



Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Friends:

I hope each of you shares my excitement about the new year at Georgia State Poetry Society. I look forward to becoming better acquainted with everyone, and I hope this regular note in the Newsletter will serve both as a means of communication and as an encouragement for you to contact me with any comment or question you have about the Society. Elsewhere here you will find a list of the officers and committee chairmen for 1983-84. I am pleased to be working with such a fine group, and they join me in welcoming your ideas and suggestions.

By means of this Newsletter, we will keep you informed this year about upcoming meetings and contests, as well as providing reports on members' achievements, contest results, past meetings, and special events.

The October meeting promises to be a highlight of the year, especially since it coincides with the observance of National Poetry Day. I hope to see all of you there.

Dorothy Worth

Third Vice-President

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of State Poetry Societies, Inc.

Edward Davin Vickers

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Jess Perlman's review of Morning of the Red-Tailed Hawk was published in Encore and in Voices International.

Memye Tucker had poems published recently in Poem, Chattahoochee Review, Georgia Journal and Ball State University Forum.

Denver Stull has had poetry published in Sunshine Magazine, Jean's Journal, Piedmont Literary Review, Broken Streets and Hoosier Challenger.

Nancy Maxwell Goldberg will have two poems published in the November issue of the Renaissance Press.

Connie J. Green gave a reading of poetry at the Appalachian Writers Association Conference and led a panel discussion. She won a prize in the Christian Values Writing Contest and the 1983 Jean Lieberman Poetry Award plus an honorable mention for poetry in the Dalton Creative Arts Guild and in the Knoxville Pen Women contests. A poem was published in Ariel I and three others will be in Black Willow.

Hoyt E. Coffee had several poems published in the Chattahoochee Review and will have two more in the fall issue.

John Hendricks will have his new book Running My River published this fall. Published by Rainbow.

Ethylene Dyer Jones wrote a great portion of Faith Through Fire and Flood and also edited all of it. Some devotionals will be published in the Open Windows. Ethylene also edits The Media News Leader.

Charles Dickson won second place and \$15 cash in the August national contest of the California Federation of Chaparral Poets. One of his poems was published in The Mountain and another will be in the fall issue of Chattahoochee Review.

Jimmie Renee will have a poem published in the American Poetry Association Anthology entitled "Autumn Leaves".

Dorothy W. Worth won Honorable Mention for Free Verse in the 1983 Sterling Pegasus National Contest, and taught poetry at the Southeastern Writers Conference on St. Simons Island in July.

NOTE: Please send your achievements to Janet A. Habas, 1268 Brookshire Ln. N.E. Atlanta, Ga. 30319, for inclusion in the January Newsletter. Your achievements must be received by December 15.

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CONTEST INFORMATION:

The Society will have information on national poetry contests available at the October meeting. If you are not able to attend and would like to receive copies of contest announcements, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Contests Chairman Pat Kirby, 303 Peachtree Rd., N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30305

FOR YOUR INFORMATION:

GSPS SCRAPBOOK

Members, please save any clippings about the Society or members' poetry that appear in your local news paper. We are compiling a scrapbook and need your help. Send items to:

Flora Eberhart
1055 Birmingham Rd., Rt. 3
Alpharetta, Ga. 30201

MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY:

Your first membership directory is included in this newsletter. Additional new members will appear listed in future news letters. Please let us know if we missed you.

DUES NOTICE:

This is to remind members of GSPS that annual dues are payable each Sept. 1, regardless of when previous dues were paid. The GSPS Constitution and bylaws provide specifically that "annual dues in GSPS shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) payable September 1st and delinquent November 1st. Dues cannot be prorated...if dues are not received by January 1st, delinquent members shall be dropped from the rolls of GSPS without further notice."

This means, to phrase it somewhat differently, that all members who have not paid their 1983-1984 dues between September 1, 1983, and January 1, 1984, will immediately lose all benefits of membership.

IMMEDIATELY:

Send your check in the envelope provided in this News Letter to:

Charles Dickson
3012 Bren Mar Way
Donaville, Ga. 30340

AUGUST MEETING NOTES:

The 4th Anniversary meeting was held in The Atlanta Botanical Gardens where announcements of contest results and an open reading took place. Fourth Anniversary Awards, as follows; Contemporary: 1st, Alice B. Howard; Special Recognition, William Davenport, Connie Green, Betty Maine, Marie Ovrevik, Geraldine Wade. Traditional: 1st, Betty Maine; Special Recognition, Gary Daniel Baldy, Betty Marie Benoit, Charles Dickson, Marjorie Ohrtmann, Geraldine Wade. Judge: Clifford A. McAdam. The Edward Davin Vickers Award: 1st, Sara Gordon Harrell; Honorable Mention, Memye C. Tucker, Laurraine Goreau. Judge: Melanie Rawls. The Frank Steglitz Memorial Award: 1st, Connie Green; Honorable Mention, Connie Watson. Judge: Lamar York.

Members who read beneath the pines were: Ed Vickers, Sue Wyatt, Marie Ovrevik, Tish Swietzer, Bill Davenport, Bob Lownance, Memye Tucker, Marel Brown, Charles Dickson, Betty Maine, Geraldine Wade, Lucille Bennet, Bettie Sellers, and Alice Howard.

GPS MEMBERS NFSPS WINNERS:

Congratulations to the following members who won awards in the 1983 NFSPS contest:

Memye Tucker, who won 5th prize in the NFSPS contest;

Linda Segars won 2nd prize in the Florida contest; and

Donothy Worth won 1st prize in the Rhode Island contest, 2nd Hon. Men. in the Oklahoma contest, 5th Hon. Men. in the Spoon River contest, 6th Hon. Men. in the Evans Spencer Wall contest, and 7th Hon. Men. in Our American Indian Heritage contest.

YOUTH COMPETITION WINNERS:

Congratulations to our winners in the 1983 Manningham Trust Fund Student Contest of the NFSPS;

In grades 5 through 8, 3rd Hon. Men., Chris Levy, "The Old House".

In grades 9 through 12, 2nd Hon. Men., Craig Cochran, "The Writer". and 5th Hon. Men., Tim Rogers, "4:53 pm 01 31 82".

Our next Georgia State Poetry Society meeting information is as follows:

DATE : October 15, 1983

Place: Atlanta Woman's Club

1150 Peachtree St. N.E. (Enter free parking lot behind the Atlanta Linen Co. from Crescent Ave. - left off 14th St.)

SCHEDULE:

- 9:30 A.M. Coffee and Registration
- 10:00 A.M. Open Reading and Book Sale (Please bring poems for the reading and copies of your books to sell at the meeting. Tables will be provided.)
- 11:00 A.M. Workshop -- Haiku; Essence of Poetry,
Conducted by Ruth Lantz (Bring pencil and paper)
- 12:00 A.M. Lunch
- 1:00 P.M. Program : "Out of the hills of Habersham ..." Not only the "Song of the Chattahoochee" but other words from Sidney Lanier will be flowing to us from Marty Willet, member of the Board of the Georgia Association of Museums and Galleries, and former superintendent of the Jarrett Plantation.
- 1:30 P.M. 1983 Daniel Whitehead Hicky National Awards Winners Contest Director, Ed Vickers.

RESERVATIONS:

Deadline Wednesday, October 12

CONTACT: Jimmie Renee 255 - 8471

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LUNCH:

Cost: \$ 7.50

Please do not send checks with reservations but pay at reservation. Any reservations made and not cancelled by Wed., Oct. 12 must be paid for.