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## NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 1985

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EDITOR: Virginia C. Veal    2233 Drew Valley Rd., N.E.    Atlanta, Ga.    30319

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NEXT MEETING:            Saturday, January 19, 1985                            9:30 a.m.

PLACE:                    Atlanta Woman's Club                            1150 Peachtree Street, N.E.  
(Enter free parking lot behind the Atlanta Linen Company  
from Crescent Ave. - Left off 14th Street)

**SCHEDULE:**

9:30 a.m.    Coffee and Registration...

10:07 a.m.    "RIME and PUNishment -- poetic license to wit,"  
a partners-in-crime workshop conducted by Ed Vickers

Sentence: If you're guilty or not of following or  
breaking Muse-Rules, submit an exhibit of the evidence  
by January 15 to EDV (P.O.Box 7695 Atlanta, GA 30357-0695).  
A jury of peers will vote a settlement of \$Public notice\$.

11:00 a.m.    Open reading... bring a poem.

11:45 a.m.    The Reach of Song, Book 4, is scheduled for publication  
January 19, 1985. Announcement of Editor's Choice Awards  
from poems submitted by members and selected by Editor  
Bettie Sellers will made prior to distribution. Prize  
money has been made available by MORNING-GLORY INK.

12:00 noon    Lunch

1:00 p.m.    Speaker...                    Dr. Wallace M. Alston, President-Emeritus  
of Agnes Scott College will speak on  
poetry in the Bible.

1:45 p.m.    Announcement of winners for ANN E. LEWIS AWARDS and  
LESLEY E. ROGERS AWARD.

RESERVATIONS:    Deadline - Wednesday, January 16th, 1985

Call:                    B.I. GARLAND                    Telephone 231-4183 (from January 12th on or  
anytime by mail)

LUNCH:                    Cost - \$ 7.50

Do not send checks with reservations but pay at registration  
Any reservations made and not cancelled by Wednesday,  
January 16th    MUST BE PAID FOR.

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

### President:

Dorothy W. Worth

### Vice-President:

Robert S. Lowrance, Jr.

### Secretary:

Betty Gore

### Treasurer:

Jo Ann Yeager Adkins

## APPOINTIVE:

### Editor: Reach of Song, Book 4

Bettie M. Sellers

### Hospitality:

Jan Cerny

### Librarian and Youth Contest:

Dr. Jerry Zeller

### Newsletter:

Virginia Veal

### Publicity:

William L. Davenport

### Reservations:

B.I. Garland

### Strophes Reporter:

Flora Eberhart

### GSPS Contest Chairman:

Catherine Shealy

### 1985 Daniel Whitehead Hicky

### Contest Chairman:

Ethelene Dyer Jones

## NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE POETRY SOCIETIES, INC.

### Third Vice-President:

Edward Davin Vickers

## FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Happy New Year! I hope each of you enjoyed a wonderful Holiday Season, and a resolve to dedicate more time in 1985 to poetry.

The beginning of a new calendar year is an appropriate time to recognize certain members who have been especially busy performing specific tasks for GSPS.

First, Micki Morris, for bringing the Minutes up-to-date and placing them in a special notebook for easy reference.

A special word of thanks to Virginia Veal for hours of work as 1984 Daniel Whitehead Hicky Contest Chairman. (You will note, Virginia is now editor of the Newsletter) and in that connection, a grateful word of appreciation to former newsletter editor, Janet Habas, who did a fine job for more than a year.

We welcome new officers and committee chairmen: Catherine Shealy (Contests) Jerry Zeller (Librarian, as well as Youth Contests Chairman), Ethelene Dyer Jones (1985 Daniel Whitehead Hicky Contest Chairman), and Jan Cerny (Hospitality Chairman). A very special thanks to Marjorie Ohrtmann who served us so well for so long in that capacity.

Thank you, all OFFICERS, for your time and dedication to the business of the Society. We are deeply indebted to each of you.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Worth

GSPS DATES

Saturday - January 19, 1985  
Saturday - April 20, 1985

TO REMEMBER



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## FROM THE OCTOBER '84 MEETING:

After a review of members' books, the club presented a plaque to Dr. William A. Evans, Georgia State University professor, and well known Georgia poet, teacher and lecturer, in recognition of his book, "The Mayaad" which has been nominated for a Pulitzer Prize.

Ethelene Dyer Jones presented a beautiful collection of slides of Georgia scenes depicting and inspired by the Daniel Whitehead Hicky poems.

Bob Lowrance, with his usual wit, tact, and diplomacy, directed the Open Reading by members of their own poetry. Those reading were: Brenda Dorsey, Betty Gore, Dr. William A. Evans, B. I. Garland, Laurraine Goreau, Jean Hesse, Georgia Henry, Alice Howard, Antonina Hansell, Bob Lowrance, Willa Lowrance, Marjorie Ohrtmann, Richard Rodgers, Meyme Tucker, Emily Vail, Virginia Veal, Ed Vickers, and Jerry Zeller.

After lunch new members were introduced. They were: Will Carter, Betty Hirt, Ruth Tiller, Joy Wix, and Antonina Hansell. Several announcements were made.

