

# The **Bulletin**

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### The Next PST General Meeting - May 9, 2026

**Program Speaker: Barbara Blanks**



Barbara Blanks claims her odd and twisted trek along the rubberstamping road has led to writing ... in an odd and twisted way. Actually, she's just odd and twisted, but she *has* been published in places like *Writers' Journal*, *Beyond Centauri*, *Ilya's Honey*, *Writers' Digest* 5<sup>th</sup> Poetry Awards Collection, *Reader's Digest*, *ByLine Magazine*, *NFSPS Encore*, and several state anthologies, including PST's *A Book of the Year*.

She has published 11 books of award-winning poetry, which no one buys because nobody wants to buy poetry—but they are for sale on Amazon anyway—hint hint.

She also wrote on assignment for *RubberStampMadness*, a national stamping magazine, and *The Senior Voice*, a local news magazine, and was the president/editor of *A Galaxy of Verse*, a subscription literary anthology, for eight years.

She is currently Recording Secretary, Acting Treasurer, Librarian, and other assorted jobs for PST, not to mention being the Facebook creator and moderator of two PST groups—even though she just mentioned it.

Barb is known for her exuberant love of life, the liberties she often takes with her own reality, and her pursuit of a sense of direction. In spite of all that, or maybe because of it, she has won a lot of poetry contests, and she is going to attempt to tell people her secrets of how she does that.

### **Dead Poet's Quote of the Month**

"In three words I can sum up everything I've learned about life: it goes on."

-Robert Frost

## **MINUTES OF GENERAL MEETING OF THE POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS**

**for Saturday, April 11, 2026, 2:30 p.m., via Zoom**

by Recording Secretary Barbara Blanks

**President Holly Jahangiri** welcomed our 18 attendees, including our program speaker, Kevin Prufer, new member Yolanda Wright, and other guests.

**Librarian Barbara Blanks** had three book donations to report:

Sun, by Benjamin Nash.

In Celebration of the Ordinary...and the Extraordinary!, by Neeta Nayak.  
Wild Roses: 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Anthology 2025, ed. by Austin Poetry Society.

She also said the PST permanent collection has been moved from the 7<sup>th</sup> Floor of the J. Erik Jonsson Central Library to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, which is designated for Literature, Language & Religion.

**Acting Treasurer Barbara Blanks** gave a brief **March** Financial report. PST is in good shape, and there was no significant income or outgo in March.

**Corresponding Secretary Carol Thompson** gave the **March** Membership Report for **Membership Chair Lynn Lewis**. Active Members 155; Associate 10; Life 27; Student 3; Benefactor 2; Sustaining 2; Supporting 2; Library 1; Honorary 6. Recently Deceased 0. Total Membership: 208. We have three new Active members: Karl Smith, Amarillo; Doyin Isiaka, Fort Worth; and Margo Davis, Houston. We have one new Student Member: Nancy Liu, The Woodlands. PST welcomes you all!

The Nominating Committee for the 2026-2027 Board consists of Chair Holly Jahangiri, Budd Powell Mahan, Jeannette Strother, Steve Sanders, and Marilyn Stacy. Several Board members will be retiring after this next term. If you are interested in serving on the Board, please contact any current Board member **now**. If you care about PST and all it has to offer, please step up and help keep our organization alive.

**Steve Sanders** announced the results of the **William Barney D. Barney Memorial Chapbook Contest**. The judge was Lauren Kalstad, Dallas, a professor at the University of North Texas. Second runner-up: Raul Dominguez. First runner-up: Mike Baldwin. **Winner: Alen Gann**, Richardson, with his manuscript, "Consider the Dirt."

**April is Poetry Month!** If you or your chapter do anything to celebrate, please report it to Fred Manchester for publication in the Bulletin, and to Catherine L'Herisson for her report to NFSPS.

Our summer conference will be a one-day event, held on Zoom on July 11. We will have speakers, possibly a workshop, an open mic, and winners of the July Monthly contest will be announced. More details as they become available.

