As we embark on another year, we always begin with our Memorial Service. We take time to look back and fondly remember those who have finished the race and departed this mortal life for eternal life. It is a poignant time because we miss their presence among us, but they will never leave our hearts and memories. We pause to say, “We love you, we miss you, and you will never be forgotten.” The Memorial Service will be conducted by former president Catherine L’Herisson.

Santa Says, “Hurry and get your Christmas shopping done, January is around the corner, and the exciting 2020 annual Poem-Athon will kick off at the January 11 PST meeting. Get busy writing, and welcome the New Year with lots of fresh new poems to read and some Golden Oldies as well.”

President Irene Robertson opened the meeting by welcoming everyone, including our speaker, Stephonia Roberts, guest Bill Chaffin, and past PST presidents Catherine L’Herisson, Marilyn Stacy, and Pat Stodghill.

Treasurer Steve Sanders gave a brief financial report for November. The largest expenditure was in November for the DoubleTree Hotel where the Awards Banquet was held. Over $7,300 in annual contest awards prize money was awarded.

Director Domingo Rodriguez gave the November Membership Report for Membership Chair Lynn Lewis. The report can be read on page 10.

Librarian Barbara Blanks announced ten book additions to the PST collection at the Dallas Central Library. See the titles on page 10. The first three books were also listed in the October Bulletin.

President Robertson thanked everyone who made the awards banquet a success, with kudos to Beth Ayers, Nancy Baass, Aman Khan, Barbara Goerdel, Richard Weatherly, Patrick Marshall, and JDarrell Kirkley for their varied contributions.

Program Committee Chair JDarrell Kirkley filled in for Program Assistant Mike Guinn, and introduced Program Speaker, Stephonia Roberts, aka Queen S of StephoniaStoryTelling. Stephonia is an award winning author and poet. She published eight books in four years. In 2017 her book Stories from Big Mama’s Porch (a memoir) won a Reader’s Choice Christian Literary Award. Three of her books are poetry books: Drops of Shade, Groceries of Life, and The Nature of the Garden. Stephonia knew by the fourth grade that she wanted to write poetry. Her life took a lot of detours before she began to accomplish her dream, which was the title of her program, “Never Give Up.”

Stephonia read both prose pieces and poems, one of which spoke about the three daughters of Eve, and how they loved and respected their mother so much that they added Eve’s name to the ends of their names: Thus: Believe, Receive, Achieve. “If you believe, you can receive, and if you receive, you can achieve.”

After the break Contest Chair Rich Weatherly announced the winners of the December Monthly Contests. There were 21 Entries and the winners are listed in the Winners box on the next page.
Hey PST Poets...

My name is

*A Book of the Year*

My job is to hold all the winning poems from PST’s annual contests each year. I’m afraid I’ll get behind on my job because we can’t find an editor who will take me and love me and make sure I do a good job presenting your poems. I feel so empty and useless. Is there an editor out there who will help me? I know someone must be willing to take care of me.

**I don’t have even one 2019 poem in me yet... PLEASE HELP ME!**

If you have the skills necessary to put a book together, PST needs you as the 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. **P.S. This job is fun!**

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**Would Your Chapter Like To Be Featured In The Bulletin?**

The *Bulletin* has been running a Featured Chapter of PST each month. 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. Do you have critique sessions, contests, workshops, readings? Do you participate in or sponsor community activities, host 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 the next *Bulletin*. We can’t continue this feature until we hear from one of you.

Your group’s Christmas get together might be a very good place to take a picture of the group. Get as many in the photo as possible and label it well.

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Ann Howells is still in the process of organizing PST’s Youth Poetry Competition for 2020. Information was sent out to teachers in October. If you or your chapter is interested in sponsoring a contest, please contact Ann at dpcer@msn.com.

A sponsorship is $25. Half of this fee goes toward incurred expenses, and half of it helps pay for student memberships.

