



Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.

Founded August 30, 1979 Incorporated June 11, 1981 Atlanta, Georgia
Member, National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc.

Bettie M. Sellers, President
Box 274
Young Harris, Georgia 30582
(404) 379-3528

Dr. E. Jerome Zeller, VP
3045 Hathaway Court
Chamblee, Georgia 30341
(404) 934-6386

Dear GSPS MEMBERS AND FRIENDS,

On the subject of a fantastic day of GSPS at YHC, our STROPHES reporter, Jeanne Osborne Gibbs, writes: "Mountainous Young Harris College in August was backdrop for an awesome production, "Poets and the Stars," scripted by President Bettie Sellers and Charlotte Headrick. Dazzled members beneath the dome of Rollins Planetarium heard poems from "Let there be Light!" to those of the Cherokees, classical, and contemporary poets as startling scenes, diagrams, and motions flashed above. Winners of contests read entries in the 100-year-old Susan B. Harris Chapel with its handblown glass windows: EDWARD DAVIN VICKERS AWARD, given by Maj. Gen. and Mrs. Edmund C. Lynch--Laurraine Goreau, Honorable Mentions-- Dorothy Williamson Worth, Letitia Sweitzer, Pat Posey, Flora Eberhart, M. Rosser Lunsford; CONTEMPORARY AWARD-- Dorothy Worth, Special Recognitions--Edward Davin Vickers, Jo Ann Adkins, Jeanne Osborne Gibbs, Carol Bivins, Memye C. Tucker; TRADITIONAL CONTEST--B. I. Garland, Special Recognitions--Dorothy Worth, Nell S. Owens, Georgia T. Henry, Jeanne Gibbs, Hoyt E. Coffee. Aurelia Austin was contest chairman."

Congratulations go to all winners and to all who helped with the contest. To sum up --it was a very good day, for me, and the brave souls who braved the winding mountain roads to come to my beautiful valley. Thank you for coming.

Now, for the next exciting meeting: not only will there be a members' reading (bring the best poem that you have written during the past year; we will start promptly at 10:30 just after registration and coffee), but, after lunch, there will be distribution of our The Reach of Song, Book 1 and the announcement of the winners in the Daniel Whitehead Hicky National Contest. If you haven't entered, do so. The copy of Hicky's book which you will receive would make a great gift to any library.

As if that were not enough--Ed O'Neal, President of Copple House Books, and his wife Barbara, will be with us to talk about the publishing of The Reach of Song, Book 1 as well as the fine art of publishing in the hills of North Georgia.

OCTOBER MEETING: Atlanta Woman's Club, 1150 Peachtree Street, NW
(Parking, National Linen Service, enter from 14th Street)
10:00 a.m., Saturday, October 16, 1982
Lunch is \$6.00 Send reservations by October 11 to B. I. Garland, 1302 Sunland Drive, NE Atlanta, GA 30319 (237-9490)

A note from Georgia's Poet Laureate John Ransom Lewis, concerning the Anthology of Georgia Poets: judges are now reviewing all entries and, hopefully, you will be notified in late September if your poem(s) has been accepted.

This newsletter is packed--do pay particular attention to the enclosures: 1) the January contest honoring Georgia's 250th Birthday, 2) the form and envelope for your entries to The Reach of Song, Book 2, and 3) envelope for sending dues to Treasurer Linda Segars. SPECIAL NOTE: Send change of address to Linda; NEWSNOTE items to Newsletter Editor Nancy Goldberg 2548 Mercedes Drive, NE Atlanta, Georgia 30345.

See you October 16th.

Bettie

MEMYE TUCKER read at Callanwolde, has two poems in current Davidson Miscellany, one each in Wayah Review and Footnotes, and others forthcoming in The Ball State University Forum, Poem, and The Lyric.

DOROTHY WILLIAM WORTH has poems in Wesleyan Christian Advocate and Profile. She won prizes recently in the Utah Contest, New York Poetry Forum, NFSPS, and the 1982 Caroline Wyatt Memorial Award given annually by the Atlanta Writers Club. Dorothy, along with JERRY ZELLER, ED VICKERS, BETTIE SELLERS, JO ANN ADKINS, LEARA RHODES and JULIA EVATT were featured in a video tape played for the Southern Fried Literary Festival sponsored by DeKalb Libraries at Perimeter Mall.

JO ANN ADKINS won the Hicky Memorial Award given by the Atlanta Writers Club for "A Migration of Whales." She also won first place in the Codington Family Award for a one-act play, "Buffalo Boy."

JAMES E. WARREN, JR. has published a new book of poetry, THE ELEGANCE OF GOD, recently, as well as poems in The Writer, Golden Gate Review, Blue Unicorn, International Poetry Review, Encore, Chattahoochee Review, Piedmont Review, Paintbrush and Georgia Journal.

GARY DANIEL BALDY published this summer in Old Hickory Review, Chattahoochee Review, Tiotis Poetry News, Canvass, and Poetry as Love--Past and Present.

LUCILE BENNETT reports that the Northeast Georgia Writers Club will co-sponsor a poetry conference with Brenau College and SEW Association on November 6; a fee of \$20.00 includes lunch. Make reservations before October 20 by contacting Lucile. Address: 329 West Avenue, NW Gainesville, GA 30501 Telephone: (404) 536-5616.

