A Special Treat for PST Coming In October... Professor Darius Frasure

Professor Darius Frasure is a highly sought after educator, poet, mentor, and consultant. He holds degrees from Paul Quinn College, Luther Rice Seminary, and National University. His work revolves around partnerships with literary arts and education organizations, which impact the state of Texas and the U.S. His poetry appears in many literary journals and select readings are on youtube. He has one spoken word album, Spoken Pieces (2010), and two collections of poetry: stained glass medusa (2015), and of stone and rope (2019).

Minutes of the General Meeting of the Poetry Society of Texas for Saturday, September 14, 2019, 2:30 p.m. at the Preston Royal Library in Dallas
Submitted by Recording Secretary, Barbara Blanks

Newly seated President Irene Robertson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, including our speaker, Lopa Banerjee, and her daughter Saranya; guest Cameron Guize, Dallas; new member and first time visitor, Sergio Elizondo-Gongora, Cedar Hill; past PST presidents J. Paul Holcomb and Catherine L’Herisson; chapter presidents Domingo Rodriguez (Dallas/Pegasus), Patricia Ferguson (Fort Worth Poetry Society), and Rich Weatherly (Denton Poets’ Assembly.) She also introduced the new board for 2019-2020.

Assistant Treasurer Barbara Blanks gave a brief financial report prepared by former Treasurer Patrick Marshall, and as a courtesy to new Treasurer Steve Sanders, who was just signed into the PST accounts this morning. Essentially, PST is in the black, and the summer conference was a success. Fort Worth Poetry Society will host the 2020 summer conference.

New Director Domingo Rodriguez gave the August Membership Report for Membership Chair Lynn Lewis. (See the report on page 10.)

Librarian Barbara Blanks announced ten book additions to the PST collection at the Dallas Central Library. These book titles and donation information is also on page 10.

October 15 is Poetry Day. A lot of celebrations will be held across the state, including:

- The Waco WordFest will be held October 4-6. The HOT Poets submitted additional information about WordFest on page 8 in this Bulletin.
- Arts Goggle in Fort Worth on Oct. 19 (contact Steve Sanders, or google the event).
- Dallas Poets Community will feature readings from the Texas Poetry Calendar on Oct. 4. (contact Ann Howells).
- Mockingbird Poetry Society is having a reading at Filtered Coffee Shop in McKinney on Sept. 28 (contact Irene Robertson). Contact information is at our PST website.

Extension Chair and Spotlight on Members Chair Susan Maxwell Campbell has received permission from past Spotlight on Members remote readers to make their videos available to the public. New Webmaster Barbara Blanks will upload the videos to the PST Youtube page, and post the links on both our website and on the Facebook page. The videos themselves cannot go on the website since they take up too much allowed space.

Susan then introduced our remote Spotlight...
Poet Birma Castle. Birma read several of her poems, both humorous and serious.

Program Committee member Michael Guinn was unable to attend the meeting, and thus was unable to introduce his Program Speaker, Lopa Banerjee. Barbara Blanks was asked to make the introduction. She read from the announcement on our Facebook page, which Steve Sanders was able to pull up on his iPhone.

Lopamudra Banerjee is an author, editor, poet, and writing instructor. She has a double Masters in English and Creative Writing. She is originally from Calcutta, India, but has been in America for 13 years, the last four in Texas.

She is the author of the critically acclaimed books, Woman and Her Muse (poetry and memoir); Thwarted Escape: An Immigrant’s Wayward Journey (autobiography/narrative nonfiction); and Let The Night Sing (poetry).

She has been a recipient of Woman Achiever Award from International Women’s Short Film Festival (IWSFF 2018), the Reuel International Prize for Poetry (2017) and for Translation (2016). She has dabbled in all genres of writing, from journalism and content writing to academic essays and fiction/poetry. Lopa just began teaching a literary nonfiction class in Memoir Writing at TCU.

Today she read from her memoir/poetry book, Topography of the Mind. Both the prose piece and poems she read touched on the bridges between her worlds, her two daughters, the blending of past and present, and how minds “must learn and un-learn…the topography of the mind changes all the time.” She spoke of “haunting ballads of loneliness,” and being “immersed in the liquid sound of poems.” Lopa answered several questions from the audience, and then donated a copy of her book to PST.

