James Thomas Fletcher, Guest Speaker for February

James Thomas Fletcher is mostly a garret poet. You won't find his work in many reviews or anthologies. There's no impressive list of awards or contest wins in his resume because he rarely submits his work. The Poetry Society of Texas is the first such organization he joined and his first hobnobbing with other poets since graduate school. Yet he has read and written poetry most of his life and holds a Master of Arts in Creative Writing - Poetry.

Among other things, he has been a bricklayer, bartender, roughneck, roustabout, combat infantryman, and English instructor, pieces of which all winnow their way into his work. While living in Central America, following retirement as Director of Computer-Aided Instruction at the University of Illinois, he began putting his poems into collections. His work now spans seventeen volumes. Nature, nostalgia, and death are major themes; although, his writing is eclectic. He is almost exclusively a free-form poet.

After having lived away more than half his life, he recently returned to Oklahoma City where he now lives. To find out more about Jim and his work, visit https://www.linktree.com/jamesthomasfletcher
President Irene Robertson welcomed our 23 attendees, with thanks to Neal Ostman for hosting the meeting on his personal Zoom account.

Recording Secretary Barbara Blanks gave two reports. The first was the November membership report for Membership Chair Lynn Lewis. Active Members 228, Associate 17, Life 31, Student 13; Supporting 3; Sustaining 3; Recently Deceased 1: Dillon McKinsey, of Bismarck, ND, who was our October program speaker. Total Membership: 294. We have two new Active members: Dallas Guill, Denton, and Alexis Tapp, St. Paul. PST welcomes you!

As Librarian, Barbara announced 24 books will be added to the PST Collection held at the Dallas Central Library.

Day Begins When Darkness Is In Full Bloom, by Loretta Diane Walker.
Whither Bound? by Ted O. Badger.
Celebration: 50 Years of Poets & Their Poetry, 2021, by Rusk County Poetry Society.
Alien by John Igo.
The Little Book of Verse by Iris Maahs.
Walking to Light by Ida Fasel.
Air, Angels & Us by Ida Fasel.
The Yellow Lamp by Mary Stallard McGaughy.
A Touch of Sunshine by Project Independence.
How Do You Measure a Hero? by Shirley Jones Handley.
Cornucopia by Dorothy Sells Clover.
We With Wings, by Dorothy Sells Clover.
Epiphany by Dorothy Sells Clover.
Bootsteps by Mildred Crabtree Speer.
It Was Then by Diane Glancy.
Asylum in the Grasslands by Diane Glancy.
Backtalk by Jill Darden & Michael Guinn.
Spinning Straw into Gold, by Valerie Martin Bailey.
Becoming Superman by karla k. morton.
Wooden Lions, by karla k. morton.
Don’t Try, by Nathan Brown & Jon Dee Graham.
A Celebration of Poetry: 90 Poems for 90 Years, by Wichita Falls Poetry Society.

Almost all titles were from Birma Castle’s collection and would have been lost to PST if not for her donation.

Treasurer Neal Ostman gave the November Financial report. The largest expenditure was for the two-day Centennial Celebration and Annual Awards Banquet. Over $6,000 in prize money was awarded in the annual contest. Congratulations to all the winners!

Announcements:
1. Betty Roberts resigned as Corresponding Secretary. PST thanks her for her service.
2. The Poets of Tarrant County chapter has disbanded.
3. Nancy de Honores will continue for at least another year as Poetry in Schools Chair. The Student Anthology is available on Amazon in both paperback and Kindle. (https://tinyurl.com/3mzynkxy)
4. Our January meeting features our Memorial Program, which will be conducted by former president Catherine L’Herisson, and the Poem-Athon. Everyone present at the Zoom meeting will have a chance to read at least one of their poems.
5. Beginning in January, two new book prizes will be added to the Monthly Contest’s book prizes: the Ted O. Badger Memorial Prize, and Birma’s Poetry Collection Prize.
6. Sir James Thomas Fletcher will be our February speaker.