**President Holly Jahangiri** introduced our **Spotlight on Members** poet, **Vice President Michael Guinn**, N. Richland Hills. Mike holds a Master's degree in Social Work, and is an internationally renowned award-winning Spoken Word artist/actor/poet/workshop presenter. He is also a voting member of the recording academy and the NAACP image awards. Mike read two of his poems.

**VP Michael Guinn** introduced our **Program speaker, Kevin Prufer**. Kevin is the **2026 Texas Poet Laureate**, and an English Professor at the University of Houston, where he also directs The Unsung Masters Series, a book series devoted to rediscovering great, long forgotten authors. His book, *Churches*, was named one of the best ten books of 2015 by the New York Times, and *How He Loved Them*, was long-listed for the 2019 Pulitzer Prize and received the Julie Suk Award for the best poetry book from the American Literary Press. His work appears widely in Best American Poetry, The Pushcart Prize Anthology, and The Paris Review, among other publications.

Kevin read several poems from his upcoming book, *Good People*, stating that they really were not good people, that the characters weren't "right"—how bad behavior rationalizes itself and turns it into good behavior. He said he is reluctant to write about himself or real people—that he would rather not tell the truth because “the world is bigger with non-truth.” So he draws inspiration from real experiences and dead people while maintain a creative distance, because “like all of the dead, you are a kind of fiction.” His background as a fiction writer influences his approach to poetry. He talked about the “poetic line,” which is a powerful unit of thought. Line breaks are silences where the mind rests in unarticulated thought—until the next stanza comes to articulated thought.

### **A Note From Our PST President**

*Holly Jahangiri*

**April Showers Bring May Flowers...What Do May Flowers Bring?**  
The LAST General Meeting of the Poetry Society of Texas until September

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Come to learn the "secrets"\* to entering and winning the Annual Contest  
from Barbara Blanks!

I hope that you had a wonderful National Poetry Month. If you managed to write a poem a day, hats off to you! May is all about growth, renewal, and the transition from spring to summer! Remember, we will have elections at the General Meeting on May 9, 2026. Please attend so that you can cast your vote for the nominees! If you would like to throw your hat in the ring or suggest a candidate other than our current slate of officers, please contact a member of the nominating committee:

Holly Jahangiri

Catherine L'Herrisson

Budd Mahan

Marilyn Stacy

Steve Sanders

**Mark your calendar right now for the PST Annual Summer Conference on July 11, 2026** - it will be a one-day conference held via Zoom. Attend in your comfy clothes! Bring snacks. There will be an open mic, so bring poems, too! More details to come...

Your time, energy, and creativity are absolutely crucial to a thriving Poetry Society of Texas. We all have families, work, and other commitments in addition to PST. We cannot do this without you. Remember: Many hands make light work. You needn't take on any of these responsibilities alone. Please contact me at [president@poetrysocietyoftexas.org](mailto:president@poetrysocietyoftexas.org) to let me know what projects you would like to lead or participate in.

Hope to see you at our next meeting - it promises to be an exciting program!

*\* There are no "secrets" but Barb has some excellent tips and pointers gathered over the years as an entrant, a winner, and a judge. She's eager to share them with you. You won't want*

to miss this.

## **PST Monthly Contest**

Lynn Roberts Grice

**Monthly Contest Chair Lynn Roberts Grice** announced the winners of the **April** contest. 10 entries. Entries should be sent between the first of the month and the 15<sup>th</sup> of the same month for the next month's contest. That is: Entries for the May contest need to be sent between April. 1 and April 15. Please be sure entries are sent to the official contest email address: [monthlycontestchair@poetrysocietyoftexas.org](mailto:monthlycontestchair@poetrysocietyoftexas.org) Please read and follow submission rules!

General Contest Judge: Polly Opsahl, Osconda MI

1<sup>st</sup>—Carol Thompson, Tyler—*Violet Death*

2<sup>nd</sup>— Sara Hardy, San Antonio

3<sup>rd</sup>—Barbara Blanks, Garland

Laugh Lines Judge: Cade Huie, Grand Prairie

LL Winner: Barbara Blanks, Garland

Book Prize winners: Popular— Cade Huie, Grand Prairie; Birma's Collection—Fred Manchester, McKinney; Marshall—Michael Guinn, N. Richland Hills; Seadog CD—Nick Sweet, Shepherd; Carlisle—Catherine L'Herisson, Garland. Other poems were by Manuel English and Richard Hurzeler.

