



Georgia State Poetry Society

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Affiliate, National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc.

APRIL QUARTERLY MEETING: Saturday, April 17, 1982

Atlanta Woman's Club, 1150 Peachtree Street, NW Atlanta
(Free parking, National Linen Service, enter from 14th Street)

RESERVATIONS: Notify, on or before April 12th, Mrs. George
(Pat) Kirby, 3907 Club Drive, NE Atlanta 30319
(Telephone: (404) 261-5914)

LUNCH: \$6.00

(The Woman's Club prepares the number of lunches we order,
and we must pay for reservations.)

PROGRAM FOR THE DAY

Registration and coffee 10:00 - 10:30

Opening Remarks by the President 10:30 - 11:15
and introduction of Irma Smith Dowis,
Youth Director, who will preside at
the Awarding of the Youth prizes
for 1982

Ed Vickers reviews 11:15 - 11:40
MORNING OF THE RED-TAILED HAWK
by Bettie Sellers

John Haydock introduces 11:40 - 12:00
THE BRICOLEUR PRESS,
a concept in fine printing

LUNCH 12:00 - 1:00

SPRING AWARDS -- Janet Habas, Chairman 1:00

READERS' THEATER

Please bring one or two poems for an open reading

Suggestion: Invite a guest; enclosed with this mailing is
application form; pass it along to a prospective member.

HELP! For 1982-1983, we need Chairmen for RESERVATIONS,
HOSPITALITY and CIRCULATION (newsletter mailing).
Thanks!!!!

NEWS BRIEFS

Our congratulations to January winners MARJORIE G. OHRTMANN and COSMAS J. DOKOS in "Rhymes for Reasons"; THELMA R. HALL and DOROTHY WILLIAMSON WORTH for "President's Christmas Awards"; LAURRAINE GOREAU and EVELYN HOGE PENDLEY for the Marel Brown Awards. Special congratulations to LAURRAINE for the recent stage adaptation of her biography Mahalia.

Three letters recently from our 90-year-old member, JESS PERLMAN, in Northport, N.Y. He sends poems from his latest book, Poems Past Eighty, and another from The Lyric. Jess is an inspiration to us all! MARY ANN COLEMAN taught poetry at Athens Academy and a workshop at Continuing Ed at the U. of GA. She has a poem on Emily Dickinson in Our Twentieth Century's Greatest Poems, and an adult article coming in March issue of Wombat, "How to Write a Spring (or any) Poem." ROSSER LUNSFORD has won Poem of the Year for 1981 for his poem, "Battered Hat"--published in Inky Trails--his second award there. PEGGY ZULEIKA LYNCH has placed our charter anthology in libraries in her home state, Texas. These include The Johnson City Library and the Univ. of Texas at Austin. She and her husband are sponsoring the Ed Vickers award for August.

ERNEST CAMP JR, whose reading at Jekyll Island Arts Assn. missed the last newsletter, has a first volume, Songs for Sleepless Nights, coming out this spring.

BETTY ABERNATHY WALLACE has "The Io Moth" coming out in Lincoln Log. This poem also runner-up in national contest. Says Betty: "I seem to be fated to near-misses, but thanks to GSPS I won't give up." Did you see that LARRY RUBIN (January speaker), ED VICKERS, and BETTIE SELLERS all were honorably mentioned by Poets' Study Club of Terre Haute? BETTIE also one of four HMs chosen by Diane Wakoski to accompany the one winner in 1982 Abbie M. Copps Memorial at Olivet College. Poems will be in spring Garfield Lake Review. BETTIE will be reading at Georgia State at 2 PM on April 23rd.

DOROTHY WORTH has poems in DeKalb Literary Arts Journal, The Sampler, Profile (GA.State), Newsletter (Fernbank), Snows--A Drifting of Poems (prize-winning poetry published in S.C.). Also awards in NY Poetry Forum contest and in 1981 Sterling Pegasus National Contest.

MARIE OVERIK read to her AARP group and had poems in church bulletin, Fayette Presbyterian Newsletter, and the Fayette Co. weekly.

