President Aman Khan opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, including program speaker Diane Glancy, new visitors Lydia Alexander, Marjorie Chesebro—both of Denton, and Jo Hopper, Dallas. He recognized past presidents J. Paul Holcomb, Marilyn Stacy, Pat Stodghill, and Catherine L’Herisson.

Treasurer Patrick Lee Marshall gave the November 2018 Financial report. PST paid out $7,057 in annual contest prize money at the Awards Banquet last month.

December Program Chair Diane Glancy introduced her program, “A Gift Packet,” which was a preview of her scheduled program of “Prompts and Pathways,” at the July 11~13, 2019 PST Summer Conference in Denton. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in English, a Master’s degree in English, and a Master of Fine Arts degree. She is an acclaimed poet, author, and playwright. She mentioned that she reads each year’s edition of The Best of American Poetry, stating: “I like to read them even when I don’t understand them.”

Diane passed out packets that contained poems by seven panel members, all Denton Poets’ Assembly members, who had also included information on what prompted each to write his or her particular poem, and the pathway way each took in the process of developing it.

Marjorie Chesebro’s poem was prompted by color-theme and image: a snapshot of her as a child wearing her favorite red Mary Jane shoes.

Richard Weatherly used a photo he snapped of a silver-haired lady as his prompt and wondered who she was and where she was going.

Lydia Alexander was prompted by an assignment to write in form. She chose the Ottava Rima, using “an intellectual idea made as physically real as possible.”

J. Paul Holcomb was also prompted to write in form, and in wondering what form to use, chose the villanelle. The poem developed out of “how difficult it was and how much nervousness I had about writing it.”

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Richard Kushmaul was prompted by the 2019 Summer Conference, and based his poem on that.

Becca Hines noted that “pathways are informed by intention…to serve a purpose.” Her poem was based on a path. She also invited all conference attendees to visit the Patterson-Appleton Center in Denton where Merging Visions will be on exhibit. There will be buses for transportation. More details as they develop.

Patrick Marshall read his poem prompted by the “monarch waystation” his wife Andrea built in their backyard.

After a short break, we continued with the business portion of the state meeting.

Librarian Barbara Blanks announced 12 book donations for the PST Permanent Collection at the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library. The book titles and donors can be seen on page 11.

Director Susan Maxwell Campbell gave the October/November 2018 Membership Report for Membership Chair Lynn Lewis. The membership statistics and the sympathy notice for Irene Fields Barns Carmichael can also be read on page 11. Irene actually died on Oct. 31, in Santa Fe, NM, at age 98. Catherine L’Herisson, Linda Banks, and Marilyn Stacy attended her memorial service. Irene had been a member of their Brown Bag Poets group. She also was a recipient of the Hilton Ross Greer Outstanding Service Award from PST.

Spotlight on Poets Chair Susan Maxwell Campbell introduced Spotlight Poet David Orchard of Houston, David is a member of Poets Northwest chapter and has been a PST member for ten years. He read several poems via video remote based on his interest in sciences, marriage, firefighting, and other observations.

Contest Chair Rich Weatherly announced the winners of the December Monthly Contests. The winner’s names are listed in the Monthly Contest Winners’ Box at the bottom of the next column.

Note that the Annual Critic Award winner was Sheila Tingley Moore of San Antonio and the annual Critic Judge was Jeffrey DeLotto of Fort Worth.

After the announcement of the monthly contest winners, the meeting was adjourned.

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DECEMBER MONTHLY CONTEST WINNERS
Critic Judge: Al Rocheleau, Orlando, FL
1st: Hugh Burke, Temple, “Storm from Cathedral Mountain”
2nd: J. Paul Holcomb, Double Oak
3rd: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond

Laugh Lines
Judge: J. Paul Holcomb, Double Oak
Winner: Barbara Lewie Berry, Mansfield

Book Prizes ~ 37 Entries
Reader: JDarrell Kirkley, Dallas
Popular Prize: Hilda Wales, Albuquerque, NM
Poetry for Poets: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas
Naomi Simmons Award: Robert Schinzel, Highland Village
Wm D. Barney Award: Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield
M. Tandy Duemke Award: LaVern Spencer McCarthy, Blair, OK
Robby K. Mitchell Award: J.R. Robert-Saavedra, Corinth
Other poems read were by: April Garcia, Birma Castle, Nancy Ballard, and Richard Hurzeler

Annual Critic’s Award
Judge: Jeffrey DeLotto, Fort Worth
Winner: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio
for October’s winner ~ “Whistling in the Dark”

Send contest entries before the 15th of each month to Contest Chair, Richard Weatherly, at 7617 Palomar Dr., No. Richland Hills, TX 76180 • 817-428-8088 • WeatherlyR@sbcglobal.net.

