



Georgia State Poetry Society

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

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June 1, 1982

DEAR GSPS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

It delights me to remind you of the August 14th meeting here at Young Harris College. Arrangements have been made for a delicious summer salad lunch at the Willis Dobbs Dining Hall, and I just confirmed with Jimmy Westlake, our talented director at the Rollins Planetarium, our plans for a presentation of a fine show entitled POETS AND THE STARS to both entertain you and show you one of the many ways in which our poetry may be presented to the public. We here at Young Harris are looking forward to your visit to the campus and to our beautiful North Georgia mountains. Since the Georgia Mountain Fair is open through August 15th, you might like to plan a week-end trip and take in the poetry society meeting as well as the fair. I would suggest that you make immediate reservations in the area since rooms go fast for this period. If Georgia rooms are not available, you might try around Murphy, N.C. and area since these places are only 20-25 miles away from Young Harris and Hiwassee.

The treasurer reported in April that we had, at that time, 134 paid members, and a balance in the treasury of approximately \$1500.00. Bill Boughner has done an excellent job. We thank him for his year of service, and, at the same time, welcome Linda Segars who will take over the post in the fall.

Ed Vickers tells me that the copy for our second anthology is about ready for delivery to Copple House for publication. We hope to have it for distribution at the October meeting in Atlanta. Our thanks go to Ed and his committee for all their work on the anthology-- and to Ed for his fine work with NFSPS. He and several others will be going to Memphis for the national convention and representing our club with skill and daring.

See you August 14th at Young Harris,

Bettie

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS, 1981-82

Gary Daniel Baldy, Douglasville; Betty Marie Benoit, Stone Mountain; Hoyt E. Coffee, Chamblee; Melanie Farrington, Gainesville; Kathryn Heath Gable, Atlanta; B. I. Garland, Atlanta; Ellen George, Atlanta; Wayne Gunn, Rex; Georgia T. Henry, Acworth; F. Jean Hesse, Atlanta; Dr. John T. Hendricks, Griffin; George Ray Houston, Sylvester; Vallie A. Jones, Brunswick; Gail C. Jones, Tucker; M. Rosser Lunsford, Douglasville; Kay Magenheimer, Carrollton; Catharine P. Maze, St. Simon's; David McCowen, Doraville; W. Frank McKemie, Avondale Estates; Lumawig Y. Munsayac, Hazlehurst; Frances Padgett, College Park; Deborah Joan Posey, Sylvester; Lawrence M. Potash, Marietta; Catherine Boone Shealy, Chamblee; and Virginia C. Veal, Atlanta. WELCOME!

NEWS BRIEFS:

Herbert Denmark gave poetry readings at Atlanta Junior College (in February) and at the Atlanta Public Library (in April).
Jeanne Osborne Gibbs had poems published in LIGHT FOR LIVING, dekalb literary arts journal, THE SINGLE VOICE, HOLY SPIRIT PARISH BULLETIN, POETRY OF LOVE - PAST AND PRESENT ANTHOLOGY, and her biography in PERSONALITIES OF AMERICA.
Julia Evatt will read at Oglethorpe University on July 20 at 8:15 p.m. in a program which will also feature novelist Paul Evans and musicians from the Atlanta Symphony Orchestra.

Send news items to Bettie by September for next newsletter.

SOUTHERN FRIED READING FESTIVAL - Perimeter Mall, Atlanta
July 23, 24 and 25, 1982

If you can participate and represent GSPS in this "LOCAL RENAISSANCE PROJECT, 1982," please contact Vice-President Jerry Zeller (telephone: 404 934-6386) by July 10.

1982-83 MEETING DATES

(Saturdays)	Please mark your calendars. If you have not received specific notice at least two weeks prior to each meeting, please contact Bettie.
October 16, 1982	
January 15, 1983	
April 23, 1983	Also, please report address changes, etc.
August 13, 1983	as soon as possible. Thanks.

MEMBERS, WE NEED YOUR ASSISTANCE! Please place the following in your local paper:

GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY, INC. announces the 1982 Daniel Whitehead Hicky National Awards. \$500 in prizes. Each entrant receives a copy of Poems of Daniel Whitehead Hicky, a hardback edition of Mr. Hicky's last book. RECEIPT deadline is September 30, 1982. For rules, please send a self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

Jo Ann Adkins
2826 Evansdale Circle, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30340

Provide any other information from the brochure, enclosed with this mailing, which you desire but please make sure the above is given. Thank you very much.



