

QUARTERLY MEETING

FALL QUARTERLY MEETING

BOOK AND POETRY FAIR

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 1980

Atlanta Woman's Club Building
1150 Peachtree Street, NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30309

Free Parking -- National Linen Service Lot
(Enter from 14th Street)

- BEFORE: Poetry in the Parlor
Informal readings upstairs
- 10:00 a.m.: Coffee and Registration
in the Ballroom downstairs
- 10:30 a.m.: Poetry Workshop
"On Becoming Better Bards,
Basically" conducted by GSPS
Member Richard G. Beyer,
Founding President, Alabama
State Poetry Society
- DURING: Book and Poetry Fair,
For exhibit and for sale...
Members are invited to bring
their books and marketing ideas.
To insure proper space, etc.
call (404) 261-5914 or contact
Pat Kirby, Books Chairman
3907 Club Drive, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30319
- 12:00 noon: Lunch -- \$5.00
Reservations must be made by
Wednesday, October 8, 1980
call (404) 939-1924 or contact
Jo Ann Adkins, Treasurer
2826 Evansdale Circle, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30340
- 1:00 p.m.: Program
Reading by Richard Beyer from
Threads from Silence,
by the late Marjorie Lynn Lees.
Book Review by David Ogletree of
MOUNTAIN SINGER: The Life and The
Legacy of Byrom Herbert Reece by
Raymond Cook.
Reading of winning entries in
"Rhymes for Reasons" contest
(please see contests column).
- AFTER: Changing of the Leaves
Everywhere, Georgia

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends,
Greetings! I trust you have
weathered well the 1980 "Summer
of Heat" and that your anticipation
of Autumn days manifests itself
in cool images and colorful
metaphors.

I extend my personal thanks
and on behalf of GSPS, I thank
you for your support and your
participation during our charter
year. We have one hundred
sixty-eight charter members.

We are pleased to know
many of you plan activities
for National Poetry Day and
during Georgia Authors and
Georgia Readers Week, October
13-19, 1980.

We will post a schedule of
events for the week at our
Saturday meeting on the 11th.

Write.

Again, thank you for everything,
Sincerely, Ed

September 26, 1980

P.S. Special thanks to Julia Ewart
for suggestion of the Newsletter design

ANY SUBJECT, ANY FORM

CONTESTS FOR GSPS MEMBERS

RHYMES FOR REASONS

Nursery rhymes or poems for/about children.
Any subject; any form; no line limit.
Entry fee of \$3.00 per poem for support
of GSPS Youth Program.

Must be received before October 11 meeting.
Winners will receive Certificates of Merit
and poems will be read at Fall Meeting.
Thanks for your participation!

CHRISTMAS POEM AWARD

Sponsor: Poet Ellis Atkisson McDonald
Christmas theme; any form; no line limit.
Winner will receive a copy of the book,
Christmas Poems from GEORGIA MAGAZINE.
Must be received by November 15, 1980.
Winner will be announced in December.

MAREL BROWN AWARD

Honoring GSPS's Founding President.
A lyric poem; any subject; limit 20 lines.
First Prize.....\$15.00.
Two Special Recognitions, each...\$ 5.00.
Must be received by December 1, 1980.
Prizes will be awarded on January 10, 1981.

RULES FOR ALL CONTESTS LISTED ABOVE:

Submit two(2) clear, typed, 8½x11 copies.
Name, address, telephone on one copy only.
Poems must be unpublished. GSPS reserves
1st rights to publish prize-winning poems.
Send to: Chairman Roxanna Zeller
3045 Hathaway Court
Chamblee, Georgia 30341

WELCOME NEW CHARTER MEMBERS!

Ida Sloan Borochoff, Alice B. Howard,
Marion Smith Johnson, Ann E. Lewis, Evelyn
Mozley, and Ruth Hale Weaver, Atlanta;
James Buckner, College Park; Dr. Frances
Carter, Birmingham, Alabama; Ann Carolyn
Cates, Southaven, Mississippi; Douglas
Evans, Smyrna; Kathleen D. Herndon, Deca-
tur; Virginia Linton, Hilton Head, South
Carolina; Lesa Matthews, Bainbridge;
Francie Mizell, Doraville; Karen Murphey,
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Ann O'Connor,
Sparks; Matthew J. Robbins, Tucker; Dr.
Bruce Souders, Winchester, Virginia; Lota
Sue Vickers, Cairo; Memye Curtis Tucker,
Marietta; Harriet Woodcock, Gainesville.