Entries for the May contest should be sent between April 1 and April 15 review the complete Monthly Contest Rules on the PST website as they have changed. General Contest Poems have a 28-line limit with no more than 60 characters per line, including punctuation and spaces. Laugh Lines have a 16-line limit. One-line titles and spaces between stanzas do

not count as lines, but all other lines do—including second line of a two-line title, epigraphs, form identifications, etc. Submit one typewritten copy for each contest entered as a .doc or .docx attachment. (Not in the body of the email) No PDF's, JPG's, artistic fonts, or artwork will be accepted. Type General or Laugh Lines in the upper left-hand corner. Type your name, address, phone number, and email address in the upper right-hand corner.

Eligible entries will only be accepted from Life, Student, and Active members who have paid their annual dues. Please don't forget to renew your PST membership prior to submitting your entries if you haven't done so already. (\*see below) Monthly contest entries should be sent to the official contest email address:

[monthlycontestchair@poetrysocietyoftexas.org](mailto:monthlycontestchair@poetrysocietyoftexas.org) Please send ONLY contest entries to that address.

Please include – PST & “Month” Monthly Contest in the subject line

Or mail entries to:

Lynn Roberts Grice

9611 Magnolia Ridge Dr

Houston, TX 77070

### **A Note From Our PST Corresponding Secretary**

**Carol Thompson**

Hello, poets! We will soon start another PST year of writing poetry and making plans for our writing projects - a time of creative expectation! In the midst of writing, please take time to make sure your membership with the Poetry Society of Texas (PST) is current. Annual membership dues are \$ 25.00 payable by the end of June each year (or \$ 500.00 for life.) While we send out reminders, we know life gets busy and dues payment can fall by the wayside.

## **PST Membership Dues Are due Before July 1, 2026**

You can mail your dues to Lynn Lewis, membership chair (elsquared59@yahoo.com) at

Lynn Lewis  
1704 Enderly Place  
Fort Worth, Texas 76104

and can even send them via Paypal ([paypal.me/PSTexas](https://paypal.me/PSTexas)).

You can be dropped from the rolls for failing to send dues by November 30. We know that you don't want to be dropped! Membership entitles you to enter the free monthly contests, PST annual contests - and the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS) for a reduced fee. Paying your annual PST dues means that you are automatically a member of NFSPS. You also receive PST's The Bulletin and A Book of the Year. Membership allows you to join the PST-For Members Facebook group to receive current information and links not available to the general public. Pay your dues and keep up with us!

Our general PST meetings are now held on Zoom, so you can attend no matter where you live. Our meetings provide current information, member-featured Spotlight poetry, program speakers, contest results - and fun! You can read about both societies at [poetrysocietyoftexas.org](https://poetrysocietyoftexas.org) and at [nfsp.org](https://nfsp.org). Take an active part in these organizations – they are well worth your time!

## **April Was Poetry Month!**

March 31, 2026

At one minute to midnight (and the start of Poetry month) Steve Sanders challenged everyone through FB to think about poetry by sharing our favorite poet and poem.

February 10, 2026

Representing The Poetry Society of Texas

Poetry @the Mansfield Activity Center for the Senior Program by Jeannette L. Strother and William "Buz" the Cowboy Poet " presented Poetry.

April 14, 2026

Representing The Poetry Society of Texas.

Poetry @the MAC for Senior Program by Jeannette L. Strother and William "Buz the Cowboy Poet" presented Poetry for Poetry Month.

April 23rd, 2026

Catherine L'Herisson presented a poetry program with art work for The Network in Richardson, Texas to celebrate Poetry Month despite being in a fall in Natchitoches, Louisiana the night of April 10th that sent her to the emergency room on April 11th. She is still recovering from that fall, but was determined to keep that commitment no matter what.