ESPALIERED TREE

Whene're I behold an espaliered Tree
A feeling of sadness possesses me,
A magnolia, meant to grow tall and sprawl
Pinned hard and fast against a cold brick Wall.
Dear Father above, may I never be
Restrained or shackled like an espaliered Tree.

--Marion Johnson--

SEND NEWS BRIEFS TO BETTIE SELLERS FOR THE AUGUST NEWSLETTER AND REMEMBER AUGUST 14TH IN BEAUTIFUL MOUNTAINOUS YOUNG HARRIS!

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March 25, 1982

Dear GSPS Members, Friends,

Greetings in the name of poetry, Southern poetry!

I have been invited to participate as a member of a panel to discuss "Southern Poetry" at the NFSPS Convention in Memphis in June. I would be pleased to hear from you with ideas and suggestions about Southern poets, past and present, and their poetry which you feel deserves mention. If you would write any comments (and references, if you can provide them) you have and send them to me or hand them to me at our GSPS April meeting, I will be happy to incorporate them in my remarks if possible. This is an opportunity for the voices of Southern poetry to be heard and echoed and you are among those voices!

I hope I will see you in Memphis, June 24-28; it's not far away and the fees and accommodations seem reasonable. Your registration form which was included in the January STROPHES must be received by May 15. Please let Bettie know if you would like to be one of our voting delegates since she will report this in early June. Let's have a strong showing from the Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.

I will look forward to hearing from you and thank you! And thank you for making GSPS great! (Sometimes, the trite word is the right word!)

Sincerely,



Edward Davin Vickers

P.S. GSPS Member Dr. William Holland of Murfreesboro, Tenn. is Moderator of the panel on "Southern Poetry."

cc: GSPS President Bettie Sellers

DEAR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS OF GSPS,

As we approach the time for our April meeting, there are several items that we need to consider. I received the lists of paid-up members for 1981-82 from Treasurer Bill Boughner (WILLIAM P. BOUGHNER, 2985 Woodfield Drive, Rex, GA 30273) as well as a too-long list of sixty-five who have not renewed from the previous year. Since I see on that list many names who are more or less actively involved in the society, I can only surmise that the matter of dues has just slipped your mind. Be warned that only paid-up 1981-82 members will be entitled to submit either to our society competitions and to the annual anthology.

Speaking of the current anthology, Ed Vickers has been in correspondence with Publisher Murrell Boyd of COPPLE HOUSE BOOKS at Lakemont, Georgia, and he is desirous of publishing our book. It will be called THE REACH OF SONG, BOOK I, the title echoing a line from Byron Herbert Reece:

From chips and shards, in idle times,
I made these stories, shaped these rhymes;
May they engage some friendly tongue
When I am past the reach of song.

We are very fortunate to have a reputable publisher to be so interested not only in our society, but in the public recognition of the art of poetry as well. The anthology committee has the layout of the new anthology nearly ready to send to Mr. Boyd.

And, about the next series of contests: a June mailing will contain all details, but you might be preparing for the ANNIVERSARY AWARDS, two contests (one traditional, one contemporary, with \$25.00 first prizes plus five special recognitions of \$5.00 each) and a very special EDWARD DAVIN VICKERS AWARD being offered by Major General (ret.) and Mrs. Edmund C. Lynch to honor the President and organizer of Georgia State Poetry Society for the best poem on any subject, any form, not exceeding 36 lines. This contest carries one prize of \$25.00.

The spring epic contest was canceled since there was only one entry. At the board meeting on March 14th, it was decided that future contest rules should include one stating that at least five entries be received for any contest to be valid. This rule is the usual for contests of this nature.

Concerning the August 14th meeting to be held on the Young Harris College campus, Vice-President Jerry Zeller reports that we can hire a bus for twelve hours to carry passengers from the Mercer, Atlanta, campus to Young Harris and back. A 39-passenger bus will be available for \$8.50 per person, a 46-passenger bus for \$7.75. We will include a reservation form in the June mailing as well as one for lunch in the YHC dining hall (lunch will be \$4.50). Make your plans to be in Young Harris--we plan to have several good workshops on poetry writing as well as the possibility of a planetarium show at Rollins Planetarium.

See you in Atlanta on April 17th.

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