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NEWSLETTER

APRIL 1985

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NEXT GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY MEETING WILL BE:

DATE: Saturday April 20, 1985

PLACE: ATLANTA WOMAN'S CLUB
1150 Peachtree Street, N.E.

(Enter free parking lot behind the Atlanta Linen Co.
from Crescent Ave. - Left off 14th Street)

SCHEDULE:

9:00 A.M. Coffee and Registration

9:30 A.M. "OPEN READING" and BOOK SALE

(Bring own poems for Open Reading, and copies
of your books to sell at meeting - - Tables
will be provided)

10:30 A.M. Announcement of Youth Contest Winners by
Dr. Jerry Zeller, Contest Chairman

12:00 Noon LUNCH

12:45 P.M. G.S.P.S. Peripatetic Poet CALVIN ATWOOD
showcasing specially selected poems

1:00 P.M. Program "POETRY AND MUSIC"
Frances Statham and Bob and Willa Lowrance
will present a group of duets, combining
poetry with music.

1:45 P.M. Announcement of the Alice Howard Awards, the
Burgess Awards, the Hollahan Awards and the
CBS Awards by Catherine Shealy, Contest Chm.

RESERVATIONS: Call B.I. GARLAND (231- 4183)
deadline - Wednesday, April 17th
COST of LUNCH - \$ 7.50

Please do not send checks with reservations - pay at Registration
Any reservation made and not cancelled by Wed, April 17th

MUST BE PAID FOR

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OFFICERS:

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Dorothy Williamson Worth

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APPOINTIVE:

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Hospitality

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Dr. Jerry Zeller

Newsletter Editor
Virginia Cole Veal

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William L. Davenport

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Flora Eberhart

GSPS Contests Chairman
Catherine Shealy

1985 DANIEL WHITEHEAD HICKY
Contest Chairman
Ethelene Dyer Jones

NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE POETRY SOCIETIES, INC

Third Vice-President &
Publicity Chairman
Edward Davin Vickers

FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Poetry and spring seem to go together, and when music is mixed in, the result can be nothing short of magic. Such is the treat awaiting members at our April meeting, when Bob and Willa Lowrance join with Frances Statham to bring us a program of "Poetry and Music."

Another highlight of the next meeting will be the announcement of the Youth Contest winners.

Few happenings are more inspiring to us than this opportunity to hear tomorrow's poets speaking to us today.

I also look forward to hearing each of you at the "Open Reading", and to learning the names of the winners in our several competitions.

See you on the 20th!

Dorothy Worth

GSPS dates to remember ::::

APRIL 20th
JULY 13th



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VIRGINIA C. VEAL, EDITOR

2233 Drew Valley Road, N.E.

Atlanta, Georgia 30319

NOTES FROM THE JANUARY '85 MEETING:

During the course of EDWARD DAVIN VICKERS' presentation "Rime & Punishment" ---- a partners in crime workshop, he stressed the importance of organization of one's material and of discipline; that a workshop should inspire participants and encourage them to want to attend others, and to advance the art of poetry writing. His wide use of reference material, his natural wit and charm made this a most delightful as well as helpful workshop.

Two books were reviewed by DAVID OGLETREE: the two new books of member ROBERT S. LOWRANCE, entitled Dust Devils and ABCDeria ("ancient form of writing, using the letters of the alphabet in sequence"). David stated that any book a poet writes is a mirror of him/her self.

DAVID McCOWEN reviewed GEORGIA HENRY'S first book of poems Mother is a Woman, observing her use of balance -- stripped to essential detail, and her definition of the "silent shadows" and "natural noise" of the places within her poems.

BETTIE SELLERS announced the winners of "Editor's Choice" for The Reach of Song, Book 4: First place went to Connie Smith Watson; Special Recognitions to Catherine Shealy, Charles Dickson, James Warren, Melanie Rawls, Dorothy Williamson Worth, and Flora Eberhart.

Dorothy Williamson Worth will be the Editor of The Reach of Song, Book 5.

The "OPEN READING" was directed by popular BOB LOWRANCE. Those reading were: Calvin Atwood, Frances Barber, Lucille Bennett & B.I. Garland in a poetical 'duet', Marel Brown, Will Carter, Bill Davenport, Jo Dilbeck, Irma Dowis Edwards, Neil Fraser, Laurraine Goreau, Grace Hanson, Georgia Henry, Ethelene Dyer Jones, Betty Maine, Robin McCants, Dr. Frank McKemie, Pat Posey, Don Russ, Bettie Sellers, Jeanne Osborne Shaw, Harry Shaw, Ralph Stevens, Klea Stilwell, Ruth Tiller, Emily Vail, Connie Watson, and Dr. Jerry Zeller.