THE HOUSE OF POETRY AT BAYLOR
Coming Next April 2019

The House of Poetry at Baylor invites PST members to a one day event on April 3, 2019 at the Armstrong Browning Library. Guest speakers will be Dr. Nathaniel Hansen from UMHB and Dr. Benjamin Myers of Oklahoma Baptist University. There is no cost to attend this event.

Put this date on your 2019 calendar, and plan to attend if possible. This would be a great way to celebrate National Poetry Month. Reminders for the event and time will be in the February and March Bulletins. Elizabeth Dell, a PST member who teaches at Baylor, is in charge of the House of Poetry, and would love to see many PST members at this event. If you are interested in participating in the program, please send an e-mail to Elizabeth at Elizabeth_dell@baylor.edu, and let her know of your interest.

Around February 1, 2019, an announcement will be sent to those who expressed interest, They will be asked to contribute up to three poems and come to the one-day event (9 am to 3 pm). Her committee will put the poems in a booklet, and on the day of the event poets will read their poems.

A luncheon will be held where poets may discuss their work in small groups.

In checking out their past poetry booklets, many well-known PST members have participated in this annual House of Poetry Event.
I would like to remind everyone that we will not have a meeting in December, but we did receive an invitation to the Preston Royal Branch Library’s Holiday Party on Saturday, December 15 at 10:30 a.m.

We have also been asked to submit a short poem about the Library that its patrons might like. The subject is the Library itself (I read that as physical, metaphysical, emotional, remembrance of past, or dreams for the future), and it can be holiday or everyday themed. Please send them to me by Monday December 10, and I ask that they be one or two stanzas, but no more than 16 lines. Everyone stay safe and warm and hope to see ya’ll there! A flyer is included and the head Librarian asked that we invite all who want to come. Refreshments will be provided.

DENTON POETS’ ASSEMBLY
Richard Weatherly Reporting
Denton Poets’ Assembly met on Saturday, December 15 at the Emily Fowler Public Library in Denton, Texas. We started our meeting at 10 a.m. by welcoming visitors, then members discussed chapter business.

Following the discussion, we read assigned poems based on J. Paul Holcomb’s lesson, “Edgar Lee Masters’ Spoon River Anthology is a conceptual masterpiece.”

Following the assignment reading DPA engaged in a special time, with a wonderful celebration and tribute to honor J. Paul Holcomb for his years of service to the chapter in sharing his monthly poetry lessons, especially poetry forms. J. Paul responded by sharing his thoughts on his time with DPA. He is stepping down as our monthly presenter of lessons, but we hope to keep him around as an asset and a valuable resource.

DPA also set aside the meeting as a time of holiday celebration. Members brought food and beverages and enjoyed fellowship together.

Susan Maxwell Campbell distributed materials for a new “Read and Respond” series based on guidelines frequently used in academic circles. Members are asked to read supplied material and respond by writing according to supplied guidelines. Following our celebration members, and guests read a free choice poem.

We adjourned the meeting at noon, and a critique session followed the regular meeting.

Diane Glancy Presentation
The program for the December 8 Poetry Society of Texas Monthly meeting was delivered by Diane Glancy, a member of DPA and a treasured resource. Her program featured a presentation based on “Prompts and Pathways,” the theme of the 2019 PST Summer Conference.

Merging Visions
Merging Visions 2018, following the exhibition at the MCL Grand’s Art Gallery and Recital Hall the paired poems and art were moved to Denton Branch Libraries. The paired works can be seen during regular library hours. Take your friends and family to revisit many of the pieces and pairings from this beautiful exhibit. The last day of the extended exhibit will be Friday, January 18, 2019.