### **The William D. Barney Memorial Chapbook**

The Fort Worth Poetry Society is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2026 William D. barney Memorial Chapbook Contest is Alan Gann and his book, "Consider the Dirt." Look for his book to be published shortly. Thank you, Alan!

**NFSPS NEWS**

Your PST dues include membership in the National Federation of State Poetry Societies. The latest issue of Strophes, the NFSPS newsletter is on their website. Strophes is no longer mailed to PST so you have to go online if you want to see it or print it if you want a copy. Please make sure you are using [NFSPS.net](http://NFSPS.net) not “.com”.

**The April 2026 edition of Strophes is on the NFSPS website: [NFSPS.net](http://NFSPS.net)**  
**The 2026 National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS) Annual Convention and the BlackBerry Peach SLAM** which will take place July 23- 26 in **Overland Park, Kansas at the DoubleTree Hotel and will be co-hosted by NFSPS and the Sunflower Poets of Kansas!** Check [NFSPS.net](http://NFSPS.net) for updates.

The theme will be Advocacy! Activism! Community! Hopefully this theme creates space to explore the importance and influence of poetry as an effective tool for shaping the internal and external landscapes of our world. It is our hope that the 2026 convention will be lifted in the optimism and spirit of poetry as community.

### **Current NFSPS Contests**

NFSPS Contests

- Convention Madness Submission Window (January 1 - April 30)

## **HILTON ROSS GREER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD 2016**

**Two members were nominated and approved by the board of directors as finalists for the 2026 Hilton Ross Greer Award. The finalists' biographies of service follow. Review the criteria for this award in *A Book of the Year*, read the biographies, and vote for the member whom you feel most deserves this prestigious award.**

### **Anne McCrady**

Anne, who currently serves as a PST councilor for the Tyler area, shares her work in print, in poetry presentations, and in workshops. She has coordinated and judged The Northeast Texas Poetry in Schools K-12 contest for 35 years. The contest was initiated around 50 years ago by Rusk County Poetry Society (RCPS) to recognize and award student poets during National Poetry Month in April of each year.

Through the affirmation and encouragement of Evelyn Corry Appelbee, Anne became a member of the Poetry Society of Texas and RCPS, and became a prize-winning addition to both groups, as well as the National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc. As an active RCPS life member, Anne has served in various local offices and presented poetry lessons to her chapter. Her guitar often accompanies her poetry. Anne has served as a PST chapter liaison for many years. Her prize-winning poetry is recognized in East Texas, in PST, and internationally.

Anne's book, *Along Greathouse Road*, was the 2003 winner of PST's Edwin M. Eakin Memorial Book Award. Other publications include *Under a Blameless Moon*, *Letting Myself In*, and *Kevin and the Seven Prayers*. She founded *InSpirity* in 2003 to launch her writing, speaking, and peace work – "to put her words to work for a better world," according to her website. Anne co-founded and helped direct the Art of Peace festival in Tyler for 12 years, producing eight international anthologies.

Anne is an inspirational speaker, presenting at literary, community, worship, and political events. As past PST president Richard Weatherly wrote about Anne, “her work most often examines the challenges, blessings, and transformations of living with an open heart.” Anne’s poetry lessons and workshops have been described as “interesting, useful, encouraging.” As one poet put it, “when I read Anne’s poems, I can hear Anne’s voice.”

As an active and supporting member of PST since 1997, Anne was honored with the 2024 PST A Book of the Year (ABOTY) dedication, “because of her contributions and devotion to PST, plus her incredible body of work.”

Even with a most impressive resume of accomplishments and awards, Anne McCrady’s stand-out achievement is her willingness and ability to connect with other poets. Anne wholeheartedly lives her *InSpirity* credo: “Every Moment is Poetic – Every Life, an InSpirational Story!” Through her work at PST summer conferences, at Waco WordFest, and in so many other venues and ventures, Anne has brought countless poets together to workshop, form new friendships, and take inspiration from studying the craft of poetry. She has provided many poets with the opportunity to stand up, take the stage, and perform their poetry before an audience. Anne is an earnest, inclusive encourager and champion of poetry and poets. She is fully deserving of The Hilton Ross Greer Outstanding Service Award for 2026.

