



Georgia State Poetry Society

Organized and Chartered, August 30, 1979, Atlanta, Georgia
Affiliate, National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc.

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

We will start 1982 with a rousing meeting featuring poet Larry Rubin, and the announcement of winners of the fall contests. Thanks are due to Connie Watson, contest chairman for fall, and her judges, as well as to Ethelene Jones and her committee, who have Youth Contest brochures ready for distribution to the schools of Georgia.

Joann Adkins tells me that we have sold most of the CHARPER YEAR ANTHOLOGY. An excellent idea comes in a letter from member Lucille Bennett of Gainesville, "Northwest Georgia Writers Club presented a copy of our CHARPER YEAR ANTHOLOGY to Oronatahe Library. It gave a little publicity to GSPS with a picture of our president Harriette Woodcock (GSPS member) presenting it to library personnel." Great idea, Lucille!

Reminder: only paid-up members of GSPS are eligible to enter ALL NEWSPS contests, deadline, March 15. If you haven't sent Bill Boughner your 1981-82 dues, do so at once.

A final word, borrowed from Jim Hall, 1981 judge of Writer's Digest Writing Competition: "A poem should have a strong feeling that is under the control of the writer, and there should be something at stake in the poem." Come to the January meeting and learn more about OUR ART!

JANUARY-QUARTERLY MEETING: Atlanta Woman's Club, 1150 Peachtree St., NW, Atlanta, GA 30309. (Parking, National Linen Service, enter from 14th St.), 10:AM,Sat., Jan. 9, 1982.

RESERVATIONS: NOTIFY, on or before Jan. 5th: Denver and Erika Stull, 5431 Alder Drive, Forest Park, GA 30050, Telephone (404) 365-3177.

Lunch: \$6.00. Woman's Club prepares number of lunches we order, and all lunches must be paid for.

PROGRAM FOR THE DAY

Coffee with Kitty Brown officiating

Member's Reading: Bring one poem

Excerpts from "John Brown's Body" and

Brief discussion of the epic poem by

David Ogletree, plus Spotlight on WSPS

Library by Pat Kirby

LUNCH

Larry Rubin reads his poems

Fall Contest Winners following program.

1:00--

11:30-12:00

FRANK STEIGLITZ MEMORIAL AWARD FOR AN EPIC POEM

GSPS members only. No fee required. Poem must be unpublished, not have won a monetary prize. No line limit. Deadline: March 10, 1982. One prize of \$25.00 awarded at April 17 meeting.

Mail to: Joann Adkins, 2826 Bransdale Circle, NE, Atlanta, GA 30340.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO SPONSOR A SPRING CONTEST, NOTIFY THE PRESIDENT.

NEWS BRIEFS

Janne Osborne Gibbs won "In Praise of Poetry Award", New York Poetry Forum, for "Is It a New Poem?" which was read at Poetry Day celebration in NY. She also received HM for The Athas Prize, Poetry Society of GA. Dorothy W. North won HM in 1981 Writer's Digest contest; 1st place in Grand Prize category of Arizona National Contest; and third in Poet Laureate of Miss., Mid-South Poetry Festival. Marel Brown has received copies of one of her stories translated into Japanese. She also read Three Wise Women of the East at three local clubs during December. Bettie Sellers spent two weeks of her winter holiday at the Ossabay Island Project, working on a new collection, Satan's Playhouse. The first eight sections of this work were featured in the fall issue of Teaching English in the Two-Year College. She also has a poem in Voices of Wrath, A.J. Kennedy's new anthology from U. of GA Press.

SEND YOUR NEWS BRIEFS TO BETTIE SELLERS--IT MAKES THE NEWS/LETTER MORE INTERESTING TO KNOW WHAT OUR MEMBERS ARE DOING!!!

SEE YOU JANUARY 9TH AT THE WOMAN'S CLUB!!!