**Spotlight on Members Chair Catherine L’Herisson** introduced **Carol Thompson**, our Spotlight Poet from Tyler. Carol is a member of the Rusk County Chapter, and our new Director and Extension Chair. She read three of her poems.

**Program Chair JDarrell Kirkley** introduced our speaker, **Juan Perez**, of Corpus Christi. Juan is a Mexican-American poet of Indigenous descent and was Poet Laureate of Corpus Christi, 2019-2020. He is the author of several books of poetry including the Elgin Nominated, *Space in Pieces; Screw the Wall! and Other Brown People Poems;* and *Planet of the Zombie Zonnets*. His poetry has appeared in numerous scholarly journals and reviews, national and international anthologies, as well as magazines and websites. The award-winning poet, history teacher, and Pushcart Nominee, is also a member of PST, the San Antonio Poets’ Association, the Horror Writers Association (HWA), the Science Fiction & Fantasy Poetry Association, and the Horror Authors Guild, among other organizations. (https://juanmperez.weebly.com/)

Juan is a big fan of speculative poetry; that is, poetry that can contain elements of science fiction, fantasy, alternate history, steampunk and other kinds of “punk,” supernaturalism, and weirdness, among other definitions. It blurs the lines of realism, denies restraints, and twists reality into new shapes. Examples of speculative poets are Edgar Allan Poe, Leonard Nimoy, and—yes—Dr. Seuss, who made up words and worlds. Some Texas speculative poets include Steve Sanders, Michelle Hartman, and Patricia Ferguson. Juan ended his program with his audience participation poem, “Don’t drop the taco.”

**Monthly Contest Chair Rich Weatherly** announced the winners of the December contest, and the Annual Critic’s Award winner.

Annual Critic’s Award Judge: Lori Goetz, Germantown, TN  
Annual Critic’s Award Winner: Michael Minassion, Flower Mound, *Hard Luck Line*

21 entries.
December Critic Judge: Tom Hunley, Bowling Green, KY.
1st—Barbara Blanks, Garland—*With Daughters and Dolphins*
2nd—Cade Huie, Grand Prairie
3rd—Catherine L’Herisson, Garland

Laugh Lines Judge: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond
Laugh Lines Winner: Sheila Tingley Moore, San Antonio

Popular Prize—Christine H. Boldt, Temple; Wm Barney—Fred Manchester, McKinney; M. Tandy Duemke—Eric Blanchard, Houston; Naomi Simmons—Nancy Bowman Ballard, Springtown. Other poems entered were by: Johnnie B. Carter, Jr., Sylvia S. Medel, Aman Khan, Dorothy Sells Clover, Steve Sanders, and Beth Honeycutt.
President Irene Robertson welcomed our twenty-four attendees, including new student member Ronok (last name withheld), and thanked Neal Ostman for hosting the meeting on his personal Zoom account. She also welcomed our new Corresponding Secretary, Sarah Wood.

Note: The December Bulletin has been delayed because of Doris Brogan’s computer problems. The December and January issues will be combined. Doris is also resigning as editor after that issue. If you are interested in the job, please contact Irene.

Recording Secretary Barbara Blanks gave the December membership report for Membership Chair Lynn Lewis. Active Members 156, Associate 10, Life 31, Honorary 5; Student 16; Supporting 2; Sustaining 4; Recently Deceased 1: Judy Simmons Kirkpatrick, Dallas. Total Membership: 224.

As Librarian, Barbara announced two donations to the PST Collection held at the Dallas Central Library: PST’s Anthology of Student Award Winners 2021; and Journey of a Hundred Years by Ida Fasel.

Treasurer Neal Ostman gave the December Financial report. There were no major expenditures, and our finances are in good shape.

The 2022 NFSPS contest information is up on their website. They no longer send out contest flyers. Deadline for entries is March 15.