After the break, Monthly Contest Chair, Rich Weatherly, announced the winners of the September Monthly Contests. There were 15 entries.

PST members are encouraged to enter these monthly contests. See the winners in the Contest Box at the top of the next column.

September is a transitional and nostalgic season. A great time to create amazing poems!

SEPTMBER MONTHLY CONTEST WINNERS
15 Entries

Critic Judge: Susan Stevens Chambers, Mankato, MN
First: Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas ~ “Nature Composing”
Second: Richard Kushmaul, Denton
Third: Steve Sanders, Fort Worth

Laugh Lines
Judge: Richard Kushmaul, Denton
Winner: Catherine L’Herisson, Garland

Book Prizes
Reader: Barbara Blanks, Garland
Popular Prize: Catherine L’Herisson, Garland
Poetry for Poets Award: Richard Hurzeler, Tyler
Naomi Simmons Mem. Award: Domingo Rodriguez, Ft. Worth
Wm. D. Barney Mem. Award: Marilyn Stacy, Dallas
M. Tandy Deumke Mem. Award: Eric Blanchard, Houston
Cliff Roberts Mem.Haiku Award: Irene Robertson, Little Elm

Other Poems Read By: Angie M. Goin, Michael Minassian, Miriam Hasert, and Barbara Blanks.

Send contest entries before the 15th of each month to Contest Chair, Richard Weatherly at 7617 Palomar Dr., N. Richland Hills, TX 76180 • 817-428-8088 • WeatherlyR@sbcglobal.net.

A Book of the Year

Needs an Editor
If you have the skills necessary to put a book together, PST needs an editor for our annual anthology, A Book of the Year. Jenna Pashley Smith has done an excellent job as editor, but she is no longer able to continue, so we need someone to take this position as soon as possible. Please contact President Irene Robertson at yranie@att.net if you are interested in this vital position.
ALAMO AREA POETS OF TEXAS  
Antonia Murguia Reporting  

Our first poetry meeting of the new calendar year took place on September 7. There was a welcoming atmosphere, and we were excited to get together again.

Sheila Moore gave a wonderful workshop on a critical look at one of her favorite poems, “Girl in the Doorway” by Dorianne Laux. She took us through each line and we discussed the possible meaning of each line. She also gave us pointers on writing do’s and don’ts. We discussed the contemporary style of not using punctuation and having incomplete sentences on each line along with extra spaces for pauses.

We then proceeded with the May winners as follows: assigned topics. 2nd HM—Patricia Keoughan; 1st HM—Antonia Murguia; 3rd Place—Carol Siskovic; 2nd Place—Rene Ornes; 1st Place—Sheila Moore. Open topic: 2nd HM—Lois Heger; 1st HM—Carol Siskovic; 3rd Place—Patricia Keoughan; 2nd Place—Rene Ornes; 1st Place—Sheila Moore.  

October’s topics are Experiencing Something New or It’s on My List. We also received our new anthology with a new name, Poetic Hearts.

October’s meeting will be October 5 at 2 pm at the Retirement Center Garden Room at Incarnate Word University.

All members were encouraged to bring new members. Next month our featured guest will be John Friedland, one of my favorite poets.

Happy Autumn to all poets!

AUSTIN POETRY SOCIETY  
Jeffrey Taylor Reporting  

The September Monthly Meeting will be September 21, 1:30-3pm at Carver Public Library, 1161 Angelina St., Austin. Remember the September Monthly Contest submissions are due then. You can submit in person, by e-mail to (austinpoetrysociety@gmail.com) or through Submittable. Details are on the Website at:
http://www.austinpoetrysociety.org/?page_id=922  

Member Publication News:
Nancy Fierstien had 2 poems accepted for publication in Central Texas Writers Society anthology.


Janelle Curlin-Taylor had “Journey Through the Ozarks” accepted by Blue Hole.

Jeffrey Taylor had “Poem in Two Voices” and “Desperately Made Boats” accepted by Blue Hole.

Diana L. Conces’ poems “Boardwalk” and “Of Night” were accepted for publication in Blue Hole, and her poem “Regeneration” was accepted for a future issue of VIAS.

Benjamin Nash had a poem published in Red River Review.