JO ANN ADKINS sends word that Callanwolde and The Village Writers are sponsoring a free reading on Monday, October 11 at 7:30 p.m. by noted Southern writer Rosemary Daniell. There is also a workshop to be taught by Rosemary on Tuesday, October 12, from 7-10 p.m. at the residence of Jalaine Halsall. Cost of workshop is \$10.00 per person. Contact Jalaine at 938-2936 or 938-2513 for information and reservations.

JAMES E. WARREN, JR., JANICE TOWNLEY MOORE, and BETTIE SELLERS were featured in the August Review of Georgia Poetry published by Robert King in Local Storms.

BETTIE SELLERS had poems recently in Garfield Lake Review, Arizona Quarterly, Uwharrie Review. She had won prizes from NFSPS and the Atlanta Writers Club. Recent readings include the Delta Kappa Gamma International Convention in Atlanta, and Clarksville Revisited Series at Clarksville, Ga. She will be at Conyers Middle School and La Grange College to celebrate National Poetry Day in October.

MAREL BROWN, busy as usual, has taught three writing workshops this summer as well as chaired an "Evening of Poetry" at the International Biographers' Congress on Arts and Communications in Cambridge, England, in July. She has an article, "Something New Under the Sun" accepted for the Dec.-Jan. issue of Georgia Journal.

EDWARD DAVIN VICKERS was re-elected Fourth Vice-President of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc. at the 1982 Annual Convention in Memphis, Tennessee, where he was a member of a panel on Southern poetry and won an honorable mention in the NFSPS Annual Contests. He published articles in both the June-July and August-September issues of Georgia Journal; won prizes from the Atlanta Writers Club and won First place in the Lillian Steinhauer Ecology Award sponsored by the New York Poetry Forum.

Did you see member NANCY MAXWELL GOLDBERG quoted in Joe Cumming's column in the Atlanta Journal-Constitution of Sunday, September 5th?

GSPS Members are invited to attend the Annual Author of the Year Awards Dinner on Friday, October 15, 1982 (National Poetry Day) at Tower Place Hotel, 3340 Peachtree, hosted by the Dixie Council of Authors and Journalists, Inc. Reservations must be made by October 11. Contact Secretary Leara Rhodes at (404) 325-7006 or Director Frances Patton Statham 2248 Marann Drive, NE Atlanta, GA 30345 (404) 321-7794. Reception honoring past winners 6:30 p.m. Dinner (\$15.00) 7:30 p.m.

Reminder: Receipt Deadline, September 30. Hurry!



Georgia State Poetry Society

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

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.

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



Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.

Founded August 30, 1979 Incorporated June 11, 1981 Atlanta, Georgia
Member, National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc.

GEORGIA SEMIQUINCENTENARY AWARDS

A poetry competition sponsored by the GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY, INC. will celebrate the State's 250th birthday which is February 12, 1983. Prizes will be awarded at the Society's Winter meeting in Atlanta on Saturday, January 15, 1983.

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: GEORGIA and any aspect thereof.

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 poems submitted, since positively no manuscripts will be returned.

DEADLINE: Entry(s) must be received by Saturday, December 4, 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: Julia Evatt
2519 Post Village Drive
Smyrna, Georgia 30080



Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.
Founded August 30, 1979 Incorporated June 11, 1981 Atlanta, Georgia
Member, National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc.

GPS MEMBERS (SEPTEMBER 1, 1981 - AUGUST 31, 1982):

You are invited to submit up to 3 UNPUBLISHED poems for consideration for publication in The Reach of Song, Book 2. Please type your poems within the guidelines shown and check CONTEMPORARY or TRADITIONAL at the top. We will have editors for both categories.

DEADLINE: November 1, 1982
Please enclose a self-addressed stamped envelope; notification will be made by January 31, 1983.

MAIL TO: Editor Edward Davin Vickers
(in the Peachtree Commons, #A-8 envelope 2222 Peachtree Road, NW enclosed) Atlanta, Georgia 30309

COMPLETE: NAME _____
ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE(S) () _____

Thank you.

TITLE:

POET:

Large empty rectangular box for writing the title and poet's name.



Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.

Founded August 30, 1979 Incorporated June 11, 1981 Atlanta, Georgia
Member, National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc.

1982-1983

Annual membership dues

Payable September 1

Mail to (envelope enclosed): Linda M. Segars, GSPS Treasurer
Route 2 Brushy Fork Road
Loganville, Georgia 30249
(404) 979-8662



Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.

Founded August 30, 1979 Incorporated June 11, 1981 Atlanta, Georgia
Member, National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc.

Dear GSPS Member,

September 1, 1982

According to our records, your 1981-1982 membership dues are in arrears. Annual dues for last year of \$10.00 covered \$1.00 national dues to NFSPS, a copy of The Reach of Song, Book 2 (see enclosure), quarterly mailings, plus other expenses.

In order to bring you up-to-date and make our burden lighter (such as preparing this notice), we ask that you remit the amount of \$20.00, for both 1981-1982 and 1982-1983, at this time.

Annual dues are \$10.00 and payable September 1; membership contributions to GSPS are tax deductible. If your records do not agree with the above, please contact our Treasurer. Thank you and please return this notice with your remittance to:

(envelope enclosed) Linda M. Segars, GSPS Treasurer
Route 2 Brushy Fork Road
Loganville, Georgia 30249
(404) 979-8662