Interested PST members, please let Ann know exactly how you would like to title your contest, 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.
ALAMO AREA POETS OF TEXAS
Antonia Murguia Reporting

On November 3rd, AAPT had a wonderful meeting. Carmen Tafolla was our guest speaker. She read and literally drew us into her world of poetry. Carmen, who was San Antonio’s first poet laureate from 2012-2014 and Texas State Laureate in 2015, fills her days speaking and sharing her stories. She has many publications and is well-known throughout the world with many of her books translated into different languages. We thoroughly enjoyed listening to her storytelling and felt very grateful that she came to our meeting.

We proceeded with the October winners as follows: Assigned Topics: 3rd Place—Antonia Murguia; 2nd Place—Carol Siskovic; 1st Place—Sheila Moore. Open Topic: 3rd Place—Carol Siskovic; 2nd Place—Antoinette Winstead; 1st Place—Sheila Moore.

December’s topics are “Best or Worst Vacation” or “How I Learned To…” December’s judge will be Christine Bolt of Temple.

On December 7th, we had our December meeting. Patricia Keoughan led the pledge and we observed a moment of silence. We then had our annual Christmas luncheon. Everyone enjoyed the food and the spirit of Christmas was upon us.

We proceeded with the November winners as follows: Assigned Topics: 3rd HM—Lea Fagin; 2nd HM—Jeanie Sanders; 1st HM—John Friedland; 3rd Place—Patricia Keoughan; 2nd Place—Antonia Murguia; 1st Place—Sheila Moore. Open Topic: 3rd HM—Lois Heger; 2nd HM—Iris Maahs; 1st HM—Lea Fagin; 3rd Place—Lou Taylor; 2nd Place—Sheila Moore; 1st Place—John Friedland.

January’s topics are an Ekphrastic poem or “Ad Person Whom You Admire.” January’s judge will be Loretta Diane Walker of Odessa.

Our featured speaker will be Eddie Vega. A well known poet in San Antonio who also refers to himself as The Taco Poet. We are looking forward to his presentation.

January’s meeting will be on the 4th at 2 pm at the Retirement Center Garden Room at Incarnate Word University.

All members were encouraged to bring new members.

Happy New Year to all poets!

BEAUMONT CHAPTER
Barbara Green Powell Reporting

Beaumont Chapter lost beloved member, Jo Ellen Fant, during Thanksgiving week. She was fun to be with, always joking or singing us a ditty. God bless and give peace to her daughter, Sherry Morgan, who is also a member.

I learned in the last month of her life that she was also a great artist. One of her paintings was of the Light House in Port Arthur which they recently renovated and had the light burning a short time not long after her death. It was like a final tribute to a great lady.

Beaumont members chose not to meet in December as it is such a busy month. Hopefully, we will start 2020 with fireworks of great poems.

As Jo and her twin Dot would say, “See you in the Spring at Eureka Springs Lucidity Poetry Retreat.” Text Birma for more information.

Congratulations to our President, Birma Castle on all of her wins at the annual Awards Banquet this year. We wish all of you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DALLAS PEGASUS CHAPTER
Domingo Rodriguez Reporting

The Dallas Pegasus poets are making plans for some new features in January, but until then the monthly meeting is, as usual, on Thursday at 6:00 p.m. at the Preston Royal Library. Remember to bring your poems to be workshopped. And to all our fellow poets we would like to extend our wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

DENTON POETS’ ASSEMBLY
Richard Weatherly Reporting

Denton Poets' Assembly met at 10 a.m. on Saturday, November 16 and December 21 at the Emily Fowler Public Library in Denton, Texas.

After welcoming visitors and an opening discussion in November our spotlight poet Julia Marincel read her collection of selected poems. Spotlight poet for December 21 is Ana Corey.

During our Read & Response session, poets read response material for October’s Read & Respond: C.P. Cavafy, widely considered the most distinguished Greek poet of the twentieth century.
In December, Read & Response poems will be based on examples from Michael Ondaatje.

During the November break DPA set aside a time of celebration of holidays with members bringing the food and beverages.

At each meeting members read free-choice poems following the panel discussion.

We adjourn our meetings at 12 p.m. 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, TX 76201. Meetings are free and open to the public. Everyone is welcome. For more information, visit http://DentonPoetsAssembly.weebly.com.

