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# NEWSLETTER

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

DATE: April 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 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. Announcement of YOUTH AWARD winners - Contest Chairman Jerry Zeller .

12:00 A.M. LUNCH

1:00 P.M. Program : Dr. David Bottoms, poet and faculty member at Georgia State University, author of In a U-Haul North of Damascus and winner of the Walt Whitman Award . Program title: "The Making of a Poem".

1:45 P.M. Announcement of the ABU BEN ADHEM AWARDS and GWENDOLYN BROOKS AWARDS . Contest Chairman, Pat Kirby .

RESERVATIONS: Deadline - Wednesday April 18, 1984

CONTACT: B.I. Garland, Telephone: 231-4183

LUNCH: Cost : \$7.50

Please do not send checks with reservations but pay at registration .

Any reservations made and not cancelled by Wed., April 18 must be paid for.

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Dr. E. Jerome Zeller

Now that spring has officially arrived, poetry seems to be filling the air. Exciting events are happening in the Georgia State Poetry Society. Earlier this month, six of our members read for the Poetry at Callanwoode program, and a larger number of you were present. Special thanks go to GSPS member Gene Ellis and the committee on Poetry at Callanwoode for this opportunity. Also, several of our members have sponsored competitions: special thanks go to Mikki Morris for sponsoring the ABOU BEN ADHEM AWARDS to honor Jo Ann Yeager Adkins; to Herbert W. Denmark for the GWENDOLYN BROOKS AWARDS in honor of the first Black American woman to win the Pulitzer Prize; and to Bill Davenport, our Publicity Chairman, for his sponsorship of the Society's Fifth Annual Youth Awards.

The meeting of April 21 promises to be an interesting and rewarding experience; please come to be with us then.

Dorothy W. Worth

Third Vice-President:

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of State Poetry Societies, Inc.
Edward Davin Vickers

JANUARY MEETING NOTES**JANUARY MEETING NOTES**JANUARY MEETING NOTES**JANUARY MEETING

The January 21 meeting was full of activities and had a little of something for everyone - poetry readings, workshops, business, contest winners, and a very enjoyable talk by Stanley W. Lindberg, Editor of *The Georgia Review*. His talk, "The Editorial 'We'", included some impressive (and perhaps discouraging) statistics on the tremendous number of poetry submissions that the editor deals with. He told us something of the standards that he uses for selection and read recent poems that had been published in his journal.

The morning activities included readings by over 20 of our members. This was followed by two workshops on the general topic of "Innovation and Form". Bob Lowrance with his usual wit and humor, explained and read examples of his "Abecedaria" an innovative new form. After David McGowen had explained the shape and form of his new "Metercycle" form, he challenged the group collectively to try their hands at writing one of the four stanza forms. (See results elsewhere in the newsletter.)

Dorothy Worth presided over a short business session which included poetic tributes to Nancy Turner Burns, by Dr. William Evans, and to Les Rogers, by Ed Vickers. Both of these members of the Society had passed away in recent weeks. Bettie Sellers brought us up to date on the progress of "The Reach of Song- Book III." Dorothy announced that the Board had committed to be Sponsoring Counselors for the Poetry Reading and Writing Program designed to encourage an interest in poetry and the arts among the boys served by the Metro Boys Clubs. The program is sponsored by the Warren Boys Club's Alex B. Brown Library, and the donor is GSPS Charter member Marel Brown, who is making the award in appreciation for the Warren Club being chosen in 1982 as a site to set up a model library, and for the library being named in honor of her late husband, Alex Brown.

Dr. Jerry Zeller reported that the call had gone out to Georgia schools for the GSPS fifth annual Youth Poetry Competition. He asked all members to encourage participation where they could. Awards in the 1984 competition will be made at the April meeting.

Winners of the Sidney Lanier competition (listed elsewhere in this newsletter) were announced, and the poets read their prize-winning entries.

Bill Davenport

WINNERS OF SIDNEY LANIER CONTEST : announced at the January meeting.

First Place --- Jane MacAuley "Fall Birding on the River"
 Second Place --- Imogene McAfee Buder "Of Marsh and Men"
 Third Place --- Lethe Hunter Bishop "Bloody Marsh"
 (Tie) --- Esther M. Leiper "Tidewater Country"

Our thanks to GSPS member Charles B. Dickson who was sponsor and judge for this competition.

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CONTEST INFORMATION : The Society will have information on national poetry contests available at the April 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 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

CALLANWODE READING : On Monday, March 12, six members of the Georgia State Poetry Society read at the Poetry at Callanwode series. Sharing their poems with a substantial audience were Charles Dickson, Dr. William Evans, Robert S. Lowrance, Jr., Jeanne Osborn Shaw, Meyme Curtis Tucker, and Dorothy Williamson Worth. A social hour followed the program.