The featured speaker, DR. WALLACE M. ALSTON, President-Emeritus of Agnes Scott College discussed the poetry in the Bible. He gave insights into the recognition of the Hebrew form in 16 of the Books of the Old Testament - stating that 1/3 of the Old Testament is poetical in form, and described the use of the three types of Parallelism that characterizes the form. He quoted several well-known literary figures, among them Plato and Ruskin. Plato, he pointed out, considered poetry to be "divine madness" and left poets out of his Republic.

Winners of the LESLEY E. ROGERS AWARDS were announced by CATHERINE SHEALY, contest chairman: 1st place, June Owens; Honorable Mentions to James Wesley Stevens, Connie Green, and Eugene Hollahan.

The ANN E. LEWIS AWARDS were presented by BILL DAVENPORT to: 1st place, Will Carter; 2nd place, Neil Fraser; 3rd place, Ruth Tiller; Honorable Mentions to Connie Green, Charles Dickson, Mildred Barthel, Bettie Sellers, and Dr. J.P. Woodall.

Judge for both contests was DR. RICHARD GIBSON, of Mercer University Atlanta, Chairman of the English Department.

A copy of THE REACH OF SONG, BOOK 4 was given to DAVID McCOWEN as a door prize. President DOROTHY WORTH recognized VIRGINIA VEAL, new Editor of the Newsletter and expressed 'thank you' for the Hospitality "refreshments".

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ACHIEVEMENTS

MEMYE CURTIS TUCKER writes..... "My news didn't make it to the last newsletter and it's piling up!" ... She has read at several conferences: Toronto, March '84 the Popular Culture Assn.; Interface '84 October, "To Plausibility and Back"; and November '84 South Atlantic Modern Language Assn. (Comparative Lit Sect) ... October was Memye's 14th season of writing and directing puppet plays at the Cobb County Youth Museum. Her plays, in a theatre built for them, have been seen by over 200,000 students... She had poems in the summer '84 Southern Humanities Review and Concerning Poetry; summer '84 and winter '85 issues of Poets On; Fall '84 Southern Poetry Review. ... this quarter she is Visiting Asst. Prof. of English at Agnes Scott College teaching two levels of poetry writing.... she is serving as judge for the Atlanta Writing Resource Center Competition, and the Cobb County Fair.

A call from MARY ANN COLEMAN of Athens brings the exciting news of her poem "My German Aunt" being reviewed in the hometown newspaper of the editor of POETS ON, Ruth Daigon, as "outstanding" - the newspaper: The Chronicle, Williamantic, Conn...the poem appeared in the fall '84 issue Poets On: Regrets her poem "Departure: There's Still Somebody Here" was in the fall '84 Chattahoochee Review ... her biography has been accepted for publication in PERSONALITIES OF THE SOUTH, THE INTERNATIONAL AUTHORS, and WRITERS WHO'S WHO.

LUCILLE C. BENNETT ... had an article published in the Nov/Dec '84 IT'S ME MAGAZINE and one accepted for the Sept/ Oct '85 issue.

JEANNE OSBORNE SHAW ... poem accepted for a special issue of the Dekalb Literary Arts Journal celebrating the 20th anniversary of the founding of Dekalb Community College ... won 3rd place in Serious Poetry, winter contest of the Atlanta Writers Club ... had two poems in the Atlanta First Baptist Church Bulletin ... one in the Druid Hills Baptist Church Yearbook read her poems to several church groups ... won 1st place in the Captain Frank Spencer Memorial Contest for the poem "Feeding Sea Gulls from the Balcony."

CHARLES B. DICKSON ... sends "highlights of my writing since last newsletter..." poems accepted by the Piedmont Lit Review, Inkling Lit Journal, Parnassus, the Galaxy of Verse, Punclips; a mag of poetic humor, the Geppo Haiku Journal, Wind Chimes, Modern Haiku, Daybreak (a Canadian Mag), the Red Pagoda, a special issue of the Red Pagoda, and Frogpond in two anthologies Moments in Haiku and Senry, vol II, and Poet's '85 received Honorable Mention in "Blossoms" contest of the POET'S STUDY CLUB of Terre Haute 3rd place in Humorous award category Spr/Sum issue of Galaxy of Verse Honorable Mention in the Ann E. Lewis Award of GSPS.