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. Meetings are free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome. For more information, visit http://DentonPoetsAssembly.weebly.com

GULF COAST POETS
Daniel Carrington Reporting
In December, the Gulf Coast Poets held its annual holiday luncheon. This year’s festivities took place at the Avenida Brazil Churrascaria Steakhouse in Webster, TX. Our guest of honor was 2013-2014 Oklahoma Poet Laureate, Nathan Brown. Lunch was a lavish affair with a wonderful sampling of fine Brazilian cuisine, followed by a fine featured reading by our guest. Mr. Brown treated the crowd to selections from his most recent poetry collections An Honest Day’s Ode (2017), An Honest Day’s Prayer (2017), and An Honest Day’s Confession (2018). Afterward, we closed the ceremonies with our final open mic of 2018.

We’re looking forward to a great 2019. But before ringing in the new year, GCP would like to wish everyone safe, happy holidays and happy writing!
HI-PLAINS CHAPTER
Tom & Frances Ferris Reporting
Members present at our December 1 meeting were: Frances Clegg-Ferris, Von and Barry Bourland, Bryan Hampton, and John Schmidt. Our visitors were Pandra Keeling, David Bradshaw, Adele Deaton, and Joe Warren. Karl Smith was unable to be in attendance due to a medical emergency in his family.

President Frances Clegg-Ferris opened the meeting with the critique session. The following presented poems for critique: Bryan Hampton read his and received verbal comments. Adele Deaton – “One Toothbrush and a Coffee Cup.” John Schmidt read “Told and Retold.” David Bradshaw presented some of his poems. John Schmidt, Von Bourland, and Frances read some of their seasonal poems without critique.

Program: Von read 16 of her 1st place winning poems from various contests in 2018.

Business Meeting: Frances Clegg-Ferris, President, opened the meeting by reading the October minutes. Von moved the minutes be accepted as read and John seconded. Minutes were approved as read.

The group agreed to move their meeting place to Kingswood Methodist Church beginning February 2019. We will enter the northwest door. We will check with the Jackson Street Grill for the October meeting, as they will be moving to another building in the Park Place Towers Complex.

John started working on an emergency phone list to use in bad weather.

Von drew the PST contest topic for chapter out of her box. It will be “Texas Weather” for 2019.

Workshop:
Frances presented the Ercil form, invented by James Gray, to be worked on for February 2019. It has 10 iambic meter lines with the following rhyme scheme ababcdcdee and the following syllables 4-6-8-10-4-6-8-10-6-6.

Round Robin:
Following the round robin the meeting was adjourned.

HOT POETS SOCIETY
Sandi Horton Reporting
The HOT Poets will meet with the Waco Poets to celebrate the Winter Solstice with an open mic from 6-8 p.m.at our usual meeting place in downtown Waco, Cultivate 7twelve, located at 712 Austin Avenue.

A new weekly writers group led by Linda Prichard Miller (HOT Poet member) will launch its first meeting Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the Greater Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) in the social room downstairs (side entrance) at 1601 Clay Avenue, Waco, Texas. This unique professional writing group will be for all genres with an eye toward publishing individual works. The Waco group is affiliating with the Dallas-Fort Worth Writers Workshop, a longstanding, very successful writing critique group that will provide a wealth of additional resources, contacts, and workshops/seminars.

MOCKINGBIRD CHAPTER
Thomas K. Martin Reporting
MPS held its regular monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, December 1 in the Heard-Craig House in McKinney. President Alice Parker presided. A total of ten members and one guest attended.

There was extensive discussion and pride-taking by members in the wake of their performance at the Poetry Society of Texas’ annual Awards Banquet. Seven Mockingbirds (Beth Ayers, Susan Maxwell Campbell, Aman Kahn, Susan Mardele, Sylvia Medel, Ann Marie Newman, and Alice Parker) had a combined total of 29 poems recognized by PST including two first place awards to Beth Ayers and Susan Maxwell Campbell. Jimmy Inez Sessions was presented PST’s 2018 Hilton Ross Greer Outstanding Service Award.

Election of new officers took place. Thomas K. Martin was elected President, and John Alexander was elected Secretary. Both were elected unanimously to two-year terms that will begin on January 1, 2019.

Members also thanked Sylvia Medel for all the outstanding work she has done to promote MPS and its activities through whatever media she can find to spread the word.

The Mockingbirds are now accepting submissions to the 48th annual Collin County Poetry Contest until February 1, 2019. Rules and guidelines are posted on the Mockingbirds’ Website (https://mockingbirdpoetry.org/). There is no entry fee.