FIRST ANNIVERSARY MEETING

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ATLANTA, GEORGIA

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30, 1980

"The meeting in Atlanta was a perfect success.
I don't think anything could have gone better
... I enjoyed the readings very much, thought
Les did a terrific job of moderating; everyone
had written such great poetry.", writes Peggy
Mercer Mills of Douglas. Thanks, Peggy.

The first anniversary meeting of the Georgia
State Poetry Society was held in Atlanta on
Saturday, August 30, 1980. The poetry reading
Peggy referred to began at 10:30 a.m.; poets
participating were: Wanda Ast, Lucille Ben-
nett, Marel Brown, Pat Broderick, Martha S.
Burgess, Rowland Burgess, Ernest Camp, Irma
Smith Dowis, Herbert Denmark, Julia Evatt,
Jeannie Hallem, Pat Kirby, Ann E. Lewis, Bob
Lowrance, Peggy Mercer Mills, Evelyn Pendley,
Leara Rhodes, Matthew Robbins, Les Rogers,
Bettie Sellers, Ed Vickers, Ruth Hale Weaver,
Malika Whited, Jane Wilheit, Dorothy Worth
and Jerry Zeller. The fine organization of
the reading by Moderator Les Rogers and warm
enthusiasm of the poets set the mood which
continued throughout the entire day resulting
in that quality of spontaneity and grace in-
dicative of fresh poetry and good poets.

Poets and friends visited during the reception
following and were entertained by talented
pianist John Delk of Douglasville, formerly
from Tifton. John's presentation included a
program of "easy listening to classical"
selections. Red and white gladiolus adorned
the piano and a mixed arrangement from the
garden of Treasurer Jo Ann Adkins beautified
the host table. The dining tables held clear
vases of summer roses sent by a friend of
Jannelle Jones McRee.

After lunch President Edward Davin Vickers
gave a review of the charter year and re-
cognized members of the Board of Directors
along with other guests and friends. Youth
Chairman Irma Smith Dowis gave a report and
introduced counsellors Peggy Mills and Bettie
Sellers. Door prizes were won by Julia Evatt,
Jamal Malika, Betty Abernathy and Ruth Weaver.
Winners of the First Anniversary Awards were
announced by chairmen Better Sellers and Pat
Kirby, who was assisted by Vice-President Chuck
Bruehler.

RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED

President Edward Davin Vickers
GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY
Peachtree Commons, #A-8
2222 Peachtree Road, NW
Atlanta, Georgia 30309



GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1979-1981

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

ELECTIVE OFFICERS, August 30, 1979

President, Edward Davin Vickers
Vice-President, Charles J. Bruehler, Jr.
Secretary, Leara Rhodes
Treasurer, Jo Ann Yeager Adkins

APPOINTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

APPOINTIVE OFFICERS

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Librarian, David L. Ogletree
Historian, Lois Zachary
Parliamentarian, Robert S. Lowrance, Jr.

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Program, Charles J. Bruehler, Jr.
Editorial, Sandra Lee Prillaman
Youth, Irma Smith Dowis
Contest, Roxanna Zeller

SPECIAL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN

Bylaws, Lesley E. Rogers
Nominating, William Boughner
Hospitality, Dorothy Williamson Worth
Decorations, Jannelle Jones McRee
Books, Patricia Kirby
Publicity, Lois Zachary

BYLAWS: The Board of Directors met on Monday, September 8, 1980, and approved the Constitution and Bylaws for the GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY. They will be available to all members at the Fall 1980 meeting or a copy can be obtained by writing to Chairman Lesley Rogers 590 Martina Drive, NE Atlanta, Georgia 30305.

DUES: Annual dues of ten dollars (\$10.00) are due and payable and cannot be prorated. For your convenience, an envelope addressed to Treasurer Jo Ann Adkins has been enclosed with this newsletter. Thank you.

CHARTER YEARBOOK: Charter members are asked to submit to the book of the charter year. An information sheet with instructions is enclosed with this newsletter and must be returned by October 31, 1980. Thanks, again.

FIRST CLASS MAIL

EXAMPLE

THE TITLE OF YOUR POEM
BY YOU, THE POET

Type your poem using the guidelines shown...

The number of lines available to you will be determined by the title, your name, any credits you need to list at the bottom, etc.

You will be allowed one page this size.

Thank you very much!

From GEORGIA POETS, 1980
Honorable Mention, GSPS Special Poetry Contest
1980,
etc.

