

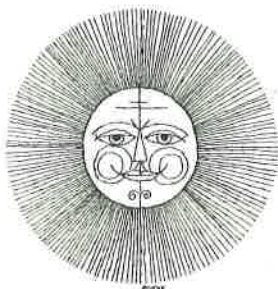
## QUARTERLY MEETING

SPRING QUARTERLY MEETING  
MEETING OTHER POETS  
SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1981

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

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

- 9:00 a.m. Meet Board of Directors  
Open to all members
- 10:00 a.m. Meet Other Poets  
Coffee and Registration  
Open Readings (Bring a poem.)
- 11:00 a.m. Meet Winning Poets  
Announcement of Winners:  
SPRING 1981 YOUTH AWARDS  
SPRING 1981 MEMBER AWARDS
- 12:00 noon Lunch - \$6.00  
Reservations must be made by  
Wednesday, April 8, 1981  
Call (404) 939-1924 or contact  
Treasurer Jo Ann Adkins  
2826 Evansdale Circle, NE  
Atlanta, Georgia 30340
- 1:00 p.m. Meeting Program:  
REVIEW of Poetry Especially for  
Beautiful and Intelligent American  
Women of Color by Herbert Denmark  
MUSIC by Dan and Karen (Evatt).  
Warren of Warner Robins; Mercer  
University - Atlanta graduates,  
Dan is a Minister of Music and  
Youth, Karen is a voice teacher.  
READING, Meet Carolina Poets:  
Calvin Atwood, Emory University,  
author of A Squadron of Roses  
will be joined by Mary Carleton  
Snotherly, NCPS Treasurer, and  
Gene Grace, publisher, Moore  
Publishing Company.



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Friends,  
Greetings for a Happy Spring!  
We hope to see you at our  
Meeting Saturday, April 11th.  
You'll have the opportunity  
to meet some of Georgia's  
young poets and hear their  
poetry. School systems throughout  
the state backed us - around  
2000 entries were received.

Our guests also include  
three North Carolina poets.  
North Carolina Poetry Society  
past president Calvin Atwood  
now lives here and is a  
GSPS member; Mary Carleton  
Snotherly has had over 40  
poems published in the last  
two years; Gene Grace is  
a publisher from Durham.  
Come welcome them!

Good news about our  
Library! Details soon!  
There is never enough  
room for all the thanks  
due. Please know it's here.  
Sunshine!

03/30/81 Sincerely, Ed

## WINTER 1981 MEETING

ATLANTA, GEORGIA

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1981

GSPS members have been in a flurry of contest activity as evidenced by the winter meeting January 10. Winning poems from the Christmas Contest were read. As previously announced, poets were Janet Habas, first; Dorothy Worth, second; Marie Ovrevik, third; Pat Kirby and Leara Rhodes, honorable mention.

Marel Brown presented the Marel Brown Award honoring GSPS founding president Edward Davin Vickers: First, Dorothy Williamson Worth for "Winterset"; Special Recognition, Jeanne Osborne Gibbs for "Handcrafted" and Patricia Kirby for "For Edward Davin Vickers on the Happy Occasion of Being Named Author of the Year", and Honorable Mention, Connie Smith Watson for "Kennesaw".

There was membership-participation judging for the Rhymes for Reasons Contest #2. The entry fees from this contest went into funds to award prizes for the Spring Youth Contest. Winners were Mona Carol Buck, Peggy Mercer Mills and Pat Morton Posey.

Open readings were enjoyed during remaining time before lunch. Readers and listeners included: Gene and Jo Ann Adkins, Mona Buck, H. T. Barrett, Marel Brown, Birl and Kitty Brown, Rowland and Martha Burgess, Chuck Bruehler, Bill Boughner, Nancy Burns, Lucille Bennett, Kathleen Carroll, Della Cook, Sarah Carver, Mary Ann Coleman, Herbert Denmark, Irma Dowis, Flora Eberhart, Betty Gore, Janet Habas, Jeanne Gibbs, Alice Howard, Beverly Head, Harriet Kelley, Pat Kirby, Ann Lewis, Bob Lowrance, Jay Martin, Peggy Mills, Sandy Prillaman, Jannelle McRee, Marjorie Ohrtman, Les Rogers, Sonja Shilling, Emilie Slyer, Denver and Ericka Stull, Dub Taft, Linda Trotter, Memye Tucker, Ed Vickers, Mattie Walker, Dorothy Worth, Henry Williams, Ruth Weaver, and Roxanna and Jerry Zeller.

During and after the readings, Dorothy Worth and Jeanne Gibbs hosted a coffee with Jo Ann Adkins in charge of registration. The beauty of Spring in January was carried out in table decorations with "real" daffodils, yellow tulips, roses and greenery provided by Jannelle Jones McRee.

Following lunch Vice-President Chuck Bruehler introduced ballad singer Cheryl Tarkington and composer Celia Prince who presented music of original poems, "Maureen's Song" by Dan Farien and "Synchronicity" by Frank Abbott with music composed by Celia.

## ATLANTA, GEORGIA

WINTER MEETING

CONTINUED

Talking about "A Writer's Look - Progress of a Poet", Dr. John Stone, professor, Emory University School of Medicine, and author of The Smell of Matches, read from his new book In All This Rain. Published by Louisiana State University, it recently went into its third printing.

In a note of appreciation to Dr. Stone, GSPS President Ed Vickers enclosed the following:

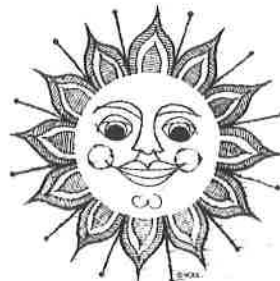
### IN PRAISE OF STONE

One way  
to introduce yourself  
to poet Dr. John Stone is  
to begin reading  
his book In All This Rain  
from the back  
much like you'd  
read a magazine  
and then evolve  
from where you are  
to where you were.