Past President Catherine L’Herisson delivered the Memorial Program for members we lost in 2021. She also sent out condolences to members who lost loved ones last year.

Lois V. Chapman, Denton, died January 2, 2021. She first joined the Garland chapter, then PST, and went on to serve as recording secretary, and as monthly contest chair. She originated the Spotlight on Poets feature at monthly meetings. Lois was an HRGOSA recipient and a Life member.

Patricia Peek, Midland, died February 1, at age 97. She was a leader in the Permian Basin Poetry Society for many years, and a Life member of PST. She honed her craft with writing courses at Midland College and received recognition for her work, including the prestigious Hilda Simmons Levitt Poetry Award.

Ted O. Badger was born in San Antonio. He was a decorated war veteran who later became an ordained minister. In 1986 he began publishing the Lucidity Poetry Journal. After retiring, he moved to Eureka Springs, AR, where he started the Lucidity Ozark Poetry Retreat. He died on April 19, at age 97.

Brenda Roberts passed away on May 12, at age 67. A retired nurse, she was a member of the Fort Worth Poetry Society chapter. She and her husband Cliff created the Fort Worth Haiku Society.

Von S. Bourland, of Happy, was 79 when she passed away on June 8. She was a prolific poet who won numerous awards. A Life member of PST, she also belonged to the Hi-Plains chapter and several other state poetry societies.

Dillon McKinsey, aka George McKinsey Dillon Robinson, was the editor of Ardent Journal of Poetry, and past president of the Austin Poetry Society. Born in North Dakota, he moved back to Bismarck after he retired. He was our Program speaker in October. He died December 1.
Judy Simmons Kirkpatrick, Dallas, was one of Naomi Stroud Simmons daughters, and often accompanied her mother to various PST functions. She passed away December 1.

Program Chair JDarrell Kirkley hosted the Poem-A-Thon. Because Zoom screens can bounce around, attendees were called on alphabetically to read their poems. With 24 present, there was time for only one poem each.

Monthly Contest Chair Rich Weatherly announced the winners of the January contest. 15 entries. Two new book prizes have been added: Ted O. Badger Memorial Prize, and Birma’s Poetry Collection Prize.

January Critic Judge: Rita Moritz. Pell City, AL
1st — Steve Sanders, Fort Worth — Oklahoma Campfire
2nd — Budd Powell Mahan, Dallas
3rd — Eric Blanchard, Houston

Laugh Lines Judge: Sheila Tingley Moore,
Laugh Lines Winner: Terry Jude Miller, Richmond

Popular Prize—Barbara Lewie Berry, Mansfield; Wm Barney—Terry Miller, Richmond; M. Tandy Duemke—Fred Manchester, McKinney; Naomi Simmons—H.O. Davis, Trophy Club; Badger—Patrick Lee Marshall, Keller; Birma’s—JDarrell Kirkley, Alba.
Other poems entered were by: Cade Huie, Richard P. Hurzeler, and Irene Robertson.

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Catherine Case Lubbe Manuscript Contest, 2022
Poetry Society of Texas

Are your poems begging to be published? Do you have poems that sparkle with heart and wit? Do they beg to become a collection so they may sing together? Are you ready to give your poems to the world? Here’s a grand opportunity! The Poetry Society of Texas sponsors annually the Catherine Case Lubbe Manuscript Contest open to all active dues-paid and Life members of PST, writing in English. You may submit your manuscript of 45 to 60 pages of poetry between June 15 and August 1, 2022. The prize will be fifty copies of your book, ready to market, and $100. Now is the time to start considering your entry! Read the full rules on the web page of the Poetry Society of Texas, and good luck!
President Antoinette Winstead opened the meeting and lead The Pledge of Allegiance. There was a date conflict with PST’s Annual Awards Ceremony, so no meeting was held for November. No corrections were found in the October minutes, so they were unanimously accepted.