Christa Pandey is happy to announce the publication of her new chapbook Who am I? Who are We? (KDP Amazon). She also has a poem “Stars” in the upcoming issue of Blue Hole. “A Just Response” was accepted for this year’s Art of Peace Festival (Tyler) anthology.

BEAUMONT CHAPTER  
Barbara Green Powell Reporting  

Life is good when you can spend time with other poets. It relieves stress and being with our chapter members brings joy.

On September 13, Beaumont Chapter members came together at Birma Castle’s home to judge Beaumont’s PST Contest entries. Each of us had read the poems earlier. The meeting went so smoothly, it was fun, not a chore. Later, Birma and I went to the Waffle House for lunch and spent more time together.

Our monthly meeting will be September 19 in a member’s home. Jo Fant, our Texas Country Reporter Granny Poet, has been under the weather so we’re happy we can meet with her in her home.

Lou Whitaker, recently lost one of her sons. We send condolences to this lovely lady who has also been having health issues.

Dorothy Clover, recently retired from Beaumont
ISD and will be able to spend more time enjoying poetry. She plans to attend the Awards Banquet in November and Lucidity in April. Hooray for Dorothy!

Due to my spouse’s health, this reporter will be unable to attend either of these events and it saddens me. Please say a prayer for Barbara and Curtis or at least think of us as we travel a different path in life’s journey.

Take care and plan your trip to the PST Awards Banquet.

**DALLAS PEGASUS CHAPTER**
*Domino Rodriguez Reporting*

The Pegasus Chapter meets on the second Thursday of every month, with the exception of July and December. The chapter meets from 6:00–7:30 p.m. at the Preston Royal Library, located at 5626 Royal Lane in Dallas. Please bring copies of your poem to be read for our workshop style meetings. Hope to see ya’ll there!

**DENTON POETS’ ASSEMBLY**
*Richard Weatherly Reporting*

Denton Poets’ Assembly will meet on September 21 at the Emily Fowler Public Library in Denton, Texas. Meeting start time is 10 a.m. We begin by recognizing our guests and extending an offer for membership.

After a brief business meeting we will feature Nancy DeHonores as our Spotlight Poet.

Pending changes in Merging Visions will require a planning and decision-making session with members as to location and the scope of Merging Visions participation for 2020. In addition, DPA plans to invoke a system of review of entries by a panel of poets to provide feedback on entries and help each poet do their best.

Our Read/Respond assigned poems will be based on the works of contemporary poet Scott Cairns. Susan Maxwell Campbell will provide an exercise related to the assignment and introduce the contemporary poet for October.

Our regular meeting will adjourn at 12 p.m. but the room will remain available until 1:30 p.m. for a critique session.

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://DentonPoetsAssembly.weebly.com

**HI-PLAINS CHAPTER**
*John Schmidt Reporting*

The Hi-Plains Chapter had a great meeting last Saturday. Not only was the room full of people, we made great progress in discussing the October 26 event that we will hold at our regular meeting place—the Kingswood United Methodist Church at 4801 S. Austin, about four blocks east of Georgia Street. Remember, we always enter the building by the northwest door.

This special event will involve members of Hi-Plains Poetry Society, as well as members of the Incarnate Word Academy (IWA), Joslyn Harney of the Amarillo Parks and Recreation Department, and other visitors. We plan to enjoy fellowship with other writers, share what promises to be a delicious potluck meal, and watch Joslyn Harney demonstrate a new Website: www.theneighborhoodhub.org and perhaps more.

Joslyn Harney is an extraordinary lady, employed by Parks and Recreation, with the mission to unite area people, age 50 and above, in order to provide information and services to them.

Put this date on your calendar: Saturday, October 26, 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM, but if we go beyond that time, it will be okay. Here’s the schedule as planned, mostly by Frances Clegg Ferris:

10:30 AM: individuals start bringing their food to the kitchen, which is immediately ahead as they walk in the northwest door. There will be only one meat served and it will be purchased by Karl Smith. He needs a head count, so please RSVP to Karl by October 19 to his cell phone: 366-5164 (area code was not given) or e-mail: Karlwk@suddenlink.net. A small donation is requested to help pay for the chicken, tea, and coffee. If you know what you are bringing, please contact Helen Luecke by e-mail at helenluecke@clear.net. Visitors do not need to bring food. There will be plenty.

