



# Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.

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## SUMMER 1985 NEWSLETTER

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### SIXTH ANNIVERSARY MEETING

Saturday, July 13, 1985

Historic Porterdale Village Inn — the old Porterdale Hotel, known for its rustic atmosphere, was built in 1914, in Porterdale, Georgia, home of Bibb Mills.

- 9:30 a.m.    Registration — coffee and homemade pastries.
- 10:05 a.m.    Welcome followed by Open Reading — bring poems.
- 11:15 a.m.    Book Review — Georgia Poet Laureate Dr. John Ransom Lewis, Jr., will review **The Baker's Dozen You Asked For**, Contemporary Poetry Workshop Notebook...No.1, by GSPS member Dr. Gordden Link of Riverton, Virginia.
- 12:00 noon    Buffet — the Village Inn's famous home style cooking.
- 12:45 p.m.    **SCROD I**, a recently published collection of poetry by six members of Alabama State Poetry Society: ASPS founding president Richard G. Beyer, Alabama Poet Laureate Carl P. Morton, Alabama Poets Sue Scalf of Prattville and Riley Nicholas Kelly of Excel, Mississippi Poet Ann Carolyn Cates of Southaven, and the late Marjorie Lees Linn of Birmingham — the SCRODS.
- 1:30 p.m.    Announcement of winners — Chairman Catherine Shealy  
— MARGARET COLE AND A. J. LEDFORD AWARDS  
— EDWARD DAVIN VICKERS AWARD  
— SIXTH ANNIVERSARY AWARDS

Cost:    \$6.50 payable at the door — For reservations, on a postcard, send your name(s) and number of persons in your party to:  
Marvin and Betty Argo  
THE VILLAGE INN  
Post Office Box 624  
Porterdale, Georgia 30270  
or call:    (404) 787-2783

Directions:    On I-20 east of Atlanta, take Porterdale (Almon Road) Exit 44; turn south and go about 4 miles to deadend; turn left on Highway 81 to Porterdale; go through town to Village Inn which is on the right (22 North Broad).

Bring a guest; win a door prize!

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## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS:

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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE POETRY  
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## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Dear Members,

As my two-year tenure as President of the Georgia State Poetry Society draws to a close, I want to express my thanks to each of you, individually, for the cooperation and assistance you have provided during this time. I have come to know many of you more closely, and to appreciate the dedication and inspiration you give to our organization. Keep up the good work! I know Jerry Zeller will welcome your aid and advice.

I especially want to express my deep appreciation to the officers and members of the Executive Board. Each of these has given unstintingly of his/her time and energy during the past two years.

THANK YOU! for the privilege of serving you. I know you will continue to make GSPS a focal point for all who write and appreciate poetry.

Sincerely,

Dorothy Worth

*Remember:  
July 13<sup>th</sup> 9:30 AM  
make reservations early*

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## NOTES from the APRIL 20th '85 MEETING

President, DOROTHY WORTH, opened the meeting with an interesting review of the new book of poems written by ROBIN McCANT entitled ROBIN. She brought out that the poet has distilled her impressions/memories of a lifetime, using the right words at the right time, a lot of fine humor, and that she has a way of using images magnificently.

The OPEN READING was led by BOB LOWRANCE reading one of his poems in his delightful way - followed by members reading theirs. Those reading were: Frances Barber, Lucile Bennett, Brenda Darsey, Irma Smith Dowis-Edwards, B.I. Garland, Georgia Henry, Pamela Loud, Elizabeth Murray, Marjorie Ohrtman, Bettie Sellars, Klea Stillwell, Denver Stull, Ruth Tiller, Emily Vail, Ed Vickers, Frank McKemie, Cheryle Maddox, Della Cook, Alice B. Howard, Jerry Zeller, and Dorothy Worth.

JERRY ZELLER, Youth Competition Chairman, read a letter from MAREL BROWN, sponsor of the competition, to the children. Jerry announced that the winners were selected from 720 entries. The winners were:

Elementary Competition (1-4): 1st place, David Bryant "The Circus Act"  
2nd place, Lee Ford "Monsters" 3rd, Justin Schmidt "Volcano"  
Special Recognition: Stephanie Byrd, John Jackson, Margaret Jenkins,  
Colby Jones, Sabrina Kent, April Layden, and Tiffany Stickles.

Middle School (5-8): 1st place, Lorelei Odom "The Pink Swan"  
2nd, Melissa Coleman "Daisies" 3rd, Becky Morris "Barefoot Days"  
Special Recognition: Tracy Barnwell, Kim Babb, Kyng Kim,  
Stuart Mager, John Barnes, David Perry, and Mark Watson.

High School (9-12): 1st place, Jason Friebe "The Gun (?)"  
2nd, Deborah Fox "Something More" 3rd, James R. Coleman "Peace"  
Special Recognition: Sandy Bagley, Mark Litherland, Melissa Martin,  
Marny Hope Murovitz, Claudia Amanda Pecor, Kristen Marta Priebe,  
and Scott Shepherd.