After the treasury's report was read, a motion was made to take enough money out of the treasury to pay mailing costs for all the members' poems judged and critiqued for the past four months. Antoinette Winstead so moved and Patricia Keoughan seconded. The motion passed.

The winning poems for October were then announced and read: In the assigned category, 3rd HM went to Catherine Lee; 2nd HM to Iris Maahs; 1st HM to Lou Taylor; 3rd Place to Antoinette Winstead; 2nd Place, Vivian Skinner; 1st Place, Sheila Moore.

In the open topic 3HM, Catherine Lee; 2nd HM, Lou Taylor; 1st HM, Carol Siskovic; 3rd Place, Iris Maahs; 2nd Place, Antoinette Winstead; 1st Place Sheila Moore.

The winners for the November contest were as follows: In the assigned topic 3rd HM, Vivian Skinner; 2nd HM Iris Maahs; 1st HM, Carol Siskovic; 3rd Place, Lea Fagin; 2nd Place, Toni Murguia; 1st Place, Sheila Moore.

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After a short break, members read their December poems. The topic choices were Much Ado about Something or A Most Unusual Christmas Present. Robert Schinzel will be the judge.

For the old business, it was suggested that the next meeting will be the second Saturday in January since the first Saturday is New Year’s Day. Sheila Moore made the motion, Lea Fagin seconded, and it passed.

For the membership drive, everyone was asked to bring one new person to the next meeting. Also, the president asked everyone to be thinking about new officers for next year.

President Winstead encouraged everyone to become a PST member, if they aren't already. This year at the annual awards banquet, Sheila Tingley Moore placed in 35 contests and won 3 firsts. Antoinette Winstead placed in 10 contests and won three firsts.

For the new business, at the next meeting we will discuss the feasibility of sponsoring a student poetry competition for next year.

There being no more business, the president closed the meeting with a hearty Merry Christmas!
Austin Petry Society  
December/January Roundup, Jeffrey Taylor reporting

December: Austin Poetry Society (APS) continues to hold its meetings on-line on the 3rd Saturday of the month at 1:30-3:30pm. Members will be e-mailed the Meeting information a few days before. Non-members can e-mail austinpoetrysociety@gmail.com for the Meeting info. The December meeting is an Open Mic.

George Dillon McKinsey Robinson passed away at the beginning of December. He served on the Board of the Austin Poetry Society and hosted a local radio show on writing for many years. He was active in the re-organization of APS, served as 2nd VP, and as a featured speaker.

January: Austin Poetry Society (APS) continue to hold its meetings on-line. An Open Mic was the feature at the December Monthly Meeting. The January Monthly Meeting (January 15th) feature will be Thom Woodruff (AKA Spirit Thom, Thom the World Poet).

The Denton Poets Assembly  
December Roundup: Richard Kushmaul reporting

The Denton Poets’ Assembly held their December18th chapter meeting via ZOOM. Vice-President Betty Roberts welcomed members and guests. Betty introduced the “Spotlight poets of the month”, Diane Glancy and James Neiswender. Diane read poems from her collection “Jigsaw Poems” written in response to art images by James Neiswender in a PowerPoint slide presentation. Accompanied by a PowerPoint presentation Susan Maxwell Campbell gave a “Close Read” of the Billy Collin’s poem “Man Listening to Disk” Response poems based on the poet of the month, Billy Collins, were read. The R/R inspiration reader was Beth Ayers with “Ode to Billy Collins”. Free choice poems were read with the inspiration poem “Impressions of an Old Barn” given by Becca Hines. Susan Maxwell Campbell then introduced the January Poet of the month, Ogden Nash.

Mockingbird Chapter  
December Roundup Susan Mardele reporting for Barry Rynk

The Mockingbird Poetry Society met in-person on Saturday, Nov. 13th at the Heard-Craig Carriage House. Attending the meeting were ten members and two guests. Two new officers were elected unanimously: Alice Parker for vice-president and Brian Bowles for treasurer. Many thanks go to outgoing Mockingbird’s VP, Lisa Flaggert, and treasurer, Tarik Ahmed. Congratulations to Mockingbird member, Ahman Kahn, recently nominated for an award for Punjabi poetry “Star of Pakistan.” Ten Mockingbirds had poems included in the Waco WordFest Anthology, and several members attended the Waco poetry readings and workshop events.