11:00 AM: A short introduction by Karl Smith, with words by others as appropriate.

Noon: we finish our meal and start the demonstration. Following the demonstration, there will be a question and answer time. After that, people who do not want to stay for the Poetry Society meeting, are free to leave.

The Hi-Plains Poetry Society has a somewhat shortened meeting, but it will be a fun time because we will start poems (in any preferred form) that will
be related to the website we just saw demonstrated, life as a senior, or other related topics. Once the meeting is over, we gather up what is left of our food dishes and leave. Hope you will plan to come.

HOT POETS SOCIETY
Chris Boldt Reporting
The HOT Poets, aka The Live Poets of Central Texas, gathered September 12, at 6:30 p.m., in the Belton Public Library for our usual Second Thursday Meeting.

As is the case in most months, we followed the reading of theme-related poems with an open mic. Poets read pieces they had written about “Work,” our September Challenge in honor of Labor Day. This topic led us into poems about relationships with co-workers, and on such diverse jobs as driving cattle, styling hair, running a rip-saw, pastoral counseling, building houses, and playing native flute. We also read poems about building a marriage, the experiences of part-time workers, accepting criticism on the job, relief from labor and its rewards.

A number of us are looking forward to attending Waco WordFest October 4 through 6.

Next month’s meeting will be held at the Belton Public Library on October 10. Our October Challenge, suggested by a prompt recently offered on the Poetry Daily website, is as follows: Read William Carlos Williams’ poem, “This Is Just to Say.” Imagine yourself as a person writing a note to someone or something. See how much of the character of the author of the note you can suggest in the lines of a brief poem.

If you are interested in joining us in Belton on October 10, contact pacboldt@sbcglobal.net.

MIMICING BIRDS CHAPTEIR
John Alexander Reporting
MPS held its regular monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, September 7, 2019 in the Heard-Craig Carriage House in McKinney. President Thomas Martin presided. A total of ten members and one visitor attended.

President Martin welcomed returning guest Christina Hill. He also reported that he is forwarding PST information to the members. The next PST meeting is Saturday, September 14, 2:30 – 4:30 pm. Monthly contest entries must be submitted by the 15th of the month.

Ann Marie Newman provided the information on the Visual Art and Poetry Celebration at the Janette Kennedy Gallery in Dallas on Sunday, September 29, 2 – 4 pm. This is a good opportunity to share poetry and to hear others share. Ann Marie can provide details if you wish to participate. A handout was emailed to the membership on September 1.

Treasurer Susan Mardele provided an update on the finances, including the checking balance and the savings account balance. Statements are available for review.

Susan reminded the group of the Open Mic event at Filtered Coffee off the square in McKinney on September 28, 1:30 – 3:30 pm (Octoberfest) and in the spring at Café Bohemia in Plano.

A J Chilson reminded the group of the Open Mic at the Barnes and Noble Kitchen on Legacy in Plano the 3rd Wednesday of each month. The next event is Wednesday, September 18.

President Martin and Vice President Ayers, representing MPS as an affiliate, met with Heard-Craig at the annual President’s Tea. President Martin shared the rules with the members. As an affiliate we have free use of the facility for our monthly meetings. President Martin shared that the converted cigarette machine in the back of the room allows the purchase of an original work of art for $5. The official unveiling is 4-7 pm, Friday, September 13.

President Martin announced plans to hold an officers meeting later this month. He also reminded the members that we will elect new officers for the positions of Treasurer and Vice President at the November meeting. He appointed Alice Parker to chair the Nominating Committee and indicated that he will seek two additional Mockingbird members to work with Alice on the Nominating Committee and asked for volunteers.

Tariq Ahmed shared that the Retreat House Writers Gathering will publish a book of spiritual poetry and prose. There is no fee to enter, but they ask that those included purchase 10 books. Tariq will send detailed information to the members.

Alice Parker reminded the group that three of our members, Beth Ayers, Alice Parker, and Domingo Rodriguez, who had poems accepted for the 2019 WordFest Anthology, will be at WordFest
and unable to attend the October meeting.