Dr. John Ransom Lewis, Poet Laureate of Georgia, was the featured speaker. His words of wisdom, insight, and inspiration will long remain in the memory of those present. This gifted poet has brought credit to himself and to GSPS in which he is a member and in which he continues to give his support and understanding.

The winners of the 1985 Daniel Whitehead Hicky Contest were announced. The contest was judged by Lamar York, Chattahoochee Review, who commented on the high quality of the over 900 poems submitted. The winners were:

1st place	Bettie M. Sellers	Young Harris, Georgia
2nd place	Jay Johnson	Des Moines, Iowa
3rd place	Amy Jo Schoonover	Morgantown, West Virginia

### Special Recognition:

1st	Dr. J.P. Woodhall	Macon, Georgia
2nd	Eldon R. Turner	Gainesville, Florida
3rd	Eugene Hollahan	Decatur, Georgia
4th	K.D. Chewning	Port Royal, South Carolina
5th	Starkey Flythe	Augusta, Georgia

Best Sonnet Judi Keifer Miles Long Branch, New Jersey

Selected poems from the winning ones were read to the members by Dr. Jerry Zeller. Our thanks to all the many members and friends who supported this contest.

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## Read&Respond ...

R. Martin Willett, of Sidney Lanier Productions, who spoke to our group last year advises that he is leading an effort to include Sidney Lanier in the Georgia Hall of Fame. If you support this endeavor, please write to:

Sen. Richard Greene  
Suite 517 Trust Co. Bank Bldg.  
Macon, Georgia 31201

to let him know you support this endeavor. OR clip this article and mail to Sen. Greene.

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**we're here to help ....** Members are reminded that bulk rate mail is not forwarded, NOR is it returned to sender. Thus if an address is not correct the Mailing Office has no way of knowing that someone did not receive his GSPS Newsletter.

NOTE: The copies of STROPHES will be mailed to you when received.

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**BOOK REVIEW.....** Two books were reviewed at the Oct'84 meeting of GSPS, Ethelene Dyer Jones new book THE SINGING IN THE WOOD was reviewed by Dorothy Worth, - and Betty Wallace's book THROUGH A TIME SIEVE was reviewed by Edward D. Vickers.

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**Reading .....** EDWARD DAVIN VICKERS, our founding president, will read at CALLANWOLDE on Monday, January 14, 1985, at 8:15 p.m. Callanwolde is located at 980 Briarcliff Road, NE.

SPECIAL

**Young at Heart ....** GSPS gives special recognition to member AMELIE deLAUNAY THOMPSON of Elberton, Georgia. She is a poet and in her 99th year. A very special POET!

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**Bulletin board .....** Youth Competition Chairman, Jerry Zeller, tells us notifications are in the mail - deadline is March 10, and winners will be announced at April 20th meeting. Call him if you want more info: home 934-1647 or office 451-0331 ext 216.

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## ACHIEVEMENTS

JEANNE OSBORNE SHAW: had her biography published in Who's Who in the South and Southwest, 1984-5 edition - had a poem in the Winter issue of Chattahoochee Review - and a Christmas poem with artwork in the Senior Tribune.

DONNA JONES: won two awards in the 1984 Kentucky State Poetry contest, first place for her sonnet "Marpessa to Apolla" and third place for her entry in the Teacher/Teaching category - her poem "Seasoned Love" appeared in the Sept '84 issue of The Writer and was discussed in The Poet's Workshop.

ED DAVIN VICKERS: NFSPC Third V-P was the featured speaker at the Fall meeting of the Alabama State Poetry Society - won a First and Second in national competitions in the Mid-South Poetry Consortium in Memphis, Tenn, and was named Georgia Representative to the Mid-South Poetry Consortium - served as contest judge for ASPS, Poetry Society of Tennessee, and the Boys Clubs of Atlanta - was the featured Georgia Writer and conducted a writing workshop for the Fannin County Comprehensive High School students. The second edition of his book, ECHO IN THE WOODS, was reviewed in the GLMD Media News Leader by Ethelene Jones and in The Village Writer, which also carried a feature article by Ed "Profile of a Lady: Ann E. Lewis."

CHARLES DICKSON: has poems in the October issue of Midwest Poetry Review, in the Autumn issue of Modern Haiku, in the October issue of Dragonfly, in POETS, Vol.1 '84, in Senryu, Vol 1, and in Haiku, Vol 1 - has poems in three anthologies published by POETS, in the 1984 anthology of the Poetry Society of Jacksonville, and in the anthology Roses in the Snow, -has poems accepted by Piedmont Literary Review, Virtual Image, Encore, Frogpond, Wind Chimes, Dragonfly, Modern Haiku, and The Red Pagoda for future issues, also one in The Reach of Song, 4 - received a Special Recognition, Traditional Award in the GSPS's fifth anniversary competition, and an Honorable Mention for humorous-verse from the Florida State Poet's Association.

ACHIEVEMENTS continued ---

MAREL BROWN: chaired for the fifth time the "Evening of Poetry" assemblage of poets from 11 countries and 7 states to read at the International Biographical Congress on Arts and Communication in Vancouver, B.C.

