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On the date of our next meeting, October 20, 1984, we will observe National Poetry Day (Oct. 15), and we are indeed fortunate to have as our speaker on that occasion our state's distinguished Poet Laureate , Dr. John Lewis .

The Society will be honoring all poets on this special day, and we invite you to join us for the celebration .

We welcome especially the new members who have come into our group since our last meeting. We look forward to having you as a part of the Georgia State Poetry Society .

Dorothy W. Worth

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1984-84 GSPS Meeting Dates : Please clip and save for future reference .

Saturday October 20, 1984

Saturday January 19, 1985

Saturday April 20, 1985

Saturday July 19, 1985 * (* tentative)

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Bettie Sellers will extend closing date for submissions to THE REACH OF SONG, BOOK 4, to Oct. 15 since some of the forms were late reaching members .

AUGUST MEETING NOTES**AUGUST MEETING NOTES**AUGUST MEETING NOTES**AUGUST MEETING NOTES

The 5th Anniversary meeting began with B.I. Garland introducing Dr. E. Jerome Zeller, who announced that Mercer University in Atlanta has agreed to accept volumes of GSPS's Doris and Harold Random Memorial Library in the new special editions room. Anyone will have access to this room and there is ample parking. Books by members for the library should be sent to Dr. Zeller.

It was also announced that Jo Ann Yeager Adkins is our new Treasurer.

Bettie Sellers, Editor of *The Reach of Song*, Book 3 (84) urged members to buy extra copies, stating that if everyone bought an extra copy "we" would be able to finance Book 4.

Ed Vickers announced that GSPS members placed 18 times in the NFSPS national competitions.

Members who read their poems during the Open Reading were: Bettie Sellers, Bill Davenport, Ethylene Jones, Irma Dowis Edwards, Julis Evans, Marel Brown, Ed Vickers, Robin McCants, Majorie Ohrtman, Della Cook, Christian Lappe of Berlin, Germany, Emily Vail, Jerry Zeller, Rebekah Stion (Brenda Darcy), Neil Fraser, Alice B. Hourard, B.I. Garland, Laurraine Goneau, Bob Lowrance, Julia Evatt, and Calvin Atwood.

The after-lunch program was a magic show performed by the Rev. Doyne Michie, entitled "The Ministry of Laughter."

The 5th Anniversary Awards were presented by Judge Julia Evatt. Traditional Awards: 5thSR: Charles Dickson; 4thSR: Evelyn Pendley; 3rdSR: Laurraine Goneau; 2ndSR: Flora Eberhart; 1stSR: Esther Leiper and 1stPL: Jeanne Osborne Shaw. Contemporary Awards: 5thSR: Marshall Mason; 4thSR: Donna Jones; 3rdSR: Jeanne O. Shaw; 2ndSR: David Olds; 1stSR: Esther Leiper and 1stPL: Flora Eberhart.

The Edward Davin Vickers Awards were presented by Edward Davin Vickers to; 4thHM: Jerry Zeller; 3rdHM: Virginia C. Veal; 2ndHM: Catherine Shealy; 1stHM: 1stHM: Donna Jones; 1stPL; Rebekah Stion.

The First Cash Award was presented by judge-sponsor William Davenport. There was a tie for 1stPL between Melanie A. Rawls and Jerry Zeller.

Poems from these contests will appear in The Reach of Song, Book 4.

NOTE: THE REACH OF SONG, BOOK 3 was mailed to all paid members of 1982-83 on 8/31/84. Additional copies may be ordered from Jo Ann Adkins. SEE the enclosed form!!!!!!

NEW MEMBERS: If you wish to join the Georgia State Poetry Society please send your TEN dollars to JoAnn Yeager Adkins, 2826 Evansdale Circle, N.E. Atlanta, Ga. 30340

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BOB LOWRANCE ___ His two new books, DUST-DEVILS and ABECEDARIA are now available. They are \$10.00 each with the 50 cents tax. Anyone wanting one may call him, or go to Oxford. GOOD NEWS- Bob has just been advised that he has been elected a Fellow of the International Academy of Poets, headquarters in Cambridge, England.

BETTIE SELLERS ___ Has a poem and a short essay coming out in the fall issue of the Chattahoochee Review. She will be attending the 11th Alabama Symposium on English and American Literature at the University of Alabama, Oct. 18-20. Poets David Ignatow, Denise Levertov, and Lewis Simpson will be among those discussing the topic "What is a poet?"

Jeanne O. Shaw--Won two first prizes in the annual contests of the Atlanta Writers Club; the Daniel Whitehead Hicky Awards "for a poem of exceptional literary quality, using any poetic form," and the Clifford N. Cathcart Award in Contemporary Poetry.

HERBERT DENMARK ___ gave a poetry reading at Kingfest '84, had poetry published in the Clayton Sun Newspaper, and had a review of his book of poetry appear in the Clayton Sun Newspaper.

