Our September Speaker, Melanie Pruitt, Will Zoom In with Us September 12

Melanie Pruitt is a longtime Dallas poet and, until the recent pandemic, hosted the Dallas Poets Community’s First Friday monthly poetry event at a local bookstore, going all the way back to the summer of 2001. She is also a former co-editor of the DPC’s literary journal, Illya’s Honey. Her poetry has appeared in many locally published ‘zines, literary journals, and anthologies. Her interest in writing in general extends to her blog, Confessions of a Movie Queen.

There were no General meetings during the summer, therefore there are no minutes to report. However, Barbara Blanks, Recording Secretary, has given the editor a great deal of information to share with our members, so read on...

PST’s September Meeting: The Preston Royal Library is still closed. The plan is to hold both the Board meeting and the General meeting via Zoom. The link to the General meeting should be sent out to everyone a day or two prior to the second Saturday, September 12. We are not yet sure who will moderate the general meeting, but our special speaker, Melanie Pruitt, will be with us on Zoom, and everyone who is technically able to do so, is encouraged to attend the September meeting. It was exciting to see members at our last meeting that we never see except at the Summer Conference and the Awards Banquet, so even though we wish we could get back to meeting in person, at least with Zoom, many of our members who could never drive to Dallas to attend are able to join us. During these difficult days we still find blessings.

Librarian Barbara Blanks announced nine book donations to the PST collection at the Dallas Central Library: the books are listed on page 9.

Membership Chair Lynn Lewis, sent the Membership Report, which can also be seen on page 9.

Remember to Pay Your PST Membership Dues: PST dues were payable as of June 30. Dues can now be paid through PayPal to paypal.me/PSTexas or through PayPal to poetrysocietyoftexas@gmail.com. And, of course, you can still send a check or money order to Membership Chair Lynn Lewis at 1704 Enderly Place, Fort Worth, TX 76104.

Our Life Member Chair, Birma Castle, has an important request: Be a PST Sweetheart ~ Sponsor a Life Membership. Recognition for all donors will be in the September Bulletin. Many chapters don’t meet in the summer and many had new presidents who did not see earlier messages, so you can still donate $25 and support a Life Member for 2020. For the chapters and individuals who have already sent donations, I truly appreciate your support. Every $25 donation pays a Life Member’s dues for 2020. These donations take the place of the Life Member Raffle we usually do at the conference, but the conference was canceled, so all donations early or later will be recognized in the September Bulletin. You are the most generous poets in the world and I love you all,
WHAT CAN I SAY?

REGRETS...REGRETS!
We are all sick and tired of hearing that something has been cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic, but here we go again... We do regret to announce that the Annual Awards Banquet has been cancelled. Due to the pandemic, we are unable to guarantee the hotel a definite number of attendees.

We will let you know who won!  
Stay well Everybody!

JULY MONTHLY POEMS
Critic Judge: Gail Denham, Sunriver, OR
1st–Von S. Bourland, Happy – “Bounty Among Thorns”
2nd–Barbara Blanks, Garland
3rd–Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio

Laugh Lines
Judge: Catherine L’Herisson, Garland
Winner: Birma Castle, Beaumont

Book Prizes
Popular – Eric Blanchard, Houston
Poetry for Poets – Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas
Wm. D. Barney –Susan Maxwell Campbell, Mansfield
M. Tandy Duemke – Aman Khan, Dallas
Naomi Stroud Simmons – Daniel Hunter, Houston
Cliff Roberts, Ann Howells, Carrolton

WORD FEST
Friday Oct. 2nd ~ Sunday, Oct. 4th, 2020
Waco Convention Center
It’s too late to submit a poem for the anthology, but there is much more to enjoy at this event:
• Hear Poetry during author readings, open mics, panel discussions, and performances.
• Practice the craft of poetry through writing workshops.
• Speak/share works aloud bringing words from the page to the stage via open mics, featured readings, and round-table sharing during workshops.

