

NEWSLETTER

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Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.

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OUR NEXT Georgia State Poetry Society meeting information is as follows:

DATE: January 21, 1984

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:

9:05 A.M. Coffee and Registration

9:20 A.M. Open Reading directed by Bob Lowrance and Book Sale (Please bring poems for the reading and copies of your books to sell at the meeting. Tables will be provided.)

10:30 A.M. Workshop ---"Innovation and Form", conducted by Bob Lowrance and David Mc Cowen..

12:00 A.M. Lunch

1:00 P.M. Program : "The Editorial We" - Stanley W. Lindberg, Editor of The Georgia Review and Professor of English at the University of Georgia .

1:45 P.M. Announcement of Sidney Lanier Award Winners . Contest Chairman, Pat Kirby .

DOOR PRIZES : Two lucky people will win subscriptions to The Georgia Review .

RESERVATIONS: Deadline Wednesday, January 18, 1984

CONTACT: Pat Kirby Phone : 261-5914

Lunch : Cost : 7.50

Please do not send checks with reservations but pay at registration. Any reservations made and not cancelled by Wed., January 18 must be paid for .

GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY
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FROM THE PRESIDENT

The New Year is always a time for beginnings. The Georgia State Poetry Society is beginning 1984 with a bright outlook and new plans for poets and poetry-lovers. We are looking forward to a year of learning, fellowship and writing. The Society has many new members (who are listed elsewhere in the Newsletter), and we welcome all of them. Together, we resolve to make 1984 a Year of Poetry in every sense of the word.

Also new for 1984 is our secretary: we welcome Betty Gore, who takes the place of Mickie Morris, who was forced to resign for health reasons. We are sorry to lose Mickie and wish her a quick recovery; she has been a devoted and highly competent officer, and she continues as a valued member. We are delighted that Betty has agreed to take Mickie's place, and look forward to working with her.

As we moved forward, the officers and members of the board continue to solicit your continued support, assistance and advice.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Donoathy Worth

Third Vice-President:

National Federation
of State Poetry Societies, Inc.
Edward Davin Vickers

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PLEASE READ!! IMPORTANT notice to all !!!!!!!!!!!

If you have paid your annual dues of \$10.00 since September 1, 1983, you have read far enough and can move on to the next item. If you have NOT renewed your membership in the Poetry Society since September 1, it is an unfortunate fact that you are no longer a member. The Society's Constitution and Bylaws provide: "Annual dues in GSPS shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) payable September 1st. . . if dues are not received by January, 1st, delinquent members shall be dropped from the rolls of GSPS without further notice." If you have been dropped, this means that you have lost, among many other advantages of membership, the right to compete in any of the 50 categories of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies' 1984 Annual Contest. However you can still take part in the national contest if you renew your membership in GSPS in time for your name to be sent to NFSPS by January 15. This means you must renew **IMMEDIATELY**. Please send your \$10.00 renewal fee to Charles Dickson, Membership Chairman, 3012 Bren Mar Way, Doraville, Ga. 30340.

IN MEMORIAM

Nancy Turner Burns

1918-1983

Charter Member

Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.

Author

From Within (1983)

From Within the garden of her heart
Nancy Turner Burns
has nurtured deep-rooted cuttings,
shaped and pruned life-lived limbs.

With whispered wisdom, she has
polished truth-thorns until each
glistens like a diamond dewdrop.

She has perfumed each petal-phrase
for fragrance, styled each leaf-line
for form and figure, arranged each
blossom-word in its perfect place.

With her faith and caring, she has
fashioned this bouquet, lovingly tied
a bow of brightness. A note reads,
"I am leaving part of me."

Edward Davin Vickers

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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 the contest announcements , send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to Contest Chairman Pat Kirby , 303 Peachtree House, 2637 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

WINNERS**WINNERS**WINNERS**WINNERS**WINNERS**WINNERS**WINNERS**WINNERS**WINNERS

1983 -- DANIEL WHITEHEAD HICKY NATIONAL AWARDS _____

FIRST PRIZE, \$250.00	Jeanne Lebow - Memphis , Tennessee
SECOND PRIZE \$100.00	Bettie Sellers - Young Harris, Georgia
THIRD PRIZE \$50.00	James Brennan - Knoxville , Tennessee
BEST SONNET \$50.00	Mareen Cannon - Ridgewood , New Jersey

SPECIAL RECOGNITION,
\$10.00 each

Antoina Hansell - Lakemont , Georgia
Joan H. Loeb - Atlanta , Georgia
June Owens - Blackstock , South Carolina
Dorothy Coffin Sussman - Atlanta, Georgia
Terrie Joplin - Pontiac , Illinois

HONORABLE MENTION

\$5.00 each

Susan Rose - Chapel Hill , North Carolina
Kevin Cantwell - Atlanta , Georgia
Verna Lee Hinegardner - Hot Springs , Arkansas

CONGRATULATIONS

OCTOBER MEETING NOTES ** OCTOBER MEETING NOTES ** OCTOBER MEETING NOTES **

The October 15th meeting of GSPS was opened with the announcement by Editor Ed Vickers that The Reach of Song, Book 1 had received Author of The Year Award for a book of poetry from The Dixie Council of Authors & Journalists. The engraved plaque was passed around for inspection.