After the group’s business was completed, they participated in a poetry reading, a holiday potluck luncheon, and a gift exchange. This annual tradition is always a lot of fun.

The group enjoyed an immensely successful field trip to the Dallas Museum of Art at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, November 11. About a dozen members and guests met at the Chihuly glass exhibit just inside the main entrance before proceeding to the top floor where Ann Marie Newman gave a presentation on using art to inspire poetry. Participants then browsed the galleries looking for inspiration and writing. The group got back together shortly before 4:00 p.m. to share the fruit of their efforts. It was a most rewarding experience.
POETS NORTHWEST  
**Lynn Grice Reporting**

Karen Mastracchio led our group in a very productive critique session at our November 17 meeting. We had our annual Christmas party at Maxine Kohanski’s home on December 15. We will resume our usual monthly meetings on January 19, with our members reading their PST Annual Contest winning poems. PNW member, David Orchard was the Spotlight Poet at the December 8, PST meeting.

PNW’s 2017 anthology, *Honorings—An Ekphrastic Anthology*, is now available for $6 each. To purchase a copy 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, Houston (except May and December). Members 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, on Facebook at http://facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest, on Twitter @HoustonPoets, and on Instagram Poetsnorthwest.

POETS OF TARRANT COUNTY  
**Lynn Lewis Reporting**

The December 3rd meeting was called to order by President Barbara Goerdel. Contemporary Poet Reader, Mona Lynn McDaniel, read “Boy and Mom” at the Nutcracker Ballet” by Naomi Shihab Nye. The minutes from the November meeting were read with one correction, and the Treasurer’s report was presented. Angie Goin was Spotlight Poet. Contest Chairperson, Jeannette Strother, announced the results as judged by past Poetry Society of Texas president, Marilyn Stacy. Third Place went to Susan Maxwell Campbell, Second Place went to Barbara Berry, and the 2018 winner was Lewisville Poet Laureate and Poet from Double Oak, J. Paul Holcomb. The poems will be read at the January meeting. President Goerdel presented the executive committee with a 2018 copy of Cantos, *A Literary and Arts Journal from Missouri Baptist University*. Vice President Angie Goin presented President Goerdel with the Naomi Flower for the month of December.

Old Business in a nutshell: After a motion by Louin Berry III, and a second by Jeannette Strother to prioritize the suggested future meeting venues was approved, and with discussion thereof, the February meeting will take place at the Thomas Place Community Center and will continue there for the remainder of our organizational year. New Business: Susan Maxwell Campbell is soliciting contact information for High School English teachers for future PST Student Contest entries, as well as the upcoming PST Summer Conference student contest entries.

2019 officers were installed, President Goerdel read the Kudos List, and assignment poems were read before she adjourned us for the Christmas party.

RUSK COUNTY POETRY SOCIETY  
**Jo Morrow Reporting**

The Rusk County Poetry Society met November 15 at the Henderson Church of Christ Community Building with eight members in attendance. President Mary Tindall called on Richard Hurzeler for prayer and proceeded to the business of evaluating the October Celebration of Poetry. The event was pronounced a success, although members mentioned ideas for next year that might make it even better. The September minutes were read by Sue Roberts and approved, and the August minutes were read by secretary, Adrianne Pamplin and approved. There was no treasurer’s report, but it was noted that $320 was raised at the Celebration and will be added to the scholarship fund. It was announced that on December 11 the Overton Library is hosting a Fifth Grade Poetry Reading and RCPS members are invited.

It was noted that six members of the society placed in the Poetry Society of Texas Annual Contests. Adrianne Pamplin had four first place awards and nine total placements. Mary Tindall also had nine total placements and one first place award. Other members whose poetry placed were: Vina Hathaway, Richard Hurzeler, Jo Morrow, and Carol Thompson. In lieu of a lesson, members enjoyed reading and hearing poems read, including those that won awards and mentions. Mary passed out guidelines for judging poetry. After refreshments provided by Sue Roberts were enjoyed, the nominating committee made its report. It was recommended that the 2018 slate of officers, with the exception of recording secretary, serve again in 2019. The recording secretary, Jo Morrow, had served for two years, and committee proposed that Cherry Day be nominated for that office. She accepted the nomination, the members voted to accept that slate for 2019.