WordFest Reading ~ Sat. Oct. 3rd ~ 7:00 p.m.
For more information about WordFest contact Susan Maxwell Campell at susanmaxwellcampbell@gmail.com

PST NEEDS A NEW WEBMASTER
Are YOU Available and do you have the skills?
Our excellent Webmaster, Barbara Blanks, is retiring from this job as of September 1. She has notified the Board and has posted this need on Facebook, but so far there has been silence. PST’s new Webmaster is out there among you. We need you and here’s what you need to know:
• You must be familiar with WordPress.
• You must be a member of PST.
• Your location doesn’t matter.
• It does not take a lot of your time.
• It does require dependability and attention to details to keep our Website up-to-date. You may be a new member and haven’t seen our Website at wwwpoetrysocietyoftexas.org. Go to the Website and look around to see if you would be interested in this. It’s a great way to stay “in the know” about PST matters. Contact Barbara Blanks at barbarablanks@aol.com or poetrysocietyoftexas@gmail.com.

PLEASE RESPOND, WE NEED YOU NOW!

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. Please make a note that two of the monthly book prizes have been discontinued because the supply of books for these prizes is gone. These prizes are discontinued immediately:

Poetry for Poets Prize
The Cliff Roberts Award
POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS PODCASTS ARE AVAILABLE TO ALL POETS. SEE THE INFORMATION IN THE NEXT COLUMN

The Poetry Society of Texas has fourteen (14) episodes on its podcast page, and it is all FREE! Please share this information with every poet you know. If you are a chapter president, get this information to your members. Go check them out at: https://poetrysocietyoftexas.org/podcasts/.

You can listen to the following:

PST Podcast Episode 014 Michelle Hartman with Host Terry Jude Miller
Our guest is Michelle Hartman. Michelle’s poetry books, The Lost Journal of my Second Trip to Purgatory, Wanton Disarray, Disenchanted and Disgruntled and Irony and Irreverence, are available on Amazon and Barnes and Noble websites. She is published in multiple journals and anthologies in the United States and overseas. She is the former editor of Red River Review. Producer: Terry Jude Miller; Technical Editor: JDarrell Kirkley; Music provided by Ed and Mim Frieter.

Click on Link: Michelle Hartman – April 2020

PST Podcast Episode 013 Birma Castle with Host Terry Jude Miller
Our guest is Birma Castle, who received PST’s highest honor, the Hilton Ross Greer Outstanding Service Award. A Book of the Year was dedicated to her. Birma is a PST Life Member and is the emcee for its Life Member Raffle at the summer conference. She is Director of the Lucidity Poetry Retreat in Eureka Springs, Arkansas each year in April. Birma says, “If you really want your poems critiqued and learn, attend the Lucidity Retreat.” The Website is: Lucidity Poetry Retreat or you can Google them. Producer: Terry Jude Miller; Technical Editor: JDarrell Kirkley; Music provided by Ed and Mim Frieter.

Click on Link: Birma Castle – March 2020

PST Podcast Episode 012 Mary Turner with Host Terry Jude Miller
Our guest is Wisconsin native Mary Creviere Turner. Mary and her husband, Don, have been married for 48 years and have lived in Houston for 37 years. They have three grown children and are looking forward to the birth of their seventh grandchild in the spring. Turner just completed her 10th year of mentoring at a local elementary school. She has been writing poetry for only five years and is the author of a children’s book of poetry and photos entitled African Safari. Mary won two first place awards in the Texas Poetry Society’s 2019 annual contests. Producer: Terry Jude Miller; Technical Editor JDarrell Kirkley; Music provided by Ed and Mim Frieter.