January Roundup, Barry Rynk Reporting

The Mockingbird Poetry Society had their annual Holiday Potluck Luncheon on Saturday, Dec. 4th at the Heard-Craig Carriage House. Attending the meeting were nine members and one
Poetry readings followed a light and fun gift exchange.

The 51st Annual Collin County Poetry Contest, sponsored by the Mockingbird Chapter, is open to all adults residing in Collin County, and all Mockingbird members residing anywhere, until Feb. 1st. Please check https://www.mockingbirdpoetry.org for more details.

The McKinney ART MEETS POETRY art exhibit and food drive will be help on Saturday, Feb. 5th. All PST members, family, and friends are welcome to attend. Organized by Mockingbird President, Beth Ayers, and Mockingbird Secretary, Barry Rynk, the event is being held as a food fundraiser for the McKinney Community Food Pantry, Community Garden Kitchen, and The Samaritan Inn. The price of admission is any type of canned or dry goods. FREE event tickets can be found at: https://www.heardcraig.org/events. The event will be held at the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts in downtown McKinney, located directly behind the Convention and Visitors Bureau.

ART MEETS POETRY: A Pandemic Perspective
10:00 am – 5:00 pm
Saturday, February 5, 2022
Heard-Craig Center for the Arts Carriage House
205 W Hunt Street
McKinney, TX  75069

Poets Northwest
December Roundup Eric Blanchard Reporting

As Poets Northwest continues to have hybrid Zoom/in-person meetings, we have been able to engage in some interesting round-table discussions, with our program chair, Stephen Schwei, as moderator. During our October 2021 meeting, we conducted a mini-workshop, in which attendees shared and received feedback on works in progress. In November, we engaged in an open discussion on various poetry-related topics. As always, members enjoyed listening to each other’s poetry during our regular read-arounds.

If you happen to be in the area, feel free to join one of our monthly meetings on the third Saturday of the month. Please contact PNW via social media for more information. Members and guests are encouraged to read original or favorite works during the second half of each monthly meeting. Our PST chapter is on the web at http://www.poetsnw.com, on Facebook at http://facebook.com/PoetsNorthwest, on Twitter as @HoustonPoets, and on Instagram as poetsnorthwest.

Poets of Tarrant County
December/January Roundup Barbara Goerdel Reporting

Notes for the gathering on 11/01/21 In-Person Meeting at the Thomas Place Center Ron Eddins led the discussion about changing the monthly meeting format from a structured business agenda to less formal gatherings. He also advised against hybrid Zoom meetings in that it would be too distracting to have a Zoom and combined in-person gathering. No votes were called.
Nominations were not held for officers for the coming year of 2022 as there were no volunteers for the offices except treasurer. Members present read their November monthly topic poems on discrimination.

For the December meeting: In-person at the Thomas Place Center. 10:30 to noon. There will be a Christmas Party in lieu of a program. Barbara G. will bring supplies and K-cups for coffee. Everyone needs to bring a snack or finger food. There will be a special 50th anniversary cake. Winners of the PTC annual contest will read on the poem about Shifting Sand. The topic read-around monthly poem will be: Why Believe in Santa Clause.

Also, let’s not forget this is our 50th anniversary year, chapter was chartered in 1971. Time to celebrate!!! What are your favorite memories as a member of this chapter?