The next meeting will be the annual Christmas Party to be held December 20 at the regular meeting time in the home of Jo Morrow.

Members will bring snacks, Christmas poems will be read, and donations for a local food bank and/or a gift for Richard to distribute in his nursing home ministry. The meeting was adjourned as we cheerfully look forward to the holidays.
On December 15, SAPA members held their annual Christmas party with 15 members present. President Michaud Lamrouex read a beautiful Christmas prayer he wrote for the occasion. The food was excellent and bountiful. It was a wonderful time of fellowship with a background of Christmas music. Tables were covered in red tablecloths and centerpieces were little red tin buckets filled with candy canes and a poinsettia clipped on the edge.

After our meal, President Lamrouex called our last meeting of the year to order. After the pledge of allegiance, he gave an abbreviated treasurer’s report and the November minutes were approved.

We did not have a guest speaker, since the Christmas party was our “program, so Contest Chair, Valerie Bailey proceeded with the November contest results and awards. Our Judge was Steve Sanders of Fort Worth, and we thank Steve for his time and expertise. The assigned topic was “A Country Structure,” and Steve selected the following winners: 1st: Lois Heger, 2nd: John Friedland, 3rd: Margaret Mayberry, and Honorable Mention: Valerie Bailey. The open topic winners were: 1st: Lois Heger, 2nd: Clyta Coder, 3rd: Bruce Davis, Honorable Mention: Pat Gibbs.

Since it was a long meeting, we did not hold our usual book raffle. The book raffle is used to raise additional money for our budget, so we had a donation box available for those who wanted to share.

We then went immediately to the reading of our December poems, which will be judged by Robert Schinzel of Highland Village, TX. The December assigned topic is “Paying it Forward,” an appropriate topic in this giving season. We heard many inspiring poems. It was a lovely day weatherwise, and the party and poetry were perfect. From SAPA; we send Christmas and New Year blessings to all our friends in PST.

Nine members and one guest met at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 17, in the Texas Room of the Kemp Center for the Arts. Chair for the meeting was Daryl Halencak of Crowell. Because of Thanksgiving, Daryl asked members to answer roll call telling something for which they were grateful – other than the usual friends and family.

In Old Business, the minutes were approved as corrected, and the financial report, given by Treasurer Sheri Sutton, was approved. Lynn Hoggard gave a report concerning the Home & Garden Festival tickets, which the WFPS sells as a fundraiser for the February event as a Member Organization of the Kemp Center. Sheri reported that the Mystery Art poetry exhibit in the West End Gallery of the Kemp would be moved to a space at Sikes Center Mall with a sign and additional information concerning the WFPS.

In New Business, a motion was made to participate in the 2019 H&G Festival by manning a table again, and those present approved it by acclamation. (Note: we “got” our current president as a result of the H&G publicity).

Daryl presented an excellent program on the poetry found in Genesis, Psalms, and Proverbs that prompted thought-provoking questions. The guidelines for the January 2019 contest are: Write a poem, any form and subject. Like the poem to the works in Genesis, Psalms, or Proverbs with a maximum of 36 lines. An epigraph may be used under the title. Also, note on the poem if it is a psalm, proverb, etc. This can be included in the poem’s title, but is not mandatory. The poems are due by midnight January 1, instead of December 31, as the Post Office will be closed New Year’s Day.

Members took a break to enjoy refreshments provided by Rosellen Sheetz. During the break, it was decided to have a pot luck luncheon on Saturday, December 8, at the home of Mark and Sheri Sutton.

Mystical contest poems which were judged and critiqued by John B. Dixon of Tulsa were read. There were eleven entries. Winners are: Rosellen Sheetz (1st), Linda Smith (2nd), and Sheri Sutton (3rd). Honorable Mentions are: Lynn Hoggard (1HM), Geneva Rodgers (2HM), Cynthia Archibald (3HM) and Daryl Halencak (4HM).

Doyle Wood will present the lesson on Saturday, January 19, 2019.
PST hosted the 62nd Annual Awards Banquet held Saturday, November 10th at Double Tree by Hilton (near the Galleria) in Dallas, Texas. A number of PST members from around Texas and their guests attended the Awards Banquet with this year’s theme being: Our Secret Garden Where Poems Bloom in All Seasons. Thanks to Beth Ayers, Awards Banquet Chair, for a job well done.