**FORT WORTH POETRY SOCIETY**

*Anne Jones & Steve Sanders Reporting*

Tricia Ferguson, FWPS President, opened our November meeting by reading two poems by Alan Seeger. She chose his poems to honor veterans everywhere. The poems were “I Have a Rendezvous With Death” (a very well-known poem) and “I Loved.”

Steve Sanders reported that ArtsGoggle was very rewarding, as usual. The good people of Fort Worth put over $90 in our tip jar during the festival. John Bartell, who visited our booth at ArtsGoggle, has become our newest member.

Our Vice President, Ray Henson, has resigned, due to personal issues. We nominated and elected Denise Salerno as our new Vice President. In new business, we discussed our Christmas party in December. We will have no business meeting, just goodies and a read-around.

Steve Sanders has some new copies of *Takeaway* to sell in order to raise money for the 2020 PST Summer Conference. This is a collection of poems by our members that the Society published in 2013. It includes poems by Michael Baldwin, Susan Maxwell Campbell, J. Paul Holcomb, Naomi Stroud Simmons, Anne Jones, and Steve Sanders. If you are interested in purchasing a copy (or copies) of this anthology to support next year’s Conference, they are available on Amazon.

Kudos this month were rich with winnings from the PST annual contest: Steve Sanders read at ArtsGoggle, performed in seven poetry shows over the three days of Steampunk November, and sponsored a Steampunk Poetry Slam at Steampunk November with First Prize of $100 in cash (and we invite every poet in PST to come out next year and take a shot at winning that $100!)

Denise Salerno read at ArtsGoggle and was listed on the Mustard Seed Farmers’ website as winning Third Place in their 2019 Poetry Contest, judged by Edward Hirsch, recipient of numerous awards to include the American Academy of Arts and Letters Award for Literature.

Mike Baldwin did a reading at Leaves Books and Tea on behalf of the Society.

Susan Maxwell Campbell won the 2019 Hurley Award from the Poetry Society of Texas ($50). She also won two Third Places in the 2019 PST awards and had several Honorable Mentions.

Finally, Michelle Hartman won the 2019 Mahan Award from PST ($400); Michelle also took a Second Place and a Third Place in the Awards.

We critiqued eight poems submitted by our membership. After our poems were critiqued, we discussed changes that might improve this process. At present, the poems are critiqued anonymously. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Our December meeting, already mentioned to be our Christmas Party, was a smashing success! New members and old joined in with some great food, warm fellowship, and some excellent poetry! So, Merry Christmas to all and may the coming year be the best ever for everyone!

**HI-PLAINS CHAPTER**

*John Schmidt Reporting*

Our October luncheon was held on October 26 from 11 am until about 2 pm at the Kingswood Methodist Church. Karl Smith brought the chicken, Bryan Hampton brought the tea and other members brought side dishes and desserts. Our speaker was Joslyn Harvey who presented information on a new online Hub for active adults, age 50+. This program called www.neighborhoodhub.org was about Amarillo’s Parks and Recreation.

Members who attended were: Frances Clegg-Ferris, John Schmidt, Karl Smith, Bryan Hampton, Pandra Keeling, and Leonard and Barbara Merchant.

Our December poetry meeting was held Saturday, December 7 at 2 pm. at the Kingswood Methodist Church. Members brought their Visser Sonnet poems for critique. Following our homework critique, we
started on Inspirational poems. Von, Karl, and others read their 2019 winning poems.

After a call for a volunteer for refreshments, we had our business meeting, after which we enjoyed a round robin in which everyone present was invited to read a short original or a favorite poem.

The meeting was adjourned with the reminder that our meeting is always open to the public and members are encouraged to bring guests.

MOCKINGBIRD CHAPTER
John Alexander Reporting

MPS held its regular monthly meeting at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, November 2 in the Heard–Craig Carriage House in McKinney. President Thomas Martin presided. A total of eleven members and one guest attended.

President Martin provided a PST update:
• The Monthly Contest entries are due on 15th of the month, Laugh Lines and General contest—PST members can submit.
• At the annual Awards Banquet in November winners of the 100 contests awards were announced. The Award Bulletin announcing these winners can be seen on the PST Website at www.poetrysocietyoftexas (click on Publications). First place winners read their poems.