After the group’s business was completed, our visitor and the members were invited to share a poetry reading, always a pleasure to enjoy poetry from the group. After the meeting the group enjoyed sharing and a time of refreshments courtesy of Tariq Ahmed. We also welcomed Christina Hill as our newest member of Mockingbird Poetry Society.

**RUSK COUNTY POETRY SOCIETY**
*Janet Tyner Reporting*

The Rusk County Poetry Society met Thursday, August 15 in the community hall of the Henderson Church of Christ. President Mary Tindall presided. A prayer was offered by Richard Hurzeler. Minutes from the previous meetings were read and approved. The treasurer’s report was given.

Carol Thompson shared an email from Vina Hathaway. Plans for the October 12 Celebration of Poetry were discussed, including suggestions for decorations, opportunities for collaborative writing, a potluck lunch, and a display of the work of society members. Every member is encouraged to contribute a door prize. After the October celebration, RCPS will send a thank you note with a donation to the Henderson Church of Christ in appreciation for the use of their space.

In other business, Janet Tyner volunteered to be the new reporter to the Poetry Society of Texas Bulletin. New poems were collected to be sent for critique. Sue Roberts, spotlight poet, shared poems by Georgia Christopher. Crystal Taylor shared her original haiku about writing. Adrianne Pamplin shared a lesson on How to Read Poetry Aloud, co-authored by Christopher Taylor, PhD. Adrianne also explained “spoken word,” which is poetry intended for performance. She presented one of her own spoken word poems to a musical accompaniment.

The assignment for September is to memorize a new or reused poem and to read it aloud, using the tips in her lesson.

**SAN ANTONIO POETS ASSOCIATION**
*Valerie Martin Bailey Reporting*

SAPA will reconvene for monthly meetings on September 21 after a summer recess.

The winners of the May contests were judged by Catherine L’Herisson and will be awarded trophies and certificates. The winners in the assigned topic contest, which was about “Climbing” are: 1st place: Valerie Martin Bailey; 2nd place: Margaret Mayberry; 3rd place: Carol Siskovic, HM: Sheila Moore. Winners in the Poet’s Choice topic are: 1st place; Sheila Moore; 2nd place; Valerie Martin Bailey; 3rd place: Loretta Vaugan; HM: Jean Jackson. We appreciate Catherine’s time and expertise in judging and critiquing our poems.

Our Poet Laureate for 2019–2020 is Sheila Tingley Moore. She will give her Poet Laureate’s Address and receive a plaque recognizing this honor. The three Poet Laureate Runner-ups will also be recognized and awarded: They are: 1st Runner-up: Valerie Martin Bailey; 2nd Runner-up: Michaud (Floyd) L. Lamrouex; and 3rd Runner-up: Loretta Burns Vaughan. Sheila Moore will also be awarded for winning the Poetic Excellence Award this year for the 15th time.

After a refreshment break, we will read our September poems on the Poet’s Choice topics and the assigned topic of “Snakes Alive,” to be judged by Marilyn Stacy of Dallas.

Members will receive the new Member’s Handbooks and our new 2018-19 anthology, *Inkwell Echoes*, which features a Huisache tree in full bloom on the front cover.

Jean Jackson submitted the cover photo, and a photo of Jean with a brief bio appears on the back cover along with interesting information about the Huisache tree.

After our monthly book raffle the meeting will adjourn.

**TYLER ROSE GARDEN POETRY SOCIETY**
*Mary Tindall Reporting*

The Rose Garden Poetry Society met Thursday, September 12 at the Hanks Senior Center in Whitehouse with ten poets, including two visitors, in attendance.

Shannon Williams, Mary Reed, Sue Roberts, and Carol Thompson read their poems that were recently chosen for this year’s *Peace Anthology*. Each read poems and shared in discussions. Carol Thompson returned poems critiqued by Freeda Richardson, writing teacher and poet.

Celebration of Poetry Day will be October 12 at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson. The event is shared by Rusk County and Rose Garden
Poets annually. Featured speaker this year is Susan Maxwell Campbell, esteemed poet and presenter. The group enjoyed the afternoon of visiting, meeting new friends, sharing poetry and refreshments. Lynn Horton suggested “shadows” for the October prompt. Members left refreshed and inspired.