The Annual Contest Committee, chaired by Nancy Baass, verified and released the names of the winners, and reported that 3,637 poems were entered in the 100 contests offered this year.

A total of $7,075 prize money was awarded to all first place winners. As at previous awards banquets, first, second and third place winners were announced in each category.

All first place winners present read their prize poems. This year, Budd Powell Mahan of Dallas and Barbara Blanks of Garland garnered the most first place awards (10 each), followed by Birma C. Castle of Beaumont and Barbara Lewie Berry of Mansfield (5 each). Von S. Bourland of Happy won first prize out of 10 finalists from 71 entries in the #1 Contest Category, The Therese Lindsay Award. And this year, 10 contest categories were offered to students. All first place winners were presented by Budd Powell Mahan.

The Hilton Ross Greer Outstanding Service Award chaired by Budd Powell Mahan, a three-time PST President, presented the award to Jimmye Inez Sessions of Lewisville. She served previously as Vice President, and then as President, and richly deserved this prestigious award.

Lastly, Patrick Lee Marshall, Manuscript Contest Chair, announced the winner of the 2018 Catherine Case Lubbe Manuscript Prize. The award went to Terry Jude Miller of Houston and was judged by Pat Durmon of Norfolk, Arkansas.

In his closing remarks, President Dr. Aman Khan congratulated all the winners and thanked all the committees that worked so hard hand-in-hand to make this event happen.

All other information is available on the PST website at www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org.

PST member, Linda Miller Prichard announces that the Waco/DFW Writer’s Workshop will launch its first meeting on Wednesday, January 9, 2019, 7 p.m. until 10 p.m. at the Greater Metropolitan Community Church (MCC) in the Social Room downstairs (side entrance) at 1601 Clay Avenue, Waco, Texas 76706.

This unique professional writing group will be for all genres with an eye toward publishing individual works. Writers will sign up to read a portion of their writing for 10 minutes and then will be critiqued by the members for five minutes.

No arguments are allowed regarding critiques, although you may ask questions for clarification. If the critique applies, use it, and if not, let it go.

Dues (amount tba) are required for membership and participation, and officers will be elected. We are affiliating with the Dallas-Fort Worth Writer’s Workshop, a longstanding, very successful writing critique group, which will provide us with a wealth of additional resources, contacts, and workshops/seminars.

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to join to give us the best possible critique and writing experience. LBGTQ friendly.

Laurel Wreaths Upon Their Heads . . .
Poetry Society of Texas Annual Awards Winners
by Sylvia Medel, PST Publicity Chair

New Writing and Critique Workshop Forming in Waco
NOW IS THE TIME TO THINK ABOUT WORKING ON AN ENTRY FOR PST’S CATHERINE CASE LUBBE MANUSCRIPT AWARD

The 2019 Catherine Case Lubbe Manuscript Award will be chaired by Susan Maxwell Campbell, assisted by Diane Glancy and Barbara Goerdel. Watch The Bulletin for information concerning this 2019 manuscript contest in the months to come. It’s not too early to start writing a manuscript.

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There is a $10 contest submission fee and no charge to open an account at Submittable.com. Applicants may keep the Submittable account permanently. Prior to submitting, please review and follow all guidelines found on the NFSPS website: https://nfps.com/CUP.html

Please share this information with any undergraduate student who may be interested in submitting a manuscript for the CUP Competition or any instructor or professor who may have students who are eligible.
The Fort Worth Poetry Society
In Cooperation with the Poetry Society of Texas Offers
The William D. Barney Memorial Chapbook Contest, 2019

The contest honors the late Fort Worth poet William D. Barney, one of the most distinguished poets Fort Worth has produced, a former member of FWPS, and past president of the Poetry Society of Texas. Barney won the national Robert Frost Award in 1961 and was Texas Poet Laureate in 1982-83.

The winner will receive $50 plus 25 free copies of the published chapbook.

