



Georgia State Poetry Society

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FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING -- FALL 1979

FEATURED SPEAKER, DR. JOHN RANSOM LEWIS, JR.,

POET LAUREATE OF GEORGIA

DATE: Saturday, October 20, 1979

SCHEDULE: 10:00 a.m. Board of Directors Meeting

11:00 a.m. Registration

12:00 noon Lunch

1:00 p.m. Program

COST: Five dollars (\$5.00)

PLACE: Atlanta Woman's Club Building
1150 Peachtree Street, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

RESERVATIONS: Must be made by Wednesday, October 17, 1979

Call GSPS Treasurer Jo Ann Yeager Adkins (404) 939-1924

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The above information concerning the First Quarterly Meeting of the Georgia State Poetry Society along with membership application procedures were sent to ninety-nine (99) daily and weekly state newspapers, sixty-six (66) colleges, and forty-nine (49) libraries in Georgia. News of our organizational meeting on Thursday, August 30, 1979, was publicized by GSPS Historian Lois Zachary in several local and state newspapers. We have had several inquiries. Thanks, Lois!

GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY

Thursday, August 30, 1979, was the birth date of an important organization for Poets and Appreciators of Poetry of Georgia, the GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY. The objective of this society is to have a poetry group to include and represent all Georgians and to provide a Georgia affiliate to the National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc. Co-founders were Charles J. Bruehler, Jr. and Edward Davin Vickers, both of Atlanta, following suggestions tended by NFSPS Membership Chairman Wauneta Hackleman at the NFSPS Convention in Birmingham, Alabama, in June 1979.

With unanimous acclaim, Ed Vickers, a native of Whigham, Georgia, was elected Charter President. The immediate past president of the sixty-five-year-old Atlanta Writers Club, he is the author of Echo in the Woods, a collection of poems, released in May of this year by Atlanta Publisher Harvey Dan Abrams. Vice-President is Chuck Bruehler, formerly from Beresford, South Dakota, and a longtime contributor to Pasque Petals, an organ of the SOUTH DAKOTA STATE POETRY SOCIETY of which he is a member. Leara Rhodes of Decatur is Secretary and Jo Ann Yeager Adkins of Atlanta is Treasurer.

In addition to the elected officers, charter members who attended the August meeting are Poet Laureate of Georgia Dr. John Ransom Lewis, Jr., Frances Altman, Doras Reed Benbow, Marel Brown, Gertrude Despeaux, Jeanie Hallem, Harrison Kohler, Robert Lowrance, David Ogletree, Sandra Prillaman, Harold and Doris Random, Lesley Rogers, Emilie Slyer, Jane Schafer Tuttle, Lois Zachary, all of Atlanta; Nancy Burns, Jeanne Osborne Gibbs, Betty Gore, Robin McCants, all of Decatur; Phyllis Barr of Jesup; Bill Boughner of Rex; Julia E. Evatt of Marietta; Bettie M. Sellers of Young Harris, and Dr. E. Jerome and Roxanna Zeller of Chamblee. Charter Membership is open until August 30, 1980.

Since the organizational meeting, the following appointive officers have been designated: Editor, Sandy Prillaman; Librarian, David Ogletree; Historian, Lois Zachary and Parliamentarian, Bob Lowrance. Committee Chairmen are: Finance, Jo Ann Adkins; Membership, Leara Rhodes; Program, Chuck Bruehler; Editorial, Sandy Prillaman and Contest, Doris Random. The Board of Directors is composed of the elected officers, the appointive officers and the committee chairmen.

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As of October 4, 1979, GSPS is an affiliate of NFSPS. News was received from NFSPS President Alice Briley and NFSPS Membership Chairman Wauneta Hackleman.