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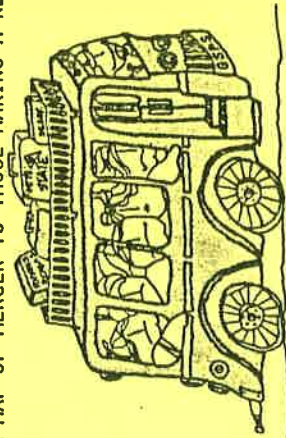
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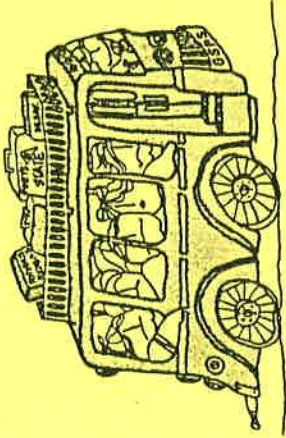
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DANIEL WHITEHEAD HICKY NATIONAL AWARDS

"His insight is poignant and infallible,... the touch so wild yet unerring,
(that) his poems are pure genius." Archibald Rutledge

This national poetry competition sponsored by Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc. honors acclaimed poet, the late Daniel Whitehead Hicky. Each entrant will receive a hardback copy of POEMS of Daniel Whitehead Hicky, Mr. Hicky's last book.

Five hundred dollars in cash prizes will be awarded at the GSPS October 16 meeting.

PRIZES: FIRST.....\$250.00
SECOND.....\$100.00
THIRD.....\$ 50.00
FIVE SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS, each.....\$ 10.00
BEST SONNET, a special award eligible for other prizes...\$ 50.00

SUBJECT, FORM: ANY, NOT OVER FIFTY (50) LINES.

ELIGIBILITY: OPEN TO ALL.

FEES: An entry fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for the first poem and one dollar (\$1.00) for each additional poem must accompany individual manuscripts, but there is no limit to the number of entries. Make checks payable to: Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.

MANUSCRIPTS: Manuscripts should be typed and double-spaced on one side of 8½x11 paper. Submit two (2) copies (clear xerox copies, acceptable) of each poem with name, address and telephone number on one copy only. Poems submitted must be original and unpublished.

JUDGES: Judges will not be directly affiliated with this contest. Their decision will be final. Winners will be properly notified. A list of winners will be supplied if a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE) is provided.

RIGHTS: Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc. shall have first rights to publish (or not to publish) prize-winning poems under its imprint in any way deemed advisable. Following such publication, rights shall revert to the poet. Keep copies of poems submitted, since positively no manuscripts will be returned.

DEADLINE: Entries MUST BE RECEIVED by September 30, 1982.

INQUIRIES: Inquiries of any nature must be accompanied by SASE.

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THIRD ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

A poetry competition sponsored by the GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY, INC. will celebrate the Society's third anniversary which is August 30, 1982. Prizes will be awarded at the third anniversary meeting to be held in Young Harris on Saturday, August 14, 1982.

MANUSCRIPTS: Manuscripts should be typed and double-spaced on one side of 8½x11 paper. Submit two (2) copies (clear xerox copies, acceptable) of your entry(s) with name, address and telephone number on one copy only. Show the category entered in upper left corner on both copies.

Poems submitted must be original and unpublished.

FEE: This contest is open to members of the GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY, INC. only, and no fee is required. Members can submit only one poem in each category.

LINE LIMIT: Fifty (50) lines. **SUBJECT:** Any.

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DEADLINE: Entry(s) must be received by Saturday, July 10, 1982.

CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

- I. TRADITIONAL AWARD for a poem in any recognized traditional form.
- II. CONTEMPORARY AWARD for a poem in free verse or experimental form.

THE FOLLOWING PRIZES will be awarded in EACH CATEGORY:

FIRST.....	\$25.00.
FIVE SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS, each.....	\$ 5.00.

MAIL TO CONTEST CHAIRMAN: Aurelia Austin
526 Hardendorf Avenue, NE
Atlanta, Georgia 30307



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EDWARD DAVIN VICKERS AWARD

A poetry competition sponsored by Retired Major General and Mrs. Edmund C. (GSPS member Peggy Zuleika) Lynch of Austin, Texas, will honor founding president of the GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY, INC., Edward Davin Vickers. The prize will be awarded at the GSPS third anniversary meeting to be held in Young Harris on Saturday, August 14, 1982.

MANUSCRIPTS: Manuscripts should be typed and double-spaced on one side of 8½x11 paper. Submit two (2) copies (clear xerox copies, acceptable) of your entry with name, address and telephone number on one copy only. Show the award name in upper left corner on both copies.

Poem submitted must be original and unpublished.

FEE: This contest is open to members of the GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY, INC. only, and no fee is required. Members can submit only one poem.

LINE LIMIT: Thirty-six (36) lines. SUBJECT: Any.

RIGHTS: The GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY, INC. shall have first rights to publish (or not to publish) prize-winning poems under its imprint in any way deemed advisable. Following such publication, rights shall revert to the poet. Keep copies of poem submitted, since positively no manuscripts will be returned.

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PRIZE: ONE PRIZE.....\$25.00

MAIL TO CONTEST CHAIRMAN: Aurelia Austin
526 Hardendorf Avenue, NE
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The GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY, INC. welcomes sponsorship of poetry competitions by members and friends. Anyone interested in seeing a particular form of poetry featured in a contest is encouraged to contact GSPS President Bettie M. Sellers -- Box 274 Young Harris, Georgia 30582 Telephone: (404) 379-3528.

ORDER BY JULY 1, 1982 Thank you.

FROM:

Jo Ann Adkins, Chairman
Special Funds Committee
2826 Evansdale Circle, NE
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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.

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