Rules for Entry:

1. This contest is open to Texas residents and/or active PST members only. Entry fee for Members of the Poetry Society of Texas is $10. Entry fee for Texas resident non-members of PST is $20. Make your check or money order payable to the Fort Worth Poetry Society. No cash please.
2. Contestants should submit a single copy of their manuscript in English only, which should be a minimum of 20 but no more than 30 pages of poetry, and no more than one poem per page. The manuscript may include both published and unpublished poems, but may not include poems from other books or chapbooks by the author. A majority of unpublished poems is preferred but not required. Do not include acknowledgments with the manuscript. The winner will supply an acknowledgments page, if needed, during arrangements for publication. The author must not be identified on the manuscript. Include a separate identification sheet with name of author, address, phone, email, and title of the manuscript.
3. Manuscripts with poems that contain explicit sexual language or expletives will not be considered.
4. Fort Worth Poetry Society will assume the production costs of developing the manuscript into a market-ready, soft cover collection. This includes editing, cover design, pricing, and ISBN registration. Upon publication of the finished chapbook, the author will receive 25 free copies of the chapbook, with additional copies available at the author discount of 50%. FWPS reserves the right to print and sell additional copies at retail cost, with a 10% royalty to the author. Except for the rights granted to the FWPS, the winner will retain the copyright to the chapbook.
5. The winner of the contest will not be eligible to enter again for six years. Current members of the Fort Worth Poetry Society are not eligible to enter this contest.
6. A qualified, impartial judge selected by FWPS, but not a member of FWPS or PST, will select the winning manuscript. The judge’s name will not be announced until the winner is announced.
7. The winner will be invited to do readings from the chapbook at the PST Summer Conference; at a monthly meeting of PST in Dallas; and at a 2nd Friday Poetry program at Benbrook Public Library, Benbrook, Texas.
8. Entry in the contest acknowledges agreement with these stipulations.
9. Entries will be accepted with postmarks between January 1 and February 15, 2019.
10. Announcement of the winner will be at the April, 2019 PST meeting and by email to entrants. Entries should be mailed to: FWPS Chapbook Contest, 10148 Fieldcrest Drive, Benbrook, TX 76126. Include your email or SASE to be notified of delivery.
Poetry Society of Texas - Summer Conference

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(For free Wi-Fi sign up for a Hilton Honors Account)

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Check in 3:00 pm / Check-out 12:00 noon.
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Name: ________________________________________ Chapter __________________________
(Print your name as you would like it to appear on your nametag.)

Address: ______________________________________ City: __________________________ Zip: ________

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Registration fee ______________________________ _____ @ $25 = _______ $

Friday Lunch **______________________________ _____ @ $30 = _______ $

Friday Evening Banquet & Program** . _____ @ $40 = _______ $

Friday Day Pass with lunch only** _______ @ $50 = _______ $ ** Includes drink, dessert, tax and service charge

Friday Banquet only** _________________________ _____ @ $40 = _______ $

Total Check (made out to PST2019 Conference) = _______ $

List any special dietary requirements:

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Mail Registration form and check
Richard Kushmaul, 9612 Sandlewood Drive, Denton Tx 76207

Questions? Email: pst2019conference@gmail.com
**MEMBERSHIP REPORT ~ DECEMBER 2018**

from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis

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**WELCOME NEW PST MEMBER**

J. Robert Parkey ~ Henrietta, Texas

We are glad you joined, you will ❤ PST!

**OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY**

Our Sympathy to Family and Friends of Irene Carmichael, 1920–2018

Irene Fields Barns Carmichael died October 31, 2018. She was a member of PST since 1983 and a winner of the Hilton Ross Greer Outstanding Service Award. A poet, author, artist, interior designer, and teacher, she served her community in many ways: she served on the board of the Dallas Symphony League, founded Friends of the Library in Rockwall, TX., taught Sunday School at Preston Hollow Presbyterian church, and in other ways too numerous to name. She will be missed by her family and friends across Texas and many other places across the country that were touched by her influence.

**BOOK DONATIONS REPORT**

From PST Librarian Barbara Blanks

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

*Missing, One Muse: The Poetry of Sylvia St. Stevens,* by Christine H. Boldt.

*Last Poems,* by Allan Brian Hust.

*Cantos, A Literary and Arts Journal,* edited by Missouri Baptist University., 2018.

*Lyric Louisiana: Notable Contest Poems, Spring & Fall Contests 2017,* edited by Sandra Nantais.

*Mental States: A Poet’s Journey,* by Marjorie Jo Chesebro


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