If the music  
overwhelms you  
in passing, you're  
probably dressed right;  
and if you don't  
come out even though  
don't worry  
you may  
be saved by truth  
and that's a place  
to begin; "... But praise."

Edward Davin Vickers

Door prizes were books: Rival Lovers edited by Harriet S. Kelley, Poetry Especially for Beautiful and Intelligent American Women of Color by Herbert Walter Denmark and In All This Rain by John Stone.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1981

RHYMES FOR REASONS CONTEST #2

Our special thanks to all who entered our second Rhymes for Reasons contest for support of our Youth Program. On behalf of GSPS, Contest Chairman Roxanna Zeller expresses our appreciation to poets Jo Ann Yeager Adkins, Mona Carol Buck, Sarah M. Carver, Herbert Walter Denmark, Betty Gore, Janet Habas, Pat Morton Posey, Beverly Head, Peggy Mercer Mills, Lesley E. Rogers, Bettie Sellers, Denver Stull, and Henry Williams.

RHYMES FOR REASONS #2 WINNERS

SECOND PLACE — LITTLE BLACK GIRL  
AXSON, GEORGIA 1980

BY PEGGY MERCER MILLS

1.

Size four instead of six  
her eyes carved from caves  
of night stared strangers  
from the dove road beyond  
smells of the county dump.

2.

We drove the highroads of  
her mind in cadillacs  
knowing she would see no  
visions when the moon danced  
dreams against the Axson marble  
and always storm cloud sky.

THIRD PLACE — WHEN MICA DANCES

BY PAT MORTON POSEY

Beneath  
wet poplar leaves  
hide diamond dews  
within cut trenches  
of grey garden stones.  
And evening goblins  
grasp  
the treasured gems  
to light a twinkling dance  
with starry tones.  
Then sunshine morning  
sails in view  
to cease  
the moon night magic  
twirling time and tune  
and sprinkles residue  
of gleams in sand  
where swaying elves  
were charmed  
by an angel band.



WINNERS

RHYMES FOR REASONS #2 WINNERS

FIRST PLACE — JUST A SIGH

BY MONA CAROL BUCK

I was a child of sunlight and laughter  
And Grandma my Keeper  
When Father and Mother went somewhere  
I couldn't spell;  
Father called it duty, and Mother just  
sighed.

Pigtailed, freckled by the Georgia  
summer sun,  
I swung in pecan trees;  
Grandma, bent from long days of picking  
cotton,  
Stood on the ground.  
I hung from my knees, and Grandma just  
sighed.

Kittens were born before my astonished  
eyes,  
And chicks cracked their shells;  
Potatoes were protected by horrid things  
under the stilted house,  
And only cookies made me procure them.  
I stayed encased in dirt, and Grandma  
just sighed.

Grandma oft times went into a forbidden  
room,  
And one time I peeked;  
She knelt over a trunk, and clutched  
the old straw hat  
Of a man long dead.  
I looked at Grandpa's hat too, and  
Grandma just sighed.

Well, Father and Mother finally came back  
From that faraway place;  
I went home, and Grandma stayed on  
In that house she owned.  
We outgrew Columbus, and Grandma just  
sighed.

I stand quietly, gazing down at a  
chiseled  
Cold stone hiding Grandma.  
The flowers that I placed there blew away,  
Were carried by the wind.  
Walking away, thinking of childhood's  
summer, I just sighed.



RETURN POSTAGE GUARANTEED

GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY

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GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY

GSPS OFFICERS FOR 1981-1982

Recently elected officers for the year 1981-1982 for the Georgia State Poetry Society will take office September 1, 1981. Elected to serve are:

President, Bettie M. Sellers  
from Young Harris  
Vice-President, Dr. E. Jerome Zeller  
of Chamblee  
Secretary, Peggy Mercer Mills  
from Douglas  
Treasurer, William P. Boughner  
from Rex.

WORKSHOPS

"The Love of Lyric Poetry" taught by noted published Ellis Atkisson McDonald. Thursdays, 7-9 pm beginning April 9, 1981, for 8 weeks. Fee \$25. North Fulton Govt. Annex Bldg. 7741 Roswell Road. Call Jim Sedlack (393-3497) for more details.

Dixie Council of Authors and Journalists, Inc. Creative Writing Workshop. St. Simons Island, Georgia, June 21-27, 1981. Instructors include Ed Vickers, Poetry; Marel Brown, Inspirational Writing; Dr. James Bryant, Non-Fiction. Send SASE to Frances Patton Statham 2248 Marann Drive, NE Atlanta, Georgia 30345.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Mona Carol Buck of Dunwoody; George Chapman, Nancy Maxwell Goldberg, Jay A. Martin and James E. Warren, Jr., all of Atlanta; Della M. Cook of Forest Park; Francis M. Daves of Decatur; Chester G. Rider of Memphis, Tenn.; Linda M. Segars of Loganville; Sonja Shilling of Alpharetta; Richard D. Vanderpool from Athens and Geraldine G. Wade of Kingston.

MAREL BROWN AWARD

FIRST PLACE — WINTERSET

BY DOROTHY WILLIAMSON WORTH



Again the mists will fall on Samarkand,  
and clouds obscure the golden minarets;  
once more the snows shall drift across  
Kashmir,  
and rains assail the coasts of Zanzibar.  
The season of the lotus now is past;  
our amber wine has darkened in the bowl,  
and nightingales no longer serenade  
a crescent moon. No summer star appears  
to scatter silver through jasmine leaves  
and make strange shadows on our balcony.  
The silken curtains tremble in the chill  
of evening, and our lamp is burning low.