Among the participants of the day was member Dr. William Evans of Georgia State University who read from his poetic epic of the Mayz Indians, The Mayaad, which has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

Also reading were John Hendricks, author of Running The River; Evelyn Sewell Rineer, Stardusting; Denver Stull, editor of Parnassus; Lucille Bennet; Betty Maine; Rebecca Stoin; Leana Rhodes; Georgia Henry; Leithie Hunter; Richard M. Rogers; Jimmie Renee; Robin McCant; Imogene Buder; Della Cook; Connie J. Green; Pat Posey and Dorothy Sussman.

A workshop entitled "Haiku: Essence of Poetry" was conducted by member Ruth Lantz who gave not only haiku pointers and examples, but insights into everyday Japanese life.

The afternoon program "Out of The Hills of Habersham", the words in prose and poetry of Sidney Lanier, was graciously performed by R. Martin Willet of Sidney Lanier Productions, Macon. Following this came the announcement of the winners of the 1983 Daniel Whitehead Hicky National Awards.

The Reach of Song, Book 2 was available at the meeting.

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Ed Vickers had a Christmas poem in the Winter issue of Parnassus and a prize poem in the 1983 Poetry Society of Georgia (Savannah) Yearbook.

Dorothy Worth won 2nd place in the Village Writers Group poetry contest; tied for 2nd place in the Chattahoochee Review's third annual poetry competition; has two poems appearing in the Fall issue of Pegassus, a Kentucky poetry journal; spoke to the North Side Women's Club for their Arts Luncheon in celebration of National Poetry Day; was the subject of The Village Writer's "Who's Who" feature in an article written by Ed Vickers; won 1st prize for sonnet, 1st prize for blank verse, and 2nd prize for free verse in the 1983 Kentucky State Poetry Society national contest; won Honorable Mention in the Indian State Federation's national contest.

Jeanne Osborne Shaw read and talked about her poetry on Radio Station WRFQ-FM in a 30-minute program with her husband, Harry, who discussed his newspaper career. Jeanne also read several poems at the Atlanta Writers Club.

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Donna Jones won Honorable Mention, 1982 Louisiana State Poetry Contest; won Honorable Mention, 1982 California Federation of Chaparral Poets; was judge for 1983 California Poetry contest; was contributor to The Study And Writing Of Poetry: American Women Discuss Their Craft, pub. by Whitston Pub. Co., ed. Wauneta Hacklemen, Pres. of National Federation of State Poetry Societies.

Peggy Zuleika Lynch had poems recently published in the magazines: A GALAXY OF VERSE, GEORGIA GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY, POET (February, June and October issues), POET'S ROUNDTABLE; in many newspaper issues of THE RECORD-COURIER, Johnson City, Texas; and published in books: LYRICAL TREASURES - CLASSIC AND MODERN, ANTOLOGIA POETICA "POETI NELLA CITTA VIRGILIANA" and BEHOLD TEXAS which, with her husband, Edmund, she edited. This book was chosen to be placed in The University of Texas Centennial TIME CAPSULE to be opened in the year 2083; Amarillo College, Amarillo, Texas, honored Peggy Zuleika and Edmund on October 26 by featuring them in "Images of Texas".

Ethelene Dyer Jones received Honorable Mention for the poem "Afternoon Call" published in October in THE MIDWEST POETRY REVIEW; in the same issue, her article, "A Journey, A Journal, and a Jeremiad" was published in the "comment" section.

Marel Brown was guest author as part of Georgia Author's Week Observance at Fannin County High School, Blue Ridge, and led students in a creative writing workshop on October 18.

Memye Curtis Tucker won The Chattahoochee Review prize for poetry, 1982-83, which includes \$100.00 and a plaque at DeKalb College. Also she had a poem chosen to appear in the 1984 edition of Anthology of Magazine Verse & Yearbook of American Poetry.

Charles Dickson won first prize in the California State Poetry Society's August contest, won third prize in the same society's September contest. Won third prize traditional category of Writers Unlimited 13th International Literary Competition, honorable mention in the International Shakespearean Sonnet Contest sponsored by the Poets Club of Chicago, and has had a poem accepted for the Winter issue of Chattahoochee Review.

Bill Davenport's poem "Stevie" is being used for the 1984 membership and fund drive for the Georgia Chapter of the National Committee for the Prevention of child abuse.

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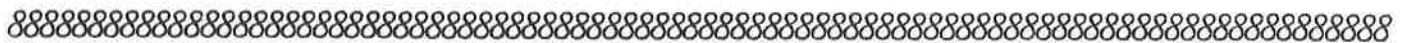
Catherine B. Shealy had a poem in last issue vol. XV of the DeKalb Literary Arts Journal, had a prayer poem in the news poster of the Volunteer Service Office of Lutherine World Ministers, and had a poem accepted for the winter issue of the Chattahoochee Review.