Click on Link: Mary Creviere Turner – February 2020

PST Podcast Episode 011 Sheila Tingley Moore with Host Terry Jude Miller
Sheila Tingley Moore is the former Poet Laureate for the San Antonio Poets Association, serving that post seven times, the Kitchner Foundation’s Texas Senior Poet Laureate, holding that post twice, and the Poet of the Year for the Alamo Area Poets Association. Sheila is a gifted and prolific writer. She writes both serious and humorous poems Sheila is published in many anthologies, including Voices Along the River, Inkwell Echoes, Poetry Society of Texas’ A Book of the Year, National Federation of State Poetry Society’s Encore, A Galaxy of Verse, and The Texas Poetry Calendar. Producer: Terry Jude Miller; Technical Editor: JDarrell Kirkley; Music provided by Ed and Mim Frieter.

Click on Link: Sheila Tingley Moore – January 2020

PST Podcast Episode 010 Loretta Diane Walker with Host Terry Jude Miller
Loretta Diane Walker is a multiple Pushcart Nominee, and Best of the Net Nominee. Won the 2016 Phyllis Wheatley Book Award for poetry for her collection, In This House (Bluelight Press). Naomi Shihab Nye states, “Loretta Diane Walker writes with compassionate wisdom and insight—her poems restore humanity.” Producer: Terry Jude Miller; Technical Editor: JDarrell Kirkley; Music
PST Podcast Episode 009 Jan Spence with Host Terry Jude Miller
Our guest is Jan Spence, a poet, blogger, avid traveler and devoted yogi. She is a founding member of the Denton Poets’ Assembly, establishing it as a Charter Chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas. She held various offices in the Denton organization prior to moving to Georgetown. Her chapbook, Navigating the Old Road, was chosen for publication by Finishing Line Press, and her poetry has won numerous awards. Her work has appeared in The Stray Branch, Red River Review, The Senior Voice, as well as other publications including several editions of The Texas Poetry Calendar and PST’s A Book of the Year. Karla K. Morton, 2010 Texas Poet Laureate, characterized Jan’s work as “A true gift of the heart.” Producer: Terry Jude Miller; Technical Editor: JDarrell Kirkley; Music provided by Ed and Mim Frieter.
Click on Link: Jan Spence – November 2019

PST Podcast Episode 008 Jenna Pashley Smith with Host Terry Jude Miller
Our guest is Jenna Pashley Smith, a poet, author, and artist. Jenna brings a different perspective to writing poetry. Our listeners will enjoy Jenna’s unique view on poetry form and other elements. Producer: Terry Jude Miller; Technical Editor: JDarrell Kirkley; Music provided by Ed and Mim Frieter.
Click on Link: Jenna Pashley Smith – October 2019

PST Podcast Episode 007 Christine Irving with Host Terry Jude Miller
Christine Irving is first and foremost a storyteller. Her favorite métier is poetry, but her body of work also includes novels, memoir and travel writing. She is the author of five books of poetry and her poem, “Hardwood,” won 1st place in the 2017 National Federation of State Poetry Societies poetry contest. Her latest work is a collaboration with poet Susan Maxwell Campbell, Ping Pong Poems, an experiment in poetic dialoging. Christine co-hosts a monthly open poetry mic in Denton, TX. Her Web site is http://www.christineirving.com. Producer: Terry Jude Miller; Technical Editor: JDarrell Kirkley; Music provided by Ed and Mim Frieter.
Click on Link: Christine Irving – September 2019

PST Podcast Episode 006 Lisa Toth Salinas with host Courtney O’Bannon Smith
A national award-winning poet, genealogist and home educator, Lisa is also the 2014 winner of the Edwin M. Eakin Memorial Book Award given by the Poetry Society of Texas (PST). Her winning manuscript, Smallest Leaf: A Collection of Poetry, is available on her website: smallestleaf.com. Producer: Terry Jude Miller, Technical Editor: JDarrell Kirkley; Music provided by Ed and Mim Frieter.
Click on Link: Lisa Toth Salinas – August 2019