CHANGE IN NATIONAL CONVENTION:

Notice has been received that the NFSPS Convention has been changed to July 2-6, 1984, at Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio. Full details will be in the upcoming issue of STROPHES.

The Society would like to be represented by several delegates at this convention. If you would like to attend, or want more information, contact Dorothy Worth (636-1316) or Ed Vickers (875-3355).

IN MEMORIAM: NANCY BURNS

She followed me, her verse in hand
Arranged visions that she saw
With poet's eye, with gentle urge.
But late she heard the greater voice
That called above her own, with urge
That surely gentles all of us .

"Obey my voice's sure demand,
Insistent, undeniable,
And linger not to overmuch
Of speaking with your poet's pen;
Declare yourself in upper reach
That lies beyond your will to know."

Though greater than our own, that voice
Required a while to still her task
And thus she followed me and asked
For verifying truth of aim,
And, called , she crept away and left
Her friend to carve the epitaph .

Littera scripta manet .
William A. Evans

IN MEMORIAM: LESLEY E. ROGERS

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after the flowers
the wind gathers the petals
the heart, the fragrance

Edward Davin Vickers



ELECTION RESULTS: GSPS OFFICERS elected for 1984-1985, beginning September 1:

President, Dorothy Williamson Worth Secretary, Betty Lou Gore
Vice-President, Robert S. Lownance, Jr. Treasurer, Charles B. Dickson

Thank you for returning the official ballots (stamped with the GSPS seal). They will be available for inspection at the April meeting. Ed Vickers. Nom. Com. Chrm.

SPECIAL THANKS:

To James C. Brennan, 3rd prize winner in the Daniel Whitehead Hicky National Award, who donated his prize of \$50.00 back to the Society. Our sincere appreciation to this fine poet .

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BETTIE SELLERS will be conducting a workshop at Hambridge Center in Dillard, Ga. in July. More information to follow.

Dorothy Worth will be conducting a one-day poetry workshop on Saturday, May 12, 9:30 to 3:30 P.M. in Atlanta. It will cover information on writing, publication and contests. More information later.

WRITERS CONFERENCES:

The state of Georgia is fortunate to be home to two of the many excellent writers conferences held annually; the Dixie Council of Authors and Journalists and the Southeastern Writers Association. Both of these conferences are held on St. Simon's Island, at Epworth-by-the-Sea, and both have courses in poetry as well as other areas of writing.

This year the Dixie Council will meet from June 24-30 and the Southeastern Association will hold its conference from July 15-21. Additional information and brochures on both groups will be available at the April Meeting.

BOOK NOTES : According to Editor Bettie Sellers, The Reach of Song, Book 111, is proceeding according to plan. A publication date will be announced shortly.

Authors are reminded that the Society is delighted to display their works, even if they are unable to be present. We request that order forms be supplied with the books submitted for sale. Also, if you would like to donate a book to our library, please send it to Librarian David Ogletree, 1475 N. Morningside, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30306 Please let us know if you have published a book! Call Dorothy Worth, 636-1316, or send information to 1399 Vist Leaf Dr., Decatur, Ga. 30033

COPIES OF THE FOLLOWING BOOKS:

Patterns in Poetry by Harry Brown & John Milstead (paperback, Scott, Foresman)

Writer's Guide and Index to English, 4th ed., by Perrin (hardcover Scott, Foresman) are available from GSPS Special Funds (Chairman, Jo Ann Yeager Adkins, 2826 Evansdale Circle, N.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30340

@ \$3.00 (includes postage) Proceeds go to the book fund. Help us place,



WORKSHOP EFFORT SUCCESSFUL:

Those of you who were unable to attend the January meeting might like to see the result of one on the Workshop sessions, led by David McCowen . Below is the Metercycle (1st verse) which the group wrote at the close of the hour . The Metercycle is a new form invented by David .

THE FIRST ANNUAL GSPS GROUP METERCYCLE FOR THE HELICOPTIC NERVE TO RIDE*****

NESTWIND
 or
 ELIXIR

Come feel the wind it's warm beyond compare .
 Come hear the mokingbird
 It sings a song:
 Spring .
 Wing
 Above the earth
 To seek the newborn green

alternate last lines 1 And find familiar scent of last year's nest .
 2 Of nesting bush, familiar scents of home .
 3 And taste the sweet elixir of the air .

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MARY ANN COLEMAN: Two poetry acceptances in the National Forum, one in Common Weal ,
 a biography in Personalities of the South ,
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 " " " the Directory of Distinguished Americans ,
 " " " Worlds Who's Who of Women , has had two readings at
 the University of Georgia and two at Georgia State University .