**WICHITA FALLS POETRY SOCIETY**

*Cynthia Archibald Reporting*

The officers for the 2019-2020 Wichita Falls Poetry Society (WFPS) are President: Nicholas Schreiber, Recording Secretary: Cynthia Archibald, Corresponding Secretary: Doyle Wood, and Treasurer: Sheri Sutton.

The Society’s 2019 Summer Workshop was hosted by members Sheri and Mark Sutton at their beautiful country home inside the City of Wichita Falls. The workshop began with a presentation by Geneva Rodgers on Publishing Your Work, and was followed by a round table discussion on “My Publishing Experience.” A fabulous lunch break was enjoyed by all. Sheri Sutton led a critique “Through History’s Call” by Richard Dalton, followed by a round table discussion on “What is Your Creative Process?” led by Rosellen Sheetz. The final workshop topic, “To Punctuate or Not To Punctuate?” was led by Sheri Sutton. The Workshop was a great success, both informative and interactive.

The WFPS members are looking forward to participating in the 2019 Mystery Art Fest this October. Mystery Art is an annual exhibit and auction of works by local and regional artists of all levels, and is sponsored by the Arts Council Wichita Falls, Inc., The Kemp, and The Forum. The Society members each choose a work of art and compose an ekphrastic poem about the piece. The poems are vivid verbal descriptions of the visual works of art and are presented and displayed during the fest. Additionally the program schedule for this year’s monthly meetings is full of exciting lesson topics including “Ercil,” “Narrative Poetry,” “Lessons on Meter,” and “Reading Your Poem Aloud.”

Ann Howells is in the process of organizing PST’s Youth Poetry Competition for 2020. Information will go out to teachers in October. Anyone who is interested in sponsoring a contest, please contact Ann at (dpcer@msn.com). Sponsorship is $25, half of which goes toward incurred expenses, and half of which helps pay for student memberships. Interested PST members, please let Ann know exactly how you would like your contest titled, what age group you would prefer, and whether you plan to judge the contest yourself or designate someone else to judge. Remember: youngsters are the future of poetry.

**HELP US CONTINUE FEATURING A PST CHAPTER EACH MONTH**

The *Bulletin* has been running a Featured Chapter of PST each month. There wasn’t one in June because the extra edition was dedicated to the summer conference. So far four chapters have been recognized: Mockingbird Chapter, Rusk County Poetry Society, Tarrant County Poetry Society, and Rose Garden Poetry Society.

In order to feature a chapter, a group photo of the chapter is needed, along with names of the officers and a left to right identification of poets in the group photo. Include a list of members who were not able to be in the group photo. We also need a brief write up about what you do at your meetings—what is your style? Do have critique sessions, contests, workshops, readings? Do you participate in or sponsor community activities, hold open mics? Just tell us what you are doing with poetry.

We want to continue this feature to help us get to know each other better. Whether your chapter is large or small, each one is important to PST and we want to feature each one, but this project will need your cooperation.

The first chapter that sends a photo and other information needed will be featured in October. We can’t continue this feature until we hear from one of you.

We missed hearing from some of our favorite chapters. We look forward to hearing from Fort Worth, Gulf Coast, Permian Basin, and Poets Northwest in October.
WORDFEST 2019 IS COMING OCTOBER 4TH AND 5TH
Events are in the Waco Convention Center, Level 1 in the Texas Room 116-117 unless otherwise noted
All Events Are Free And Breaks Will Be Given

Friday, October 4
7-9 p.m. Open Mic Poetry Host: Kay Bell

Saturday, Oct. 5, 2019
10:15 a.m. ~ Open Mic Poetry inside the Treasure Room of the Armstrong Browning Library on the Baylor University Campus
11 a.m. ~ Guided tour of the Armstrong Browning Library
1:30-2:30 p.m. ~ Writers’ Panel Discussion on Poetry: Loretta Diane Walker, Steve Sanders, and Betty Roberts. Host: Sandi Horton
2:30-4 p.m. ~ Feature Poet Reading & Workshop
Loretta Diane Walker - Featured Poet

Distinguished Writers’ Reception
(by invitation)
5:30-6 p.m. Authors’ Book Exchange
New this year is an authors’ book exchange. Thirty minutes prior to the Distinguished Writers’ Reception, poets may bring copies of their published books to exchange with other authors or to place on a display table. Be sure to bring business cards and fliers for events you are sponsoring.