RUSK COUNTY POETRY SOCIETY
Janet R. Tyner Reporting

On November 18, 2021, members of RCPS met at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson. President Mary Tindall called the meeting to order and Richard Hurzeler offered a prayer. Instead of voting for new 2022 officers, those present decided to keep the same officers who were installed in January 2020 because they were unable to serve in full capacity during the Covid-19 pandemic months of 2020-2021. Congratulations were extended to Richard Hurzeler, Jackie McVey, Carol Thompson, Mary Tindall, and Janet Tyner whose poems were awarded places in the 2021 Annual PST Contests. Richard, Jackie, Mary, and Janet read their first, second, and third place winning poems. Carol Thompson will be the Spotlight Poet and present the lesson in January. For January, poets are encouraged to write to the prompt “Discover art in ordinary things,” the topic of the PST J.R. Reuther Memorial Award.

On December 9, 2021, Sue Roberts hosted the society Christmas party at her home in Arp. President Mary Tindall called the meeting to order and Richard Hurzeler offered a prayer. Members enjoyed a pot luck meal, read Christmas poems, and donated food items to the We Care Too food bank in Arp. The next meeting will be held January 20, 2022, at South Main Church of Christ in Henderson.

The San Antonio Poets Association
Valerie Martin Bailey Reporting

The San Antonio Poets Association met via Zoom on November 20th. President Sheila Moore called the meeting to order, and after opening procedures: pledge to the flag, silent meditation, minutes and treasurer’s report, President Moore asked Program Chair Lamrouex to introduce our speaker, who was not a guest. but one of our own members, Clyta Coder. Clyta spoke about her book, Mountains, Rainbows, and an Occasional Moose. She and her late husband, Frank, had moved to Alaska so he could be the music minister at a church there. The book is about their adventures while living in Alaska for seven years. It not only tells of their experiences while in this challenging far North region. The book also includes a number of poems she wrote about their life there. Clyta read several of those poems, which enhanced both her book and her presentation with the beauty of poetry,
which we all love and is the purpose for our existence as an organization.

Winners in our October contests were announced. In the Assigned topic contest, *Where the Wild Things Are*, winners were: 1st: **Antoinette Winstead** for “Headbanger Posers NYC 1987,” 2nd: **Margaret Mayberry** for “We All Live Together, Here.” 3rd Place: **Sheila Moore** for “What Do Cats and Men Have in Common,” Honorable Mention: **Sheri Anderson** for “Why I Love Elephants.” Winners in the Poet’s Choice contest were: 1st **Sheri Anderson** for “He Writes Another Love Poem,” 2nd: **Sheila Moore** for “Ahead of His Time,” 3rd: **Juan Perez** for “What Women Wear When Saying Goodbye.” Honorable Mention: **Clyta Coder** for “Even Solomon in All His Glory.”

Following the announcement, the winners read their winning poems,

Contest Chair Bailey announced the four SAPA members who won contests in the annual PST Awards Banquet ceremony (10 places in each contest). Winners were: **Sheri Anderson** - Total Awards: 5 contests (two 2nds two 3rds, and one 8th). **Sheila Moore** - Total Awards: 35 contests (three 1sts, five 2nds, four 3rds, three 4ths, five 5ths, five 6ths, two 7ths, three 9ths, five 10ths). **Juan Perez** - Total Awards: 6 contests (one 2nd, one 3rd, two 4ths, and two 9ths). **Antoinette Winstead** - Total Awards: 9 Contests (three 1sts, three 5ths, one 6th, and two 9ths).

Michaud Lamrouex announced that Contest Chair, Valerie Bailey won a crystal Centennial Award at the Centennial Banquet for her many years of outstanding service to PST.

After all these announcements of winners, we read our November poems, which will be sent to the contest chair to send to our judge for November, which will be Lynn Lewis, Membership Chair for PST.

After we finished the readings, there was an impromptu discussion about the possibility of meeting in person in the new year. Some mentioned that Covid was predicted to increase during the winter months, so there was hesitation to meet in person. President Moore will take a poll to see how many members would be willing to meet in person and how many prefer to keep meeting on zoom.