DOROTHY WORTH --Won an Honorable Mention in the 1984 Writer's Digest Poetry Contest; Conducted a one-day Poetry Workshop for the Village Writers Group at Arnold's Archives; won an Hon. Mention in the Byline National Religious Poetry Contest and 1st Hon. Mention for humorous verse in the Kentucky State Poetry Society's 1984 National Contest. In addition, she has poems appearing in the NFSPS 1983 Prize-Winning Anthology and Religious Poetry of the Twentieth Century. She also served as judge for two out-of-state poetry competitions, and had a book review published in The Village Writer.

DONNA JONES --won an 8th Hon. Mention in the NFSPS competitions for her poem entitled "1936" and a 5th Hon. Mention in the Poet Laureate contest of Texas for her poem, "Friend."

*** Associated Writers Program, Old Dominion Univ., Norfolk, Va. 23508-8510 -- are Newsletter Publishers and have contests.

**** Atlanta Writing Resources Ctr.-- announces a poetry competition. Winners receive publication in the Chattahoochee Review and small cash prize. Hon. Mentions are published in Thunder and Honey, deadline for submission is Jan. 21, 1985. For more info. contact Poetry Atlanta Writing Resources Center, Room 206 S.E. Community Cultural Ctr., 750 Kalb Ave S.E., Atlanta, Ga. 30312

***** Silverfish Review Poetry Chapbook Competition, P.O. Box 3541, Eugene, Oregon 97403
Deadline Dec. 1st, 1984-- 500 words - 20-24 pages, Name, Address on title page only & table of contents - \$250 prize and 25 copies to the author.



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ANN E. LEWIS AWARDS

Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc., announces a poetry competition in honor of Ann E. Lewis in recognition of her presentation of the Georgia story as founder, editor, and publisher of *Georgia Magazine* (1957-1971) and *GEORGIA LIFE* (1974-1980). Prize money has been provided by GSPS member William Davenport of Atlanta, Georgia. Awards will be given at the Society's Winter Quarterly meeting in Atlanta on Saturday, January 19, 1985.

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 and mood.

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. Place the contest name on the upper right hand corner.

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 December 31, 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: Ann E. Lewis Awards
 Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.
 2826 Evansdale Circle N. E.
 Atlanta, Georgia 30340

DONORS: If you wish to sponsor a contest for a particular form, subject or (any) category, please contact Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc., at the above address or telephone (404) 636-1316.



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LESLEY E. ROGERS AWARD

Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc., announces a poetry competition in honor of Lesley E. Rogers of Atlanta, Georgia, who died in December, 1983. Mr. Rogers was a lyric poet and a Charter Member of Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc. Prize money has been provided by GSPS member Jo Ann Yeager Adkins of Atlanta, Georgia. The award will be announced at the Society's Winter Quarterly meeting in Atlanta on Saturday, January 19, 1985.

PRIZES: One First Prize.....\$100.00

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all.

ENTRY FEE: Free to members of Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.
Fee of \$2.00 per poem to non-members.

SUBJECT: Any subject.

FORM AND MOOD: Lyric Poem

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

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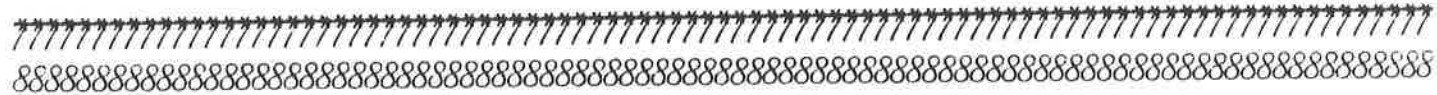
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Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.
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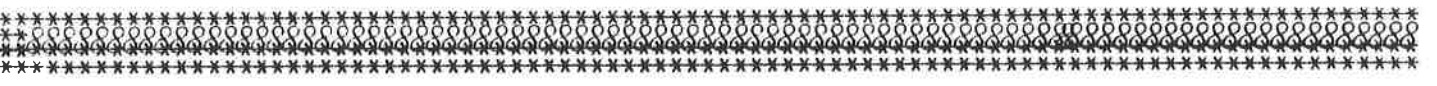
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POETRY SEMINAR -- Jean Hess originator of Personal Poem Service will present a Seminar on Sat. Oct. 27, 1984 at the Holiday Inn-Central. A special discount will be given to GSPS members. For more information call F. Jean Hess (404)231-0379.



PLEASE SEE THE REACH OF SONG ORDER BLANK BELOW AND SEND THEM IN !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



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BOOK ORDER FORM

#copies each (any combination of titles)

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*** Winner, Dixie Council of Authors and Journalists, Inc., 1983 Author of the Year Award in Poetry

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NOTE: Members and Friends, Do libraries and schools in your community have copies of **The Reach of Song**? In order to insure publication of future volumes, we need your order for additional copies. Each dues-paid member for 1982-83 receives one copy of **Book 3** free.

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