6-7 p.m. Light bites and drinks
7-9 p.m. ~ Anthology Reading (open to the public)
Host: Loretta Diane Walker

Sunday, Oct. 6
11 a.m. – 12 p.m. ~ Poetry Performance by Spoken Word Artist Michael Guinn
1–4 p.m. ~ Open Mic (open to the public) featuring Native American flute musicians, drummers, and poets.
Host: Waco Native Flute Circle

The WordFest anthology 2019 will be available for purchase during the festival (October 4-6) for $10.


Plan now to attend this important event.

Treasure Room at Armstrong Browning Library on the Baylor University Campus.
New on the schedule this year: WordFest will have an open mic in the Treasure Room of the Armstrong Browning Library. Sign-ups for two minute readings will start at 10 am when the Library/Museum opens. We will have chairs, podium, and mic set up in the Treasure Room for our open mic on Saturday, October 5 from 10:15-11 am. A guided tour of the library and museum will begin at 11:00 am.
Fifty years ago, in 1969, the Apollo missions were the talk of the town. Our PST Awards Banquet celebrated with the theme *Poet’s Space Flight.* This year, our 98th year, we will build on this theme from our past.

**Please plan to attend our 2019 Awards Banquet**

**Leaving Poetic Footprints**

The 2019 Awards Banquet ~~ November 9, 2019 ~ 11:00 AM  
Double Tree by Hilton (near the Galleria)  
4099 Valley View Lane • Dallas, Texas 75244

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**HOTEL RESERVATIONS**

If you are staying in Dallas for the night, make your hotel reservations by calling the hotel at 972-419-7607. The room rate is $115.  
Be sure to ask for the Poetry Society of Texas rate.

All reservations must be guaranteed with a major credit card.  
The hotel reserves the right to ask for a first night deposit on all reservations.

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**BANQUET MEAL**

The cost for our meal will be $34.  
That is more $4 more than the past two years, but it is necessary.

Beth Ayers, our much appreciated Banquet Chair, is still working on menu details with the hotel, and we were not able to get the final details in time for the *Bulletin.* But you can go ahead and make your hotel reservations and when Beth gets the menu details from the hotel, a Banquet Reservation form will be e-mailed to you immediately, so you won’t have to wait until mid-October to make your banquet reservations. Be watching your e-mail for your Banquet Reservation Form. And don’t wait to see if you won an award or not, come to the banquet for the fun and camaraderie—winning an award is just an exciting bonus...see you there!
MEMBERSHIP REPORT OCTOBER 2019
from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis

Active Members.............225
Associate Members..........17
Life Members...............35
Student Members.................5
Supporting Members...........1
Sustaining Members.............3
Recently Deceased...............0
New Members........................7
Renewing Members ..........12
Current Member Total......286

WELCOME NEW PST MEMBERS
Kathleen Breakfield, Crowley
Sergio Elizondo-Gongora, Cedar Hill
Stephen Schwei, Houston
Virginia Sheppard, Denton
Joseph Sotir, Jr., Abilene
Lynanne Carrol – Associate Member, Pell City, AL
Rita Aiken Mortiz – Associate Member, Pell City, AL

You will ❤ Love PST!

Book Donations Report
From PST Librarian Barbara Blanks

Librarian Barbara Blanks reports 10 book donations this month. The new books donated are:
- Ping Pong Poems: Dialogue Poetry by Susan Maxwell Campbell and Christine Irving.
- Coffee Shop Poems—Another Cup, by Hollis Davis
- This Work, by Linda Banks
- Traveling Sideways, by Barbara Blanks
- Nature, by James Thomas Fletcher
- Death, by James Thomas Fletcher
- Love, by James Thomas Fletcher
- War, by James Thomas Fletcher
- Abundance, by Courtney O’Banion Smith
- Turning Home 2018-2019, edited by the Poets’ Roundtable of Arkansas, which contains poems by three PST members.

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

THE POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS MEETS...
On the second Saturday of each month at 2:30 p.m. at
PRESTON ROYAL LIBRARY
5626 ROYAL LANE IN DALLAS, TX 75229

Anyone Who Thinks Fallen Leaves are Dead
has Never Watched Them Dancing on a Windy Day
Shira Tamir