Minutes of the October meeting were approved, and Treasurer Susan Mardele provided an update on our finances, including the checking balance and the savings account balance. Statements are available for review.

President Martin covered several business items:
• A reminder to the members that the annual dues of $20 for the new 2020 year are due in January and can be paid anytime from now until then.
• A get-well card for Jimmie Inez Sessions was available for members to sign.
• Heard-Craig is offering Belk discount cards for $5. Proceeds go to the Heard-Craig Carriage House Center. The $5 is returned after the first purchase and entitles the holder to a 25% discount.
• The December meeting will be a potluck lunch beginning at 11:30 am with lunch at noon. Bring your favorite dishes and a $10 or less gift (optional) to exchange. The members introduced themselves to our guest Phyllis Quiles.

Beth Ayers provided an update on the annual poetry contest. See details on the web page www.mockingbirdpoetry.org. Announcements about the contest have been sent out. The contest is open for submissions October 15–February 1. The awards ceremony will be held April 19th at the Collin College Spring Creek campus in Plano.

President Martin provided an update of coming events planned during the board meeting. A poetry game night will be held in January. More fun events are planned for the year so stay tuned for additional details.

Alice Parker announced nominations for Treasurer and Vice President to replace Susan Mardele and Beth Ayers whose terms expire at the end of the year. The nominations for Vice President Ann Marie Newman and Treasurer Tariq Ahmed were presented. No additional nominations were made from the floor. A paper ballot was taken and the two nominees were approved and will serve two year terms beginning January 1, 2020.

Member Sharing Time

Ann Marie Newman announced that on November 16th she hosted a poetry event with a gallery owner in Dallas that highlighted female poets who are also artists. MPS members Susan Mardele and Beth Ayers were part of the event.

John Alexander shared that he was joined by three other authors for a multi-author Facebook launch party on November 14th. A link to the event was posted on his Facebook page (https://www.facebook.com/alexandernovels) and on his website (www.alexandernovels.com). John also launched his rhyming picture book The Christmas Gift.

After the group’s business and sharing 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 visiting and a time of refreshments courtesy of Mockingbird President Martin and PST President Irene Robertson.

POETS OF TARRANT COUNTY
Lynn Lewis Reporting

The minutes for the December 2 meeting of the Poets of Tarrant County are as follows: the meeting was called to order by President Barbara Goerdel. She was also the Contemporary Poet Reader, and, as a tribute
to the recently deceased Jo Ellen Fant, she read some of Jo Ellen’s favorite poems.

The minutes from the November meeting were approved as read. Barbara Berry gave the Treasury Report. Historian Jerry Abbott read the Kudos List. Spotlight Poet was Lynn Lewis. Susan Maxwell Campbell announced the 2019 Member Contest winners: 3rd place, J. Paul Holcomb; 2nd place, Barbara Berry; and 1st place went to Barbara Goerdel. Contest Judge was Texas State Poet Laureate, Carol Coffee Reposa.

Incoming 2020 officers were installed, and the Mike Simmons Memorial Gavel was presented to Ron Eddins. He then presided as the meeting changed over to our Christmas party.

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

The Rusk County Poetry Society met Thursday, November 21, in the community hall of the Henderson Church of Christ, with twelve poets present. President Mary Tindall presided. Richard Hurzeler offered an invocation. Mary Tindall shared a cinquain written by Mary Wood.

Jo Morrow will host the December 19 party. Members will bring a Christmas poem and finger food, and we will also donate canned or packaged food to the food pantry of the Henderson Church of Christ.

The 2020 slate of officers were elected: Mary Tindall, President; Jackie McVey, Vice President; Adrienne Pamplin, Recording Secretary; Janet Tyner, Corresponding Secretary; Charles Taylor, Treasurer; Jo Morrow, Historian.

Jackie McVey presented a lesson on tribute poems in varied poetic forms, including insights into the use of a classic thesaurus to deepen understanding of the tribute form.

The assignment for December is to write a tribute poem, place it in a decorative folder (provided by Jackie), and present it to the subject of the tribute.