Bonnie Ramsbottom won Honorable Mention in World of Poetry's special Poetry Contest in September and will have a poem in World of Poetry's anthology of poems entitled "Our Western World's Greatest Poems".

Joan H. Loeb, Bruce Souders, Peggy Z. Lynch, Emma Crobaugh and Esther M. Leiper were listed (some, several times) among the winners in the Poetry Society of Texas 1983 Annual Awards.

Evelyn Rineer has published a collection of eighty poems under the title "Star Dusting".

Emma Crobaugh won Honorable Mention in Poetry Society of Va. contest; 2 First Places, 2 Second Places, and 2 Fifth Places in the Oklahoma Poetry Society's Contest; 4th in the NFSPS Contest; 6th Certif. World of Poetry Contest; 4th in the California State Poetry Society's Contest; 1st prize in Encore contest; Honorable Mention in South California Poets Pen Contest; Honorable Mention in Byline contest; 3rd in Calif. Fed. Chaparral Poets contest; 2- Certif. in American Poetry Assn. contest; a certif. from the World of poetry; 2nd Honorable Mention from Florida State Poetry Assn. and a 3rd from same; Honorable Mention in Calif. Fed. Chaparral Poets contest; 2nd from Calif. Press Women; Certificate of merit from the World of Poetry; and a 1st from Poetry in Pub. Ft. Lauderdale.



THE REACH OF SONG, BOOK 3 is being edited by immediate past president Bettie Sellers. Paid members for the year beginning September 1, 1982, were eligible to submit poems for consideration for the "member poems" section. Any 1982-83 member who did not receive or submit the submission form, please contact Bettie or Dorothy Worth immediately. Check your membership roster for addresses and please enclose a SASE for replies; thanks.



GPS WELCOMES the following new members. Please add them to your directory.

John Dee Spicer
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Joan Fishbein
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Virginia P. Dickson
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Frank M. McKenny
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Macon, Ga. 30067

Betty G. Eby
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Decatur, Ga. 30032

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Bonnie Padgett Ramsbottom
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Atlanta, Ga. 30315

Michael Kimberl
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Atlanta, Ga. 30324

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Atlanta, Ga. 30314

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Atlanta, Ga. 30309

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Atlanta, Ga. 30324

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Atlanta, Ga. 30306

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Atlanta, Ga. 30318

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GWENDOLYN BROOKS AWARDS

Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc. announces a poetry competition in honor of Gwendolyn Brooks, who in 1950 became the first Black American Woman to win the Pulitzer Prize for a volume of poetry. Prize money has been provided by GSPS member Herbert W. Denmark. Awards will be given at the Society's Spring quarterly meeting in Atlanta on Saturday, April 21, 1984.

PRIZES: First.....\$25.00
 Second.....\$15.00
 Third.....\$10.00

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all. Poets may submit as many as three (3) poems.

ENTRY FEE: One dollar (\$1.00) per poem to non-members; NO FEE is required for GSPS members.
 Make checks payable to: Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.

SUBJECT: Life in economically deprived neighborhoods or areas.

FORM & MOOD: Free verse; modern.

LINE LIMIT: Fifty (50) lines maximum per poem; no minimum.

MANUSCRIPTS: POEMS SUBMITTED MUST BE ORIGINAL AND UNPUBLISHED. Poems should be typed 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.

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 a copy of poems submitted, since positively no manuscripts will be returned.

DEADLINE: Entries must be received by Saturday, March 17, 1984.

INQUIRIES: Inquiries of any nature must be accompanied by a self-addressed stamped envelope (SASE). Winners will be notified. A list of winners will be supplied to anyone sending SASE.

MAIL TO: Contest Chairman Pat Kirby
 303 Peachtree House
 2637 Peachtree Road, NE
 Atlanta, Georgia 30305

DONORS: If you wish to sponsor a contest for a particular form, subject or (any) category, please contact Contest Chairman Pat Kirby at the above address or telephone (404) 261-5914.



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ABOU BEN ADHEM AWARDS

"...And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest!"

by James Henry Leigh Hunt

Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc. announces a poetry competition in honor of Jo Ann Yeager Adkins in recognition of her work in behalf of poets and poetry. Prize money has been provided by GSPS member Mikki Morris of Brunswick, Georgia. Awards will be given at the Society's Spring Quarterly meeting in Atlanta on Saturday, April 21, 1984.

- PRIZES: First.....\$25.00
 Second..... 15.00
 Third..... 10.00
- ELIGIBILITY: Open to members of Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.
- ENTRY FEE: NO FEE is required.
- SUBJECT: Any subject.
- FORM AND MOOD: Any form in the mood of Leigh Hunt's poem, ABOU BEN ADHEM.
- LINE LIMIT: Fifty (50) lines maximum per poem; no minimum.
- MANUSCRIPTS: POEMS SUBMITTED MUST BE ORIGINAL AND UNPUBLISHED. Poems should be typed 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.
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