## **Steve Sanders**

Steve first appears in A Book of the Year in 2013. He was at that time the President of Fort Worth Poetry Society. Early in his association with Poetry Society of Texas he became a member of the Bulletin Distribution Committee, the group responsible for mailing The Bulletin each month. He had the task of collecting the bags of newsletters and delivering them to the post office where the arduous steps of getting them sent was done. He did this job until The Bulletin went online.

Steve was involved with the William D. Barney Memorial Chapbook Contest from its inception, and because of his outreach was named a councilor for Fort Worth.

Also serving on the PST Executive Committee, Steve held the positions of Director and Treasurer in addition to serving on the Publicity Committee. He has in recent years been responsible for the mailing of A Book of the Year. This massive undertaking has him transporting heavy bags of books to the post office and insuring they are sent to each of PST's members.

During the pandemic, Steve served as host on Zoom for the annual awards and then hosted many of the subsequent board and general meetings for the society. Often a master of ceremonies, he hosted PST's 100th Anniversary Celebration and the Annual Awards Banquet the following day.

In 2023 PST board members hosted the Summer Conference. Steve acted as co-host. In 2025 he was involved with the Denton Poets Assembly Summer Conference Committee. He and his crew of Sea Dogs entertained at that conference as they had at two previous summer conferences.

Steve Sanders is more than deserving of the highest recognition of PST through his many years of dedication and service.

**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
HILTON ROSS GREER OUTSTANDING SERVICE AWARD 2016**

**Anne McCrady**

**Steve Sanders**

**Your**

**signature**\_\_\_\_\_

**Circle your choice, sign, and mail to  
Budd Mahan  
7059 Spring Valley Road  
Dallas, TX 75254**

**OR e-mail your vote to [buddmahan@att.net](mailto:buddmahan@att.net)  
Votes must be received by September 1, 2026**



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## **New! New! New!**

Show off your membership in Poetry Society of Texas with the first official, authorized t-shirt displaying the PST name and logo! Go to [Zazzle.com](http://Zazzle.com) and type Poetry Society of Texas in the search box. The t-shirts come in a variety of colors and sizes for men, women, and children. Look for other items soon. Think Birthday gifts!

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# POST CHAPTER NEWS

## **Wildflower Poetry Society**

Ilenya Marrin, Reporting

The Wildflower Poetry Society met on Thursday, April 9, at the Tyler Public Library. Five members and one new member attended. Three poets shared poems for critique, the new member read a poem, and we did a writing exercise using the words writing, vibrant, water, space, eclipse, comfort.

Prompts for "homework" before the next meeting (always optional) are: word, letters, rainbow, lemon, radiate, fizzle.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 14, 2-3:30 p.m. at the Tyler Public Library, third floor, Makerspace Room.

## **Mockingbird Poetry Society**

Stay Tuned

## **Alamo Area Poets of Texas**

## Antonia Murguia, Reporting

Our April meeting was fun. I, Antonia Murguia, was the featured speaker. We spoke about Concrete Poems. A concrete poem, also visual poetry is poetry written as a picture. We spoke about poems we had encountered in this form. I asked them if they were familiar with Octavio Quintanilla, our Texas Poet Laureate and his Fontextos. He uses visual art or concrete poetry in many of his pieces. I gave everyone a chance to Compose their own concrete poetry. Some of the poems were excellent.

The March winners for the Assigned topic were: 1st Place: Susan Sabino; 2nd Place: Rene Ornes; 3rd Place: Dee Ramdass; Honorable Mention: Victoria McCormick. Open Topic: 1st Place: Sheri Anderson; 2nd Place: Dee Ramdass; 3rd Place: Charles Jones.

We are almost at the end of the year. Our new officers for the 2026 - 2027 poetry year are:

President: Sherri Anderson; Vice President: Dee Ramdass; Treasurer: Sheila Moore; Secretary:

Antoinette Winstead; Historian: Charles Jones; Parliamentarian; Contest Chair: Sara Hardy;

Bulletin Reporter: Antonia Murguia. Congratulations to our new team for next year.

Our last month, May, shall be here soon. How time flies. Until then, have fun writing.