Jo Morrow, spotlight poet, shared one of her tribute poems. John Boney shared “Twenty Ideas for Titles.” During the open mic segment, Mary Tindall read one of her poems that was awarded a first place for the PST 2019 contests. John Boney also read a poem. Carol Thompson collected poems written in response to Susan Maxwell Campbell’s prompt, who graciously offered to critique them.

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

President Michaud Lamrouex called the November 16th meeting to order and after opening formalities, he introduced our guest speaker, Darrell Pittman, a popular San Antonio poet, educator, husband, and father of three. He is in demand as a speaker, and we were honored to have him. He brought nine guests with him. Our meeting room was wall to wall people...a very good thing! He has many fans who want to see every presentation he gives. He gave a powerful presentation of poetry, leading off with “Mama” at the request of many who love this poem. He also read “Quilts,” “Candle’s Flame,” “She Said,” “The Old African Who Came to Dinner,” “Shuttle to the Mayo Clinic,” “Living Life Like the Last Fry” and several others. After Darrell’s program and enthusiastic applause, Darrell announced, to everyone’s delight, that he was joining SAPA. We are excited to have this excellent poet as part of our association.

Contest Chair, Valerie Bailey announced the October contest winners. Winners in the assigned topic, which was “Wildlife in the City” were: 1st–Valerie Bailey; 2nd–Loretta Vaughan; 3rd–Pat Gibbs; HM–Carol Siskovic. Winners in the Poet’s Choice topic were: 1st–Antoinette Winstead; 2nd–Sheila Moore; 3rd–Loretta Vaughan; HM–Carol Siskovic. The October poems were judged by Barbara Blanks of Garland and we appreciate her time and expertise in judging.

After the awards were presented, we took a refreshment break and enjoyed chicken sandwiches, fruit, and cupcakes iced in colorful fall colors. These refreshments were provided by Pat Gibbs and Joan Seifert.

We then read our November contest poems. We have two contests each month. One is on an assigned topic and the other is a Poet’s Choice of topic. For November the assignment was “A Storm.” The last poem read was written by Pat Gibbs about her son, John Lee, who passed away on November 1. Pat asked Valerie Bailey to read her poem because Pat felt her emotions would overwhelm her if she tried to read the poem. It was a poignant moment, and we applaud Pat’s strong faith and strength to be with us only 16 days after her beloved son’s death.

Then, after our monthly book raffle, President Lamrouex announced that our Christmas party and the
celebration of our 40th anniversary of SA PA would be held in the party room at T.G.I Friday on December 21st. We look forward to a great time together.

**WICHITA FALLS POETRY SOCIETY**
*Cynthia Archibald Reporting*

The Wichita Falls Poetry Society had an exciting and busy autumn. In October, we participated in the local annual Mystery Art Festival presented by the Arts Council of Wichita Falls. Each member chose one painting from the several hundred submitted and wrote an ekphrastic poem describing the art work. Each piece chosen received a “Poet's Choice” designation while on exhibit. Additionally, members Sheri Sutton, Mark Sutton, Cynthia Archibald, Roberta Sund, and Marcela Trice participated in the Art on Tap Poetry Reading during the festival. The audience was receptive, asking questions of the poets and offering positive comments about the poems. Carol Sales, CEO, Arts Council Wichita Falls, shared several stories about the artists and how astounded they were that the poets had captured the intent of their paintings. Carol opined that the society's poems were some of the best she had ever seen in conjunction with the art. She expressed her desire that the society continue to participate in the annual festival. The poems are currently on exhibit in the Kemp Center for the Arts. Also in October, Dr. Lynn Hoggard spoke at the Independent Press Festival on “The Road to Poetry and Why It Matters.” The event was hosted by the Wichita Falls Public Library. At our October meeting, Linda Smith announced that the Erath County Genealogical Society would publish an article on her family written by her mother and a poem written by Linda about a grandmother she never met. Cynthia Archibald reported that she and Daryl Halencak participated in the September open mic poetry reading at the Full Circle Bookstore in Oklahoma City, held the last Sunday of each month.