PST Podcast Episode 005 Terry Jude Miller with Host Dr. Robin Davidson
In this episode University of Houston Creative Writing Professor, Dr. Robin Davidson, interviews 2018 Catherine Case Lubbe Manuscript Prize winner, Terry Jude Miller, about his book, The Drawn Cat’s Dream. Technical Editor: JDarrell Kirkley; Music provided by Ed and Mim Frieter.
Click on link: Terry Jude Miller – July 2019

PST Podcast Episode 004 Dr. Charlotte Renk with host Dr. Katie Hoerth.
The guest for this episode is Edwin M. Eakin Memorial Award winner, Dr. Charlotte Renk. After completing her Ph.D. from Louisiana State University and teaching there for five years, Charlotte moved to Athens, Texas and found inspiration for poetry and stories that came from long walks in the woods behind her East Texas cabin and from reflections accumulated over many years while teaching English, Humanities, and Creative Writing at Trinity Valley Community College. She’s won numerous poetry awards, has had her work published in a wealth of anthologies, and her latest book, which will be the topic of a future podcast. The Great Turtle Heart: The Tao of Turtlism, won the 2017 Catherine Case Lubbe Manuscript Prize. We discuss Charlotte’s book, These Holy Hungers. Producer: Terry Jude Miller; Technical Editor: JDarrell Kirkley; Music provided by Ed and Mim Frieter.
Click on link: Dr. Charlotte Renk – June 2019
PST Podcast Episode 003 J. Paul Holcomb
with host Laura Pena.
In this PST episode of Podcast we discuss an award winning book of poetry with its author. Our guest is the 2004 Winner of the Edwin M. Eakin Memorial Award, J. Paul Holcomb. We will discuss J. Paul’s book, Looking for Love in the Telecom Corridor: J. Paul is interviewed by Texas poet, Laura Pena. Producer: Terry Jude Miller. Technical Editor: JDarrell Kirkley; Music provided by Ed and Mim Frieter.
Click on Link: J. Paul Holcomb – May 2019
Note: J. Paul’s podcast is being converted to YouTube video. Please check later for conversion link.

PST Podcast Episode 002 Budd Powell Mahan,
with host Terry Jude Miller.
Budd Powell Mahan is a poet, editor, artist, photographer, public speaker, and actor, who has been president of both the National Federation of State Poetry Societies and the Poetry Society of Texas. His works have won numerous awards that include the Stevens Manuscript Competition of NFSPS, the John and Marian Morris Manuscript Competition of the Alabama Poetry Society, the Dallas Poet’s Community chapbook contest and the Fort Worth Poetry Society’s inaugural William D. Barney Memorial Chapbook Contest. The diversity, the insight, and the artistry of his poetry honors the Society’s enduring desire to promote the production and appreciation of poetry, in all its forms. Budd’s poetry has been described by Michael Baldwin, past President of the Fort Worth Poetry Society, as cerebral and always seeking the heart and reaching it. In the podcast, we’ll discuss Budd’s book, Falling to Earth, which won the Edwin M. Eakin Memorial Book Publication Award. Producer: Terry Jude Miller; Technical Editor: JDarrell Kirkley; Music provided by Ed and Mim Frieter. Budd Powell Mahan Link – April 2019 is temporarily inactive.

PST Podcast-Video Adaptation: Episode 001
Anne McCrady, with host Lisa Toth Salinas.
Anne McCrady is the author of several books of poetry, including the 2003 Edwin M. Eakin Manuscript Prize given by PST. Anne discusses poems from her award-winning book, Along Greathouse Road. Producer: Terry Jude Miller; Technical Editor: JDarrell Kirkley; Music provided by Ed and Mim Frieter.
Click on Link: Anne McCrady – March 2019
Go to the page, click on the link to the interview you want, and it will magically appear on your computer screen! So much talent; so much information; so many beautiful words! Go listen for yourself and take what you will from this amazing treasure chest of poetry!
Steve Sanders, PST Publicity Committee.