CHARTER MEMBERS:

You are invited to submit two poems for consideration for publication in our book of the charter year. An editorial staff will select one of these. Please send two of your best poems. They may have been published and/or been prize winners. Simply give credit line(s). Type your two entries on the reverse side of this sheet using the guidelines which are shown at left.

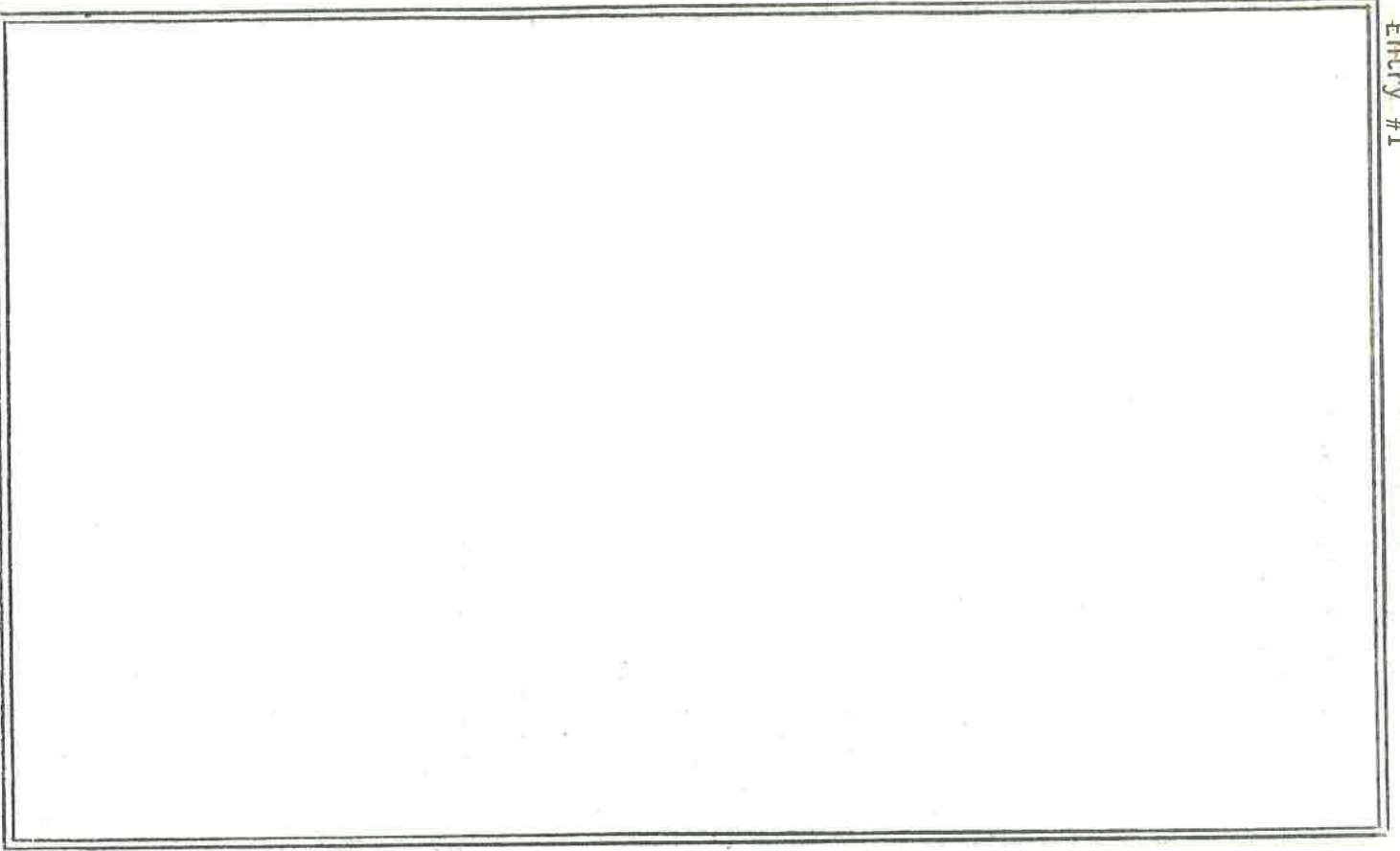
Also, please complete the blanks below and forward by October 31, 1980, to:

Editor Sandra Prillaman
1113 Monroe Drive, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30306
(404) 874-7095

NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

ZIP _____
TELEPHONE _____
ACHIEVEMENTS DURING THE CHARTER YEAR _____

Entry #1



Entry #2