Dr. Lynn Hoggard presented our October program on “Meter and Rhythm In Poetry.” Results for our October contest were: 1st place – Roberta Sund for “Frustration.” 2nd place – Nick Schreiber for “Saturday Afternoon Downtown,” 3rd place – Linda Smith for “Precious Meanwhiles.” Honorable Mentions: 1st HM – Sheri Sutton for “Heat Wave,” 2nd HM – Mark Sutton for “Only Memories Last.” Susan Maxwell Campbell of Mansfield was the judge. In November, our member Mark Sutton of The Acoustic Parlor song-writers co-hosted an evening of music at the 9th Street Studios. Mark performed two of his poems he put to music. The performances were outstanding. At our November meeting, Sheri Sutton presented a program on “The Ercil,” a decastich, 10 line poem in iambic meter. The Ercil was introduced by James R. Gray of Commerce, California in honor of Arkansas poet, Ercil Brown. It was also announced that poems submitted by the society last May, for the Kemp Center for the Arts 15th Annual Sculpture Garden Exhibit are currently on display at the Sikes Center Mall.

Refreshment breaks at meetings are favorite times for members, as they offer a few minutes for sharing and building relationships. This month members shared their favorite Thanksgiving traditions which included getting together with family members normally not seen throughout the year, watching college football rivalries, gathering around the Thanksgiving table and sharing what we are thankful for. WFPS hopes everyone enjoyed this special day of thanksgiving with family and friends.

The results of the November contest were: 1st place – Dr. Lynn Hoggard for “How to Terrify Your Mother.” 2nd place – Cynthia Archibald for “Marching Syllables,” 3rd place – Linda Smith for “Lucy's Regrettable, Unforgettable Day.” Honorable Mentions: 1st HM – Mark Sutton for “Where Does the Music Go?” 2nd HM – Dr. Robert Parkey for “a political rant...in mostly angry iambic-ish pentameter,” 3rd HM – Nick Schreiber for “Tired Eyes.” Other participants were Marcela Trice for “A Visit,” Geneva Rodgers for “Transformation,” Roberta Sund for “Arrival in Morocco,” Rosellen Sheetz for “God’s Love,” Sheri Sutton for “Standing Guard.” Barbara Blanks of Garland was the judge.

The December Christmas luncheon was hosted in the lovely ranch home of Mark and Sheri Sutton. Everyone brought a favorite dish and storytelling around the beautiful table brought much laughter and enjoyment.

We were all especially blessed that Jim Hoggard, a Texas Poet Laureate, was able to join us for this special occasion. Jim is overcoming some serious health issues he experienced this past summer. His continuing recovery is truly our Christmas miracle.

The Wichita Falls Poetry Society wishes everyone Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!
The Fort Worth Poetry Society
In Cooperation with the Poetry Society of Texas Offers
The William D. Barney Memorial Chapbook Contest, 2020

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 15 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. Poems should have no more than 50 characters per line including spaces. 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. Please retain a digital copy of your manuscript; the paper contest copies will be destroyed by the judge.

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 15 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 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, 2020.

10. Announcement of the winner will be at the April, 2020, 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.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT DECEMBER 2019
from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis

Active Members.............162
Associate Members...........16
Life Members...................38
Student Members...............5
Supporting Members..........1
Recently Deceased...........1
New Members..................2
Renewing Members..........3
Current Member Total........221

WELCOME NEW PST MEMBERS
Christine Owens, Plano, Texas
Ron Eddins, Trophy Club, Texas

You will ♥ Love PST!

Book Donations Report
From PST Librarian Barbara Blanks

Librarian Barbara Blanks reports 10 new book donations this month to the PST collection at the Dallas Central Library. The first three of these books were listed in October:
- *Fusion of Words & Colors*, by Dr. Am anullah Khan.
- *Ping Pong Poems*, by Susan Maxwell Campbell & Christine Irving
- *An Honest Day’s Confession*, by Nathan Brown
- *100 Years*, by Nathan Brown
- *The Drawn Cat’s Dream*, by Terry Jude Miller, (2018 Lubbe winner)
- *All the Druids Are Gone*, by Violette Newton
- *Inside the Glow*, by Marilyn Stacy
- *Just Beyond View*, by Marilyn Stacy
- *Unstable*, by Barbara Blanks
- *So Long As We Speak Their Names*, by Ann Howells

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.