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT
POETRY IN THE SCHOOLS NEEDS A NEW CHAIRMAN
Ann Howells has resigned as the Poetry in the Schools Chair. The Student Awards Program will die if no one steps up to take this job. What the Chairman does is listed below:
• Contact teachers at Texas Schools to invite their students to participate.
• Obtain sponsors for the contests. The Bulletin will help you advertise for sponsors.
• Write up a list of the contests
• Find judges if necessary
• Tabulate the contest results
• Edit and publish the Student Awards anthology*

The PST Board had Ann work with JDarrell Kirkley to edit and publish the small anthology. If the new chair has editing and publishing experience, he or she would be free to do this themselves.

Ann will be happy to pass along her contact lists for both the participating teachers (schools) and contest sponsors. She will also pass along the list of those who expressed an interest in sponsoring a contest in the upcoming year. She has copies of the current contests, the rules, and the formatting required for entries.

Judges are not a problem because most sponsors want to judge their own contests. If Judges are needed, volunteers are always available. Ann will pass along everything she has to anyone interested in taking over the Student Awards. She says, I really believe that students are the future of poetry. If you are interested, contact Ann at dpcer@msn.com and she will help you get started. Do it TODAY!

Student Poets Will be PST’s Next Leaders
BEAUMONT CHAPTER  
*Birma Castle Reporting for Barbara Powell*  
The Beaumont Chapter has not met this summer. I am sorry to report that our Honorary Member, 18 year old Angel Deshotel has passed away. Many will remember her from our 2015 Summer Conference in Beaumont. She was on the program with her African Queen Cousin, Shirley Richard. Many of you had pictures taken with Angel. Her infant brain cancer came back three years ago, and she had several surgeries and regained all her abilities except walking. She graduated high school and turned 18 this summer. One of her poetry books was about using poetry to help her through the tough struggles.

Barbara Powell had to spend another few days in the hospital. She is home and doing much better. She has to watch her salt intake and keep her legs elevated a good bit of the day. But she is much better than the last time. She enjoys sitting on her back porch to watch squirrels and birds, when the weather isn’t too hot. Her husband, Curtis, works in the yard, hot or not.

Congratulations to Dorothy Clove who won a book award in the July Monthly Contests. She is much encouraged by this and is eager to enter every month. She isn’t writing much, she says.

Laurie Kolp is keeping busy and will be getting back in the academic world with her new position. We miss getting to see each other in summer.

*Birma Castle* won the Laugh Lines for July! Violet Newton would be glad to know I am entering the monthly contests that she encouraged us all to do when she was our mentor.

Lou Nell Whitaker has also had some health issues and hasn’t been in a writing mood lately. She lost her oldest daughter recently.

Doretta Dover checks in to talk poetry every so often and sends a poem for critique, but, like the rest of us, she sticks close to home, wears a mask, washes hands, and prays it will soon be over.

Sherry Morgan has written a couple of poems, but hasn’t shared them with us yet. Her Mom’s death has been really hard on her.

I hope everyone, who got their poems ready on time, will be a winner in the annual contests. So sad that the Awards Banquet has been cancelled.

DENTON POETS’ ASSEMBLY  
*Betty Roberts Reporting*  
Due to COVID-19 protocols, DPA has continued to meet from 10 a.m. to noon on the third Saturday using Zoom. After six years of devoted leadership, president Rich Weatherly has stepped down, and Richard Kushmaul has assumed the job of president. Betty Roberts remains as vice president, and Christine Irving continues as treasurer. Roger Bussell is the new secretary.

Susan Maxwell Campbell is still leading our lessons, providing a different poet each month for members to write Read and Response poems to. We also submit a free poem to read during our meetings. June’s poet was Theodore Rothke, July’s was Joseph Brodsky, and in August we responded to Robert Pinsky.

We have also enjoyed writing exercises by Susan Maxwell Campbell, and in August Christine Irving gave a comprehensive and highly informative close reading of “Jersey Rain” by Robert Pinsky.

In September, we will respond to the poems of Anna Akhmatova.