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- CHARLES DICKSON:** had poems published by California Quarterly, Dragonfly, Encore, Red Pagoda, Country Poet, POETS, and Parnassus. He also won third prize and an honorable mention in a contest sponsored by the Poetry Society of Jacksonville, Fla. A sonnet appeared in Celestine Sibley's column in the Atlanta Constitution.
- BILL DAVENPORT:** won an honorable mention in Ozark Writers and Artists Guild Contest.
- BETTIE SELLERS:** her poem "On Crete, It Is The Season of Cicadas" was selected by judge Van Brock as first runner-up in the Abbie Copps Memorial at Olivet College.
- ROBERT LOWRANCE, JR.:** will be publishing two books soon, ABECEDARIA and DUST DEVILS, a partner to his already published book, FOUNTAIN OF YOUTH.
- LETHE HUNTER BISHOP:** had a poem published in the winter issue of ENCORE QUARTERLY, a sonnet won 1st award in the January '84 Love Poem Contest and \$100.00 of MIDWEST POETRY REVIEW. The poem was published also. A poem won a third award in the recent GSPS Sidney Lanier contest; a sonnet will appear in THE REACH OF SONG, BOOK 111.
- MENYE CURTIS TUCKER:** gave an hour's public reading at Kennesaw College, Feb. 23rd, a poem appeared in the Fall '83 and Spring '84 issues of THE LYRIC. She won a second place and an honorable mention in the Writers Unlimited contest, Summer, 1983, and read on the program at Callanwode March 13 th.
- JAMES E. WARREN, JR.:** was honored by having a bas-relief of him hung in the Administration Building of The Lovett School of Atlanta, where he taught for fifteen years, was head of the English Dept., served as poet-in-residence, and is now acting as Historian. The work was sculptured, cast in bronze, multichromed, and framed by the distinguished sculptress Maria Kirby-Smith, who was a member of the Class of '67. The work was presented to the school by the Alumni Association.
- JANET A. HABAS:** has won a photography award given by the Audubon Society Photographic Seminar at Cork Screw Swamp March 16th. and an honorable mention and an award in two recent competitions of the Alpine Camera Club. She also won an honorable in the International Club Slide Competition.



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1984 Daniel Whitehead Hicky National Awards

"I have a need of gulls again and their flying..." Daniel Whitehead Hicky

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 meeting.

PRIZES:

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

ELIGIBILITY: OPEN TO ALL. Poems submitted must be **original and unpublished.**

SUBJECT, FORM: ANY

LINE LIMIT: 50 LINES PER POEM.

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. There is **no limit** to the number of entries. Make **(one)** check payable to: **Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.**

MANUSCRIPTS: Manuscripts should be typed on one side of 8½x11 paper. Submit **two (2) copies** (clear xerox copies, acceptable) of each poem with poet's name, address, and telephone number in the **upper right corner of one copy ONLY.**

JUDGES: Judges will not be affiliated with this contest. Decisions will be final. Winners will be notified. All entrants will be mailed a list of winners with copy of the book, **POEMS of Daniel Whitehead Hicky.**

RIGHTS: **Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.** shall have first rights only to publish (or not to publish) prize-winning poems under its imprint. Plans are to publish winning poems in **The Reach of Song, Book 5.** **Following such publication, rights shall revert to the poet.** Keep copies of poems submitted; **no manuscripts will be returned.**

DEADLINE: Entries **MUST BE RECEIVED** by **August 20, 1984.**

INQUIRIES: Inquiries must be accompanied by a **self-addressed, stamped envelope.**

MAIL TO: Virginia C. Veal
 2233 Drew Valley Road NE
 Atlanta, Georgia 30319

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EDWARD D. VICKERS: NFSPS Third Vice President attended the officiation of NFSPS Past President Carl P. Morton as Poet Laureate of the State of Alabama . During the ceremony, Ed presented Poet Morton with copies of THE REACH OF SONG, BOOK 1 and 2 on behalf of GSPS . Recently, Ed served as judge for a North Carolina State Poetry Society Youth Contest and for the State of Georgia DOR (Creative Writing (Poetry) Program . He also has three poems in the Winter issue of the Chattahoochee Review .

DOROTHY WORTH: has a poem in the Spring issue of The Chattahoochee Review; had a poem published in Pasque Petals , a South Dakota poetry journal; presented a one-day workshop on poetry, short fiction and article writing in February for the Northeast Georgia Writers Club at Gainesville; served as a panelist with two other members of the Village Writers Group at the Atlanta Library's "Lunch and Learn" series, to discuss the writing community in Atlanta; read her poetry at Georgia State University; won 2nd place and 1st Honorable mention in the Dakota State Poetry Society National Contest; won 3rd place in the Phoenix (Arizona) Poetry Society National Contest; won Honorable Mentions in each of the three categories of the Jacksonville (Fla.) Poetry Society National Contest; won Honorable Mention in the Alabama State Poetry Society National Contest .

NOTE : PLEASE send your achievements to Janet A. Habas, 1268 Brookshire Ln.N.E. Atlanta, Ga. 30319, for inclusion in the August Newsletter.



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