ETHELENE DYER JONES ... received 1st HM for sonnet "Time's Mirror" Jan '85 issue of Midwest Poetry Review ... HM for her poem in Spring '85 Dekalb Literary Arts Journal.. won 2nd HM for poem in Poets and Peace International Anthology.... her book SINGING IN THE WOOD reviewed by Tom Tilford in Jan Midwest Poetry Review ... read her poems to the Nacoochee Valley Women's Club ... had poem in Mar '85 Royal Service ... she conducted a workshop at Fannin High School ... has poems accepted by International Poetry Forum, Hieroglyphics Press, The New Poets, Yes, and Lurical Press.

ROBERT S. LOWRANCE ... was elected a Fellow of the International Academy of Poets.

DOROTHY WILLIAMSON WORTH ... poem published in winter issue of California Quarterly ... two poems and a short story in winter the Dekalb Literary Arts Journal... she conducted a workshop on romantic poetry for the ATLANTA WRITERS CLUB in Feb won 1st place for Light Verse, 2nd place for Juvenile Story in the Dec AWC contest .. won Honorable Mention for Light Verse in the KENTUCKY STATE POETRY SOCIETY's '84 National Competitions.



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BYRON HERBERT REECE MEMORIAL POETRY AWARD

Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc., announces a poetry competition in memory of Byron Herbert Reece (1917-1958), Georgia poet and novelist, author of The Ballad of the Bones and Other Poems (1946), Bow Down in Jericho (1950), A Song of Joy (1952), The Season of Flesh (1955), Better a Dinner of Herbs (1950), and The Hawk and the Sun (1955). The contest is sponsored by Rev. and Mrs. Grover D. Jones, Epworth, Georgia. The award will be announced at the Society's Fall Quarterly Meeting in Atlanta on Saturday, October 19, 1985.

- PRIZES: First \$30.00
 Second 15.00
 Third 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.
- FORM AND MOOD: Traditional forms (lyrical ballad, lyric, sonnet, akin to
 Reece's style) Mood: pastoral themes, introspective,
 comment on life, death, nature.
- LINE LIMIT: No limit.
- MANUSCRIPTS: POEMS SUBMITTED MUST BE ORIGINAL AND UNPUBLISHED. Poems
 should be typed on one side of 8½ x 11 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.
- 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
 the poem submitted since positively no manuscript will be
 returned.
- DEADLINE: Entries must be received by August 19, 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: BYRON HERBERT REECE POETRY AWARD
 Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.
 Catherine B. Shealy, Contest Chairman
 3187 Henderson Mill Road
 Chamblee, Georgia 30341



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1985 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 19 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 of each poem**.

RECEIPT: Receipt of entries will be acknowledged only if entries are accompanied by a self-addressed, stamped envelope or postcard.

JUDGES: Judges will not be affiliated with this contest. Decisions will be final.

NOTIFICATION: Winners will be notified prior to the October 19 meeting. All entrants will be mailed a list of winners along with a copy of **POEMS of Daniel Whitehead Hicky** (*As an alternative, entrants may request, at the time of entry, a copy of **The Reach of Song, Book 1**.) Please allow 6 weeks.

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 6**, (publication date: Fall, 1986). Following such publication, rights shall revert to the poet. Keep copies of poems submitted; **do not send SASE** for return of poems; non-winning poems will be destroyed.

DEADLINE: Entries **MUST BE RECEIVED by August 19, 1985**.

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

MAIL TO: 1985 DWH Contest Director
Ethelene Dyer Jones
Post Office Box 120
Epworth, Georgia 30541



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MARGARET COLE AND A. J. LEDFORD POETRY AWARD

Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc., announces a memorial poetry competition in honor of A. J. and Margaret Cole Ledford. The contest is sponsored by Virginia Cole Veal, Atlanta, Georgia. The winners will be announced at the Society's Summer Quarterly Meeting in Atlanta on Saturday, July 13, 1985.

PRIZES: **FIRST \$35.00**
 SECOND. \$15.00

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all. Poems submitted must be **original and unpublished.**

SUBJECT: **Children** (poems about children; not for children).

FORM: Any.

LINE LIMIT: 25 lines per poem.

FEES: Georgia State Poetry Society members may enter one poem free. An entry fee of two dollars (**\$2.00**) per poem is required of non-members and for additional poems of members. There is **no limit** to the number of entries. Make (**one**) check payable to: **Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.**

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

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**, (publication date: Fall, 1985). Following such publication, rights shall revert to the poet. Keep copies of poems submitted; **do not send SASE** for return of poems; non-winning poems will be destroyed.

