



Georgia State Poetry Society

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Members and Friends,

A good new year of GSPS is before us--starting with our fall meeting Saturday, Oct. 17th. Vice-president Jerry Zeller and I would like for this to be the year of much activity in our Youth Program. Entries in RHYMES FOR REASONS WILL HELP TO SUPPORT THAT PROGRAM FINANCIALLY, and you can encourage poetry for young people by offering your services for readings and workshops in your local schools. (Both National Poetry Day and Georgia Authors Week are held during the week of October 11th and following). We have a good number of members who work regularly in the schools.

Jo Ann Adkins asks me to remind you that we have extended the deadline for submissions of poems for the next ANTHOLOGY to Oct. 17th. Those who have not ordered extra copies of the CHARTER YEAR ANTHOLOGY will find forms included with this newsletter--along with that very important envelope addressed to Treasurer Bill Boughner for sending your annual DUES of \$10.00--due NOW.

Pat Kirby and David Ogletree will be spot-lighting books from our GSPS library at meetings during this year. Remember that this is your library.

Rules for the 1982 NFSPS Annual Contests will be handed out at the October meeting. Our club is again co-sponsoring the YOUTH AWARD with Wauneta Hackleman.

See you in Atlanta on Oct. 17th

Pat

FALL QUARTERLY MEETING : Atlanta Woman's Club, 1150 Peachtree St., NW, Atlanta, GA 30309. (Parking, National Linen Service, enter from 14th St.), 10:00 A.M., Saturday, October 17, 1981.

WORKSHOP: BY JULIA EVATT 10:30-12:00

LUNCH: 12:00 \$6.00

Reservations must be made by Weds., Oct. 14th. Call (404)939-1924 or write Jo Ann Adkins, 2826 Evansdale Circle, NE, Atlanta, GA 30340. THIS IS IMPORTANT! the Woman's Club prepares only the number of lunches that we order--and we must pay for all who do not keep their reservations.

PROGRAM: 1:00 PM

Music arranged for by Emilie Slyer
Speaker arranged for by Ed Vickers.

ATTENTION: OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS
We will hold a planning meeting at 7 PM, Oct. 16th, at Jerry Zeller's, 3045 Hathaway Court, Chamblee, (404) 934-6386.

LOOKING TOWARD THE JANUARY MEETING: We are pleased to announce that Larry Rubin, noted Georgia poet, will read his poetry at our January meeting. Larry is a fine poet, and we can all profit from hearing his comments along with the poems.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY AWARDS WINNERS

TRADITIONAL AWARDS:

First, Pat Kirby, "Pontifex--The Artist as Bridge Builder"

Special Recognitions: Jeanne Osborne Gibbs, Neil S. Owens, Pat Morton Posey, Memye Curtis Tucker, and Dorothy Williamson Worth.

CONTEMPORARY AWARDS:

First, Jo Ann Adkins, "To a Woman Walking in Flanders"

Special Recognitions: Susan Stevens, Donna S. Crosby, Marjorie G. Ohtmann, Leara Rhodes, and Flora Eberhart.

WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS: Marshall L. Dell, Folkston; Virginia K. Gillespie, Atlanta; Varner Holmes, Peachtree City; Elizabeth Jones, Decatur; Betty Flood Lyon, Marietta; Nell S. Owens, Fitzgerald; Mary Jane Poole, Sylvester; and Letitia Sweitzer, Atlanta.

CONTESTS FOR GSPS MEMBERS

RHYMES FOR REASONS

Two categories: 1) poems for children; 2) poems about children. Any subject; any form; no line limit. Entry fee of \$3.00 per poem for support of GSPS Youth Program. Winners will receive Certificates of Merit. Deadline: December 1, 1981. Awards made, poems read at Jan. '82 meeting.

PRESIDENT'S CHRISTMAS POEM AWARD

Sponsor: Bettie Sellers
Christmas theme; any form; no line limit.
First Prize: \$10.00; Second Prize: \$5.00.
Deadline: December 1, 1981. Prizes awarded, poems read at Jan. '82 meeting.

MAREL BROWN AWARD

Second Annual, honoring poets of GSPS.
A lyric poem; any subject; limit 20 lines.
First prize: \$15.00; Two Special Recognitions, each...\$5.00.
Deadline: December 1, 1981. Prizes awarded January '82 meeting.

SEND ENTRIES TO ABOVE CONTESTS TO : Connie Smith Watson, 101 Morningside Drive, Albany, Georgia 31705.

ADVANCE RULES FOR THE FRANK STEIGLITZ MEMORIAL AWARD FOR AN EPIC POEM
Open to GSPS members only; no fee required. Poem must be unpublished and must not have won a monetary prize.

GUIDELINES: The epic is usually a very long poem, and it is often composed of many episodes that elevate the hero to a high and exalted position. The hero exhibits physical and emotional courage, and he is usually overwhelming to his adversaries. The country of his origin is glorified and idealized, and the patriotic fervor of the hero is exemplary. The epic is written in elevated style, and often contains ballads and other forms of poetry to enhance the telling of the story. Examples of an epic poem are: The Song of Roland, The Iliad, The Odyssey, Beowulf, and Paradise Lost. American Epics, or those poems that are sometimes classified as such, are Longfellow's Hiawatha, Whitman's Leaves of Grass, Stephen Vincent Benet's John Brown's Body, and Ezra Pound's Cantos.

NO LINE LIMIT

DEADLINE: Entry must be received by March 10, 1982. One prize of \$25.00 will be awarded at the April 17, 1982 quarterly meeting.

MAIL TO: Jo Ann Adkins, 2826 Evansdale Circle, NE., Atlanta, Georgia 30340

RULES FOR ALL CONTESTS LISTED ABOVE:

Submit two (2) clear, typed, 8 1/2 X 11 copies (clear xerox accepted). Name, address, telephone on one copy only. Poems must be unpublished. GSPS reserves 1st rights to publish prize-winning poems. Following such publication, rights shall revert to the poet. Keep copies of poem submitted, since no manuscripts will be returned.

REMINDER: Deadline is December 1, 1981 for submissions to be considered in an anthology of Georgia Poetry by Poets of present and past to be published in 1982. Poems published/unpublished. Not over two-hundred lines. Send one-six poems to Dr. John Ransom Lewis, Jr., Poet Laureate of Georgia, 3316 Piedmont Road, N.E., Suite 370, Atlanta, GA 30305.

NEWS BRIEFS: Ernest Camp, Jr. won first place, Marel Brown Inspirational Poetry Contest, at St. Simons. Dorothy Worth won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd, in three contests of Atlanta Writers Club last spring; also a 3rd and two HMs in NFSPS contests. Jeanne Gibbs won a first at NFSPS and five prizes from Atlanta Writers Club, including tie with Ed Vickers for Wyatt Award for book manuscript. Marel Brown attended the 5th World Congress of Poets in San Francisco and read two poems there. She is being featured in a display by the Atlanta Historical Society. Bettie Sellers' new book, The Morning of the Red-Tailed Hawk, is due for publication this fall from Green River Press in Michigan.

MEMBERS SEND MORE NEWS ITEMS FOR THE JANUARY NEWSLETTER!!!!!!

