson and Edwin Arlington Robinson. There was excellent participation, and the meeting closed with members looking forward to October’s celebration.
The September 15 meeting of SAPA was called to order by our new president, Floyd (Michaud) L. Lamrouex. After the Pledge of Allegiance and a brief silent prayer, the minutes were approved and the treasurer’s report given. Pat Gibbs and Carol Siskovic brought guests: Carol Russell and Susan Sabino. Both joined SAPA, and were warmly welcomed.

The program for the meeting was in two parts. First was the President’s Address—a time for our new president to share his vision for SAPA for the next two years. He presented a seven point plan, but the three main highlights of his vision are: (1) to increase our membership, (2) to make SAPA an IRS 501(c)(3) tax exempt Texas Non-profit corporation so that SAPA can receive donations that are tax exempt to the donor and will also allow us to make purchases for the Association without paying sales taxes, (3) to host the PST Summer Conference in 2020. Michaud, an attorney, graciously offered to do the work to obtain the tax exempt status.

The second part of the program was the Poet Laureate’s Address, presented by Valerie Bailey, our 2018-19 Poet Laureate. Her topic, Five Essentials for a Poet, comprised Truth (being genuine, true to yourself), Originality, Vision, Technical Mastery, and Teachability.

Winners in our May contests were awarded. Assigned topic winners were: 1st: Sheila Moore, 2nd: John Friedland, 3rd: Margaret Mayberry, HM: Pat Gibbs. Winners in the open topic were: 1st: Jean Jackson, 2nd: Iris Maahs, 3rd: Carol Siskovic, HM: Valerie Bailey. The contests were judged by Susan Maxwell Campbell of Mansfield. Thanks to Susan for her time and her extensive critiques that were very helpful.

We took a break for refreshments provided by Valerie Bailey and Mary Cervantes. Afterwards, we read our September poems, held a book raffle, and the meeting was adjourned.

**TYLER ROSE GARDEN SOCIETY**

*Mary Tindall Reporting*

The Rose Garden Poets met Thursday, October 11 at the Hanks Senior Center in Whitehouse with eight attending. A break from the heat made a perfect afternoon for poetry.

Richard Hurzeler offered an opening prayer. We brainstormed and listed the things we do each month in response to a request by Susan Campbell.

We discussed plans for the upcoming Celebration of Poetry. Poems were read around the table. Critiqued poems from Barbara Blanks were returned. Lynn Tindall brought cookies from the Two Sisters bakery for refreshments.

The assignment for next month is to write a poem about blackbirds. Poets left the meeting looking forward to the Celebration on October 20 in Henderson with the Rusk County Poetry Society.
The 62nd Annual PST Awards Banquet
Saturday, November 10, 2018
DoubleTree by Hilton (near the Galleria)
4099 Valley View Lane ~ Dallas, Texas 75244
Phone: 972-385-9000

Our Poetry Garden ~ Where Poems Bloom In All Seasons

Hotel Reservations:
Make reservations for overnight stay directly with the hotel. Reservations for the special PST rate of $109 plus tax must be made by Friday, October 26. Code is “PST.” Call Nicole Foster at 972-419-7607 Monday–Friday, 8-4 to reserve a room (if necessary, leave contact information for a return call). A credit card is required to hold your room. There is a 24-hour cancellation policy.

Regular and Gluten-Free Menu

Salad
Chef’s Selection of Salad with Dressings

Entrée
Grilled Breast of Chicken with a Lemon Butter Sauce
Jasmine Rice
Chef’s Selection of Appropriate Seasonal Vegetables
Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter
Iced Tea ~ Iced Water
Freshly Brewed Regular or Decaf Coffee

Dessert
Italian Cream Cake or Fruit Cup (gluten free)

Vegetarian Menu

Salad
Chef’s Selection of Salad with Dressings

Entrée
Asian Veggie Stir Fry with Rice
Freshly Baked Rolls and Butter
Iced Tea ~ Iced Water
Freshly Brewed Coffee, Regular or Decaf

Dessert
Italian Cream Cake or Fruit Cup

The Regular menu is gluten free if you don’t eat the rolls and choose the gluten free fruit cup instead of Italian Cream cake.

Program Order:
11:00 am: Check-In and Seating
11:30 am: Banquet Service
12:30 pm: Introductions and Special Awards
12:45 pm: Break
1:00 pm: Presentation of our Annual Awards

After Contest #50: Break plus…DoubleTree Cookies

REGISTRATION FORM Due by Saturday, November 3 – Mail completed form to Beth Ayers at 7404 Townsend Blvd., McKinney TX 75071 (Phone: 214-856-4990).

Name__________________________________________________________________________
Address:___________________________City:__ State:____ Zip:_________
Phone:_________________________E-mail:_____________________________
Indicate number for each menu selection: Regular/Gluten Free _____ Vegetarian _____
Check if required: No Sauce _____ Fruit instead of cake _______
Total number of plates ordered @ $30 per plate_______ Total Amount Enclosed:__________

Please make your check payable to PST or the Poetry Society of Texas
MEMBERSHIP REPORT ~ SEPTEMBER 2018
from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis

Active Members.............226
Associate Members..........15
Life Members...............44
Student Members..........27
Sustaining Members.......5
Supporting Members.......1
Recently Deceased.........1
New Members.................9
Renewing Members ..........18
Current Member Total.....319

WELCOME NEW PST MEMBERS

We are glad you joined, you will ♥ PST!

Margaret Anderegg, Odessa – Active Member
Tony Dickensheets, Coppell – Active Member
Traci Elliott-Nelson, Fort Worth – Active Member
April Garcia, Floresville – Active Member
Larry Griffin, Kansas, OK – Associate Member
Richard Kushmaul, Denton – Active Member
Dorothy C. Potts, San Antonio – Sustaining Member
Angela Rabke, San Antonio – Active Member
Janet R. Tyner, Tyler – Active Member

WE BOO K DONATIONS REPORT

From PST Librarian Barbara Blanks

• In the Beginning: an Egg, a Mask, a Woman, by Susan J. Rogers
• Wordfest Anthology 2018: Waco Cultural Arts Fest, edited by Sandi Horton

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.

Our Sincere Sympathy

DeLoris Duemke Whitney
Passed away suddenly on September 2, 2018 at a Phoenix hospital. She was a resident of Scottsdale, Arizona. She was a Life Member of PST and the Poets of Tarrant County. Our deep sympathy to her husband Erwin Whitney, their sons, Trent and Paul and their families and to her many friends in PST.

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