DEADLINE: Entries **MUST BE RECEIVED** by **June 1, 1985.**

INQUIRIES: Inquiries 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: LEDFORD POETRY AWARD
Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.
Contest Chair Catherine B. Shealy
3187 Henderson Mill Road
Chamblee, Georgia 30341

DONORS: If you wish to sponsor a contest for a particular form, subject or category, please contact GSPS at the above address or telephone (404) 938-9403.



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Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc., announces three poetry competitions. Winners will be announced at the Summer Quarterly Meeting in Atlanta on Saturday, July 13, 1985.

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY POETRY AWARD — Traditional Form

SIXTH ANNIVERSARY POETRY AWARD — Contemporary Form

PRIZES (in each):	FIRST	\$25.00
	SECOND.	\$15.00
	THIRD.	\$10.00

EDWARD DAVIN VICKERS POETRY AWARD — Any Form

ONE PRIZE (sponsored by Major General and Mrs. Edmund C. Lynch). . . \$25.00

ELIGIBILITY: * Open only to GSPS Members. One poem in each competition.

SUBJECT: Any. **FORM:** As shown above.

LINE LIMIT: 40 lines per poem. **FEES:** None.

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

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DEADLINE: Entries **MUST BE RECEIVED by June 1, 1985.**

INQUIRIES: Inquiries 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: Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.
Contest Chair Catherine B. Shealy
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"POETRY & MUSIC"

Program.

APRIL 20th

FRANCES STATHAM ... one of Georgia's best-selling authors is returning from Winthrop College where she concluded a tour promoting her latest book ON WINGS OF FIRE ... she is a talented artist and musician with a Masters degree from UGA ... she is the President of Georgia Pen Women ... and will be singing in Budapest, Hungary this summer with Bob and Willa Lowrance, at the International Biographical Centre

ONE WAY TO SERVE

..... Edward D. Vickers, Nominating Committee Chairman reports the following members elected to office - 1985/86 term:

President -	Dr. Jerry Zeller
Vice-President -	Ethelene Dyer Jones
Secretary -	Georgia Henry
Treasurer -	Virginia C. Veal

Workshops

..... INFORMATION

DIXIE COUNCIL OF JOURNALISTS & AUTHORS workshop at Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia on June 16 - 22 '85 ... call or write to Jo Ann Adkins for info and application blank 404/ 939-1924

SANDHILLS WRITER'S WORKSHOP & WRITING CONFERENCE at Augusta College Campus 2500 Walton Way, Augusta, Georgia 30910 on May 9,10,11 '85 ... write or call 404/737-1636 for brochure

SOUTHEASTERN WRITERS CONFERENCE at Epworth-by-the-Sea, St. Simons Island, Georgia on July 14 - 20 '85 for more info call Nancy Knight 404/288-2064

For info on The OBSERVER & RONALD DUNCAN FOUNDATION, International Poetry Competition '85 send # 10 SASE to Faber & Faber, Inc.
39 Thompson St.
Winchester, Ma. 01890

deadline is May 15th, and entry fee is \$ 5.00 per poem - this competition is for behalf of the ARVON Foundation of England, and prizes will be announced at Sotheby's in London in Sept.

Welcome

.....to these new members. Please add their names to your GSPS Directory '85

Kathy Lee Adams - 4337 Lake Laurel - Smyrna, Georgia 30080
Dr. William Charles Conner - P.O. Box 94 - Grayson, Georgia 30221
Nellie Duke - 1620 Four Notch Road - Carrollton, Georgia 30117
Eleanor W. Ernst - 10 Portola Ave - Monterey, California 93930
Sara D. Fryer - P.O. Box #2 - Bronwood, Georgia 31726
Barbara Harper - 3293 Merrit Drive - Gainesville, Georgia 30501
Eugenia F. Harper - 3325 Tanglewood Drive - Augusta, Georgia 30907
Dorothy Hutcheson - 3551 Mill Creek Road N.E. - Atlanta, Georgia 30319
Kathleen D. Pederzani - 2724 Harvest Drive - Conyers, Georgia 30208
Helen Tabaka - P.O. Box 11570 - Atlanta, Georgia 30355
Carol Nancy Teal - 4710 Brock Road - Rt. 2 Box 992 - Fairburn, Georgia 30213
Lyman Tinkus - Rt. 2 Box 4 - Palmetto, Georgia 30288
Anne O'Connor - P.O. Box 14 - Sparks, Georgia 31647

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