Our 2020 Merging Visions catalog is at the press, and we are hoping to have a reception for this year’s combined poems and art in early September. This will depend on the go-ahead from the Greater Denton Arts Council, which runs the Patterson-Appleton Arts Center, where the display is now only available online.

FORT WORTH POETRY SOCIETY  
*Ann Jones Reporting*  
No meetings and no news to report.

HI-PLAINS CHAPTER  
*Frances Ferris Reporting*  
The following members were present for our June meeting: John Schmidt, Bryan Hampton, Pandra Keel-
Four people had poems to critique: John Schmidt, Bryan Hampton, Katy Hupp, and Von Bourland (whose poems were sent by Frances).

Lunch was on the patio of the Jackson Square Grill, (that name is changing to “The Grill”). They are in the midst of renovation in Park Place Towers and will be for a while. They came out with menus, took our orders and brought the food.

Our program, The Laurel form (by Viola Berg), was presented by Frances. After a time to work on it, we were to take it for homework to bring back in August.

Our business meeting began with Karl, who gave a treasurer’s report. The February minutes were approved as submitted online. John Schmidt presented the options for having an ad placed in the Upbeat Reporter for $80, using the one we used last year. No decision was made. John also presented his new book, Hope in a New Way, priced at $6.50. He also gave out new business cards that had both Frances and Karl’s contacts. Frances reported that she had sent the information to have John Schmidt as a councilor for Amarillo and Kathryn Hupp as a councilor for Pampa.

In new business, the group unanimously approved having our meetings at The Grill, and decided to change the time from 11:30 to 1:30 p.m. Frances thinks since we are eating lunch there would be no need for snacks. Frances asked if we wanted her to make a new Yearbook. Our old one is obsolete. She will start on it, and Karl suggested that she print 25 copies. Almost everyone read during the round robin before the meeting was adjourned.

HOT/LIVE POETS OF CENTRAL TEXAS
Christine Boldt Reporting

Thanks to the good offices of Gwendolyn Gray, the HOT/Live Poets of Central Texas have gone virtual. We have been meeting via Zoom for the last 3 months. At our August 14 meeting we responded to the prompt “Appreciation.” Readers offered poems by others and ones they had written that rank among their favorites. We also read poems of gratitude for the people and circumstances of our lives. Next month we will continue in the same vein: our September 10th topic is “Bright Side.” Our poetry is providing a much needed antidote to the troubles of our world.
site at www.susanmardele.com/collcted-boxes. More than 130 have visited the site.  
- John Alexander announced that his book of poetry, Quiet Time Rhymes: Peace in the Pandemic, containing 148 poems written from February through July, will be released this month on Amazon.

After the group’s business and sharing was completed, the members were invited to share a poetry reading. It is always a pleasure to hear poetry from our group.

**POETS NORTHWEST**

*Eric Blanchard Reporting*

PNW has been meeting monthly via Zoom since March. We had our 2020 Spring Fling Awards at our June meeting, with most of our winners in attendance. It was a very enjoyable event, despite not being together physically this year. Congratulations to all the winners! Our July meeting focused on how our members choose and prepare poems for entry into contests, with an eye toward entry in PST’s annual contests.

If you want, please join us on Zoom, until further notice, at one of our monthly meetings on the third Saturday of the month. Members and guests are encouraged to read original or favorite works during the second half of almost every meeting. Our PST chapter is on the web at http://www.poetsnw.com, on Facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest, on Facebook at http://facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest, on Twitter as @HoustonPoets, and on Instagram as poetsnorthwest.

**POETS OF TARRANT COUNTY**

*Lynn Lewis Reporting*

Tarrant County poets did not meet and there is no news to report. Hope everyone is doing well.