- won second place for her lecture "Process Your Poetry in a Blender" at the National League of American Pen Women meeting in Washington, D.C. This lecture had been given at the Christian Writers Conference at Blue Ridge Assembly, Black Mountain, N.C. where she conducted a One-Hour-A-Day Workshop.

- spoke at the Sept meeting of the Atlanta Pen Women's Club on "The Poetic Mood." - conducted a poetry workshop at the North-east Georgia Writers Conference at Brenau College in Gainesville, Ga.

- had an article "Suppose I Hadn't" published in The Lookout, a devotional published in the Upper Room, an article "The Atlanta Burns Cottage" in The Georgia Journal, and an article "Now I know Christopher Columbus was for real" in The Senior Tribune.

- funds the awards for the "Poetry Reading and Writing Program" for the 12 Metro-Atlanta Boys Clubs.

JAN CERNY: has two short stories published in the Trouvera Company Annual - ten poems, serious and humorous, accepted by Hieroglyphics. Jan's collection of poetry "The Lasting Rose" is for sale (\$6.50) and is being reviewed by various literary groups.

GEORGIA HENRY: has a book of poetry, her first, entitled "Mother is a Woman" (\$7.95) illustrated by Lynette Henry - note cards from the book are also available. "Mother is a Woman" was reviewed at the Nov meeting of the Atlanta Writers Club, and is being reviewed by other literary groups also.

BILL DAVENPORT: won 2nd prize in the National Contest sponsored by the Alabama State Poetry Society, and 2nd Honorable Mention in the contest by the Indiana State Poetry Society - has a poem selected for inclusion in the Mid-South Poetry Festival Collection, Memphis, Tenn. - his poem "Stevie" is again being used in the state-wide membership drive of the Georgia Council of Child Abuse.

DOROTHY WORTH: had an article published in the Oct/Nov issue of the Village Writer - presented a slide show on travel/photography/writing to the L/Enr Class at Oak Grove Church in Decatur - read her poetry to the Georgia State University Womens Club - won an Honorable Mention in the 1984 Poetry Contest of the Village Writers Group.



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## CBS SPRING POETRY AWARD

Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc., announces the CBS Spring Poetry Competition. Prize money has been provided by GSPS member Catherine B. Shealy of Atlanta, Georgia. The awards will be announced at the Society's Spring Quarterly Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, on Saturday, April 20, 1985.

- PRIZES:            First.....\$25.00  
                      Second.....\$10.00  
                      Honorable Mention.....\$ 5.00
- 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 & MOOD:     An Imagist Poem. Example:  
                      William Carlos Williams' "The Red Wheelbarrow".
- LINE LIMIT:      Twenty five (25) lines maximum.
- 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 each copy in the upper left 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 March 15, 1985.
- 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 an SASE.
- MAIL TO:          CBS SPRING POETRY AWARD  
                      Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.  
                      Catherine B. Shealy, Contest Chairman  
                      3187 Henderson Mill Road  
                      Chamblee, Georgia 30341



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## CHRISTINA WALSH HOLLAHAN POETRY AWARD

Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc., announces a poetry competition in honor of Christina Walsh Hollahan. The contest is sponsored by Eugene Hollahan, Associate Professor of English, Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia. The award will be announced at the Society's Spring Quarterly Meeting in Atlanta, Georgia, on Saturday, April 20, 1985.

- PRIZE:** A collection of new, hard-bound books of verse and/or related books (letters of poets; biographies of poets, etc.). The retail value will equal \$100.00 or more.
- 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:** Best "NATURE" poem.
- FORM AND MOOD:** Any.
- LINE LIMIT:** One hundred (100) lines maximum; 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 each copy in the upper left hand corner.
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Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.  
Catherine B. Shealy, Contest Chairman  
3187 Henderson Mill Road  
Chamblee, Georgia 30341
- 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) 938-9403.





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## DR. JAMES ROWLAND BURGESS AND MARTHA STALLINGS BURGESS POETRY AWARD

Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc., announces a poetry competition in honor of Dr. James Rowland Burgess and Martha Stallings Burgess, authors of **FLASHING EYES, TRILLIUMS, & TREES**, published in 1982. The contest is sponsored by Jo Ann Yeager Adkins of Atlanta, Georgia. The award will be announced at the Society's Spring Quarterly Meeting in Atlanta, on Saturday, April 20, 1985.

PRIZES:            First.....\$50.00  
                      Second..... 25.00  
                      Third..... 15.00  
                      Fourth..... 10.00

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:         Trees.

FORM AND MOOD: Any form and mood.

LINE LIMIT:     No limit.    No maximum, 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 left hand corner.

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                      3187 Henderson Mill Road  
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BOOK ORDER FORM

- \_\_\_\_\_ The Reach of Song, Book 4 (pub.date 1/85)
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Reach of Song, Book 3
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Reach of Song, Book 2
- \_\_\_\_\_ The Reach of Song, Book 1\*\*\*

\_\_\_\_\_ POEMS of Daniel Whitehead Hicky

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

PRICING (includes all mailing costs):

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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 1983-84 is entitled to one copy of **Book 4** free.

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