Michaud Lamrouex suggested that we each take some names of members who have not been attending since the Covid virus had shut everyone down. He said we need to tell them they are missed and encourage them to come back and attend the Zoom meetings and possibly in person meetings in the future when we see how our membership poll turns out.

Contest Chair Bailey reminded members to send the November poems to her as soon as possible so she can get them to the judge. The assigned topic is *Fighting the Doldrums*. She also has changed back to members putting their names on their poems. She will find a way to get them to the judge without the names, but she had a hard time determining who wrote some of the poems and had to go back and search emails to see who sent what. This was tedious, so please put your name on your poems and send them as Word Docs.

The meeting was adjourned. It was attended by President Sheila Moore, Sheri Anderson, Valerie Bailey, Clyta Coder, Bruce Davis, Pat Gibbs, Michaud Lamrouex, Margaret Mayberry, Juan Perez, Darrell Pittman, and Antoinette Winstead. for a total of 11 members.
51st Annual

Collin County Poetry Contest
Sponsored by the Mockingbird Chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas –
www.mockingbirdpoetry.org

No Entry Fee

Categories for:

Students: Open to all Collin County public, private, and home school students (K-12).
  • Winners are chosen from each grade level.

College Students: Open to College Students who currently attend school in, or reside in, Collin County.

Adults: Open to all adults residing in Collin County.

Mockingbird Chapter Members: Open to all members regardless of residence.

Winners will be announced at the 51st Collin County Poetry Awards in Spring of 2022 (if possible.)

Winners (1st, 2nd, 3rd place and Honorable Mention) receive certificates and one Anthology.

Winning poems will be PUBLISHED in a 2022 Winner’s Anthology

Accepting entries now through February 1st 2022 (Postmark Date)

Contest Rules (Poems WILL BE DISQUALIFIED if they do not follow these rules)

1. Each contestant may enter one poem, written in any style and on any subject.
2. Poem must be the original work of the contestant.
3. Poem is not to exceed 28 lines (title and white space between lines or stanzas are not counted).
4. Line width should not exceed 60 characters (including spaces and punctuation).
5. A poem is not eligible that has been published (school publications acceptable).
6. Contestants must retain a copy of their poems. Submitted copies will not be returned.

Preparation of Entries
1. Submit two (2) typed copies of the poem. (If poem has two pages, please staple together.)
2. In the TOP LEFT corner of BOTH COPIES, write which category applies:
  • Student with grade level
  • College
  • Adult
  • Mockingbird Member
3. In the TOP RIGHT corner of ONE COPY, write your identification information:
  • STUDENT winners will be contacted through their school so please share Student’s Name,
    School Name, School address, Teacher’s name and Teacher’s email address.
  • COLLEGE STUDENTS: share your Name, Address, College, and your email address.
  • ADULTS: share your Name, Address, and Email Address.
• TEACHERS may submit student entries in one envelope. Please stack each student's set with the identification copy on top. Please do not staple the two copies together. The copy with no identification is used for judging.

Mail to: Mockingbird Poetry Society – 7404 Townsend Blvd. – McKinney, TX 75071
Please direct any questions to Beth Ayers: beth.ayers55@gmail.com
Art Meets Poetry

A Pandemic Perspective
Exhibit and Food Drive
February 5, 2022, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Heard-Craig Center for the Arts Carriage House
205 W. Hunt Street, McKinney

Members of the Mockingbird Poetry Society and poets in the McKinney area present poetry that shares intimate thoughts about the pandemic.

The artworks featured in the exhibit come from artists in the McKinney area. Artists created some works to fill time during isolation and some to responded to a particular poem.

Tickets are free with a non-perishable food donation. Register at www.heardcraig.org or drop in on February 5.

Sponsored by the Mockingbird Poetry Society and the Heard-Craig Center for the Arts. Participating organizations include the McKinney Art House, McKinney Art Club, McKinney Creative Community, The Cove, local artists and poets.
### Membership Report

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