**Rusk County Poetry Society**

Lisa Holcomb Reporting

On January 15th, several members of the Rusk County Poetry Society met at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson. Activities at this meeting included the installation of most of the 2026 officers: President Janet Tyner, Vice President Mary Tindall, and Treasurer Carol Thompson. Other activities included open mic time and a lesson by Carol Thompson.

On February 19th, several members of the Rusk County Poetry Society met at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson. Activities at this meeting included the installation of Ilenya Marrin as Recording Secretary to the 2026 board of officers, open mic time to share poems written in response to Carol's lesson from January, and both a Spotlight and a lesson by Richard Hurzeler.

On March 19th, eight members of Rusk County Poetry Society met at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson. Lisa Holcomb was installed as Corresponding Secretary to the 2026 board of officers. Open Mic readings were given by Donna Farmer, Carol Thompson, Ilenya Marrin, Mary Tindall, and Richard Hurzeler. Adrienne Pamplin served as the Spotlight Poet and there was a lesson by Lisa Holcomb.

The next meeting will be on April 16th, 2026 at the South Main Church of Christ in Henderson and will include open mic time, Spotlight Poet Sharon Taylor, and a lesson by Kim Taylor.

### **Denton Poets' Assembly**

#### **Betty Roberts Reporting**

Denton Poets' Assembly shared response poems to Ha Jin's poems when 25 members met on Saturday, April 18. The meeting included 11 members in person at the Emily Fowler Library and 14 members via

Zoom. Free original poems were also shared, along with close reads and inspiration reads.

To begin the meeting, member Paul Causey presented a close read of Ha Jin's poem, "All You Have is a Country," saying the poem reminded him that if we are not Native Americans, we are all immigrants to the United States. Causey said his great-grandmother immigrated to the U.S. by way of Galveston and then Comfort, Texas. In his analysis, Causey said Jin compares his birth country China to a bad watchdog. He also said Jin draws the reader into the poem by using "you" extensively, and Causey read the poem and exchanged every "you" with "I" to show the effect.

After Causey, member Susan Maxwell Campbell gave a mini close read of Jin's poem, "Missed Time," saying the poem presented a calm emptiness theme.

Fourteen members then read their response poems to one of Jin's poems. Member Eugene Kusterer presented an inspiration read of his poem "Whither," written as a response to Jin's "All You Have is a Country." Kusterer said he found Jin's poem "unstable and hopeless," which was the same way Kusterer is feeling lately.

Sixteen members then read their original free poems. This month's inspiration poet was Richard Kushmaul, who read a humorous poem titled, "Dressing in the Dark. Member Nickolai Lanier read Susan Maxwell Campbell's prepared information about the May read and response poet Wole Soyinka, a Nigerian-born poet who was a professor at Emory University, as well as Oxford, Harvard, and Yale. Soyinka won the Nobel Prize in literature in 1986, and he is known mostly as a playwright.

Because DPA is committed to the hybrid meeting style to accommodate members who live too far to drive to Denton, we invite all interested persons to contact Kushmaul ([richardkdpa@gmail.com](mailto:richardkdpa@gmail.com)). We meet on the third Saturday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon.

## **Poets Northwest**

*Lynn Roberts Grice, Reporting*

Poets Northwest's April meeting was a celebration of National Poetry Month. Members and guests were asked to bring poems they had written using two or more of the April poetry prompts provided by Karen Mastracchio on our PNW website for National Poetry Month. Afterwards, we had our Read-Around where attendees read one or two of their original poems. May's meeting will be the Poets Northwest 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling Awards Ceremony.

Poets Northwest welcomes visitors and guests. If you happen to be in the area, we invite you to join one of our monthly meetings on the third Saturday of the month from 10 AM to 12 PM at Windwood Presbyterian Church. Please contact PNW via email or 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 <https://facebook.com/PoetsNorthests>, on X as @HoustonPoets, and on Instagram as poetsnorthwest. We're now on Bluesky, as well! @poetsnorthwest.bsky.social

## **Fort Worth Poetry Society**

*Galen Steele Reporting*

It Is All About Quick Silver!!