**ROSE GARDEN POETRY SOCIETY**

*Mary Tindall Reporting*

These are the lazy days of summer as Covid-19 has uniquely required. March 12 we met at the Whitehouse Senior Center, making plans to honor the Meals on Wheels recipients there with a poem. We intended to send it out with a special April delivery. Before another meeting the Senior Center was closed to congregating. All contact has been limited to online and telephone visits. Poets have been involved in contests and book production and other publications. Writing and encouraging others to write has continued despite the limits of shelter-in-place. We all look forward to the time when we will be back together. Be well. Keep writing.

**RUSK COUNTY POETRY SOCIETY**

*Janet Tyner Reporting*

The Rusk County Poetry Society members have spent June and July apart but have cocontinued to share poems and friendship through phone calls, texts, and emails. President Mary Tindall mailed cards to each member enclosing the following message of encouragement.

My Poet Friends, I feel so much a part of you. Your frequent presence and idea sharing, lessons and prompts in the many years behind us have given me encouragement to write and read poetry. Your smiles and suggestions always come at the perfect time to bring me to a better place. I am indebted to you for sharing your gift of writing. This necessary interruption of our together time keeps us safe from Covid but leaves me as confused as a kid who can’t go to school.

This current at-home season provides for unique inspiration as well as extra time to devote to writing or rewriting wherever your projects take you. Stay well. Be diligent to follow the advised safeguards. Keep writing.

**SAN ANTONIO POETS ASSOCIATION**

*Valerie Martin Bailey Reporting*

SAPS did not meet during the summer, but we kept up with one another via emails and phone calls. We have been talking informally about the possibility of meeting outdoors. The church that provides a lovely room for our meetings has not opened yet, and we have many plaques trophies, and certificates to award and that cannot be done on Zoom. If we can find a park with a pavilion and wiring for a mic, we will each bring a lawn chair and arrange them for social distancing. We will each bring our own brown bag refreshment and a drink of our choice. Heat has been brutal in San Antonio and any outdoor meeting would need a covering to protect us from the blazing sun. If we can’t work out an outdoor meeting we will once again meet by Zoom.
MEMBERSHIP REPORT JULY 2020
from Membership Chair Lynn Lewis

Active Members...............222  Sustaining Members..........1
Associate Members............17  Recently Deceased..........0
Life Members.....................38  New Members...............7
Student Members...............11  Renewing Members........22
Supporting Members...........1  Current Member Total......290

Welcome New PST Members

Ted Cole ~ Beaumont
Careyn Henslee ~ Amarillo
James D. Neiswender ~ Denton
Ann Marie Newman ~ Richardson
April Scheffler ~ Houston
Jacqueline Stern ~ Denton
Antoinette Winstead ~ Universal City

WELCOME NEW PST MEMBERS

Our Heartfelt Sympathy to:

Marilyn Stacy, her children and extended family at the passing of her husband, Dean, on Father’s Day, June 21 at the age of 90. Dean’s death was not unexpected, but it is always hard to part from our loved ones, and it is especially poignant on such a special day. Please keep Marilyn and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

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The Poetry Society of Texas Meets
on the second Saturday of each month at 2:30 p.m.
at the Preston Royal Library
at 5626 Preston Royal lane in Dallas, except when emergency measures such as the Covid-19 Pandemic are rules in effect. Then we meet by Zoom.

Book Donations Report From PST Librarian Barbara Blanks

Librarian Barbara Blanks reports 9 new donations to the PST collection at the Dallas Central Library. The books with dates by the titles are by former members. Fortunately they were donated to the PST permanent collection or that work would have been lost. 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, Texas 75044-7254.

Dust from the Heels of Pegasus, by Virginia Spates (1934)
Needles and Thread, by Sunshine Dickinson Ryman (1951)
Panta Rei, by S. Lloyd Cowan (1947)
Arrow Unspent, by Patrick D. Moreland (1931)
Season of Shadow, by Keith Thomas (1946)
Time In Your Hand by W.E. Bard
Shawl of Song by Grace Dupree Ridings
Two In One, by Louis Gibbons
Out of My Mind: Flights of Truth & Fiction, by Barbara Blanks