Four poems were read by GSPS member, CALVIN ATWOOD, the Peripatetic Poet, depicting the Aristotelian Philosophy: "Our Grand Time Here Will Be Brief" and "How It Is" by MAXINE KUMIN, "And God Said: Watch It" by VIVIAN SMALLWOOD, and "No Mask For Hyannis" by EDSSEL FORD.

A program of POETRY AND MUSIC was presented by FRANCES PATTON STATHAM and ROBERT S. LOWRANCE with WILLA LOWRANCE at the piano. The mini-concert included a song by Byron Herbert Reece, a song written by Bob, and a number of hits from Broadway Musicals.

The 1985/86 Officers were presented:

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

The GSPS Contest Chairman CATHERINE SHEALY announced the winners of the four GSPS SPRING CONTESTS and gave a short biography of each judge:

Judging the Christina Walsh Hollahan Contest was Dr. Karen Moore Thomson, Associate Professor of English and Acting Chairman of the English Department at Kennesaw College.

Judging the CBS SPRING CONTEST was Dr. Esta Seaton, English Department at Georgia Tech.

Dr. Linda Taylor, Chairperson of the Humanities Department at Oglethorpe University judged the Alice B. Howard Contest.

The Burgess Contest was judged by Dr Janice Lee Liddell of CLARK College.

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## ANNOUNCEMENT OF AWARDS - 1985 SPRING CONTESTS

### +++++ CHRISTINA WALSH HOLLAHAN AWARD +++++

Poem: THE LIGHT RAIN FELL BEFORE MORNING

Poet: VIRGINIA COLE VEAL  
2233 Drew Valley Rd, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30319

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### +++++ CBS SPRING AWARDS +++++

#### First Prize

Poem: PERIWINKLE  
Poet: JUNE OWENS  
Rt.1, Box 130  
Blackstock, S.C.

#### Second Prize

Poem: SADDLED  
Poet: GEORGIA T. HENRY  
855-D Greenwood Avenue  
Atlanta, Georgia 30306

#### Third Prize

Poem: AN ODD AFFAIR  
Poet: BETTIE SELLARS  
Box 274  
Young Harris, Ga.

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### +++++ ALICE B. HOWARD AWARD +++++

#### First Prize

Poem: ABSOLUTION  
Poet: MICHELLE BERNHART  
P.O. Box Emory U.  
Atlanta, Ga. 30322

#### Second Prize

Poem: HORNETS' NEST ON A CATHEDRAL  
Poet: JEANNE OSBORNE SHAW  
809 Pinetree Drive  
Decatur, Ga. 30030

#### Third Prize

Poem: RECITING MANTRAS  
Poet: JUNE OWENS  
Rt. 1 Box 130  
Blackstock, S.C.

#### Fourth Prize

Poem: A SOUTHERNER REPLIES  
Poet: EUGENE HOLLAHAN  
2443 Harrington Drive  
Decatur, Ga. 30030

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### +++++ BURGESS POETRY AWARD +++++

#### First Prize

Poem: JAPANESE MAGNOLIAS  
Poet: FRANK M. MCKENNY  
Rt. 13  
Macon, Ga 31206

#### Second Prize

Poem: IN THE WAKE OF THE WHIRLWIND  
Poet: JUNE OWENS  
Rt. 1 Box 130  
Blackstock, S.C. 29014

#### Third Prize

Poem: WAKING IN GEORGIA  
Poet: EUGENE HOLLAHAN  
2443 Harrington Drive  
Decatur, Ga. 30030

#### Fourth Prize

Poem: THE BIRCH BALLET  
Poet: LUCILE C. BENNETT  
329 West Ave., N.W.  
Gainesville, Ga. 30501

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AN ORCHID AND A BOW TO CATHERINE SHERALY GSPS CONTEST CHAIRMAN !! and many thanks, too.

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GSPS ACHIEVEMENTS

... AND SOME MORE ...

LAURRAINE GOREAU ... poems accepted by Bitterroot, International Magazine of Poetry, and Poetry for Peace Int'l; and a haiku accepted by the Red Pagoda.

New member (as of May '85) DOVER HADDOCK has had three poems accepted and published by Family Happiness, a weekly TV Guide. Dover is from Blue Ridge, Georgia.

IRMA SMITH DOWIS-EDWARDS ... received 4 awards in the national competition sponsored by the Special Missions Ministries of the Southern Baptist Convention, to be published by the Home Mission Board in October ... her entire collection, titled POTPOURRI II will be used as a resource for mission activities ... three of her poems were published in the Stockbridge Baptist Church bulletin ... another in the Henry County Herald ... she has been featured in The Herald and The Henry County Neighbor.

CHARLES B. DICKSON ... poems accepted by Prophetic Voices, The Country Poet, Inkstone, Virtual Image, Channels, Quickenings, Wind Chimes, and Jean's Journal ... Two haiku accepted for the '85 anthology Yuki TeikeiHaiku Society of USA and Canada ... won honorable mention in the Space Contest of the Poet's Study Club, Terre Haute ... won 1st honorable mention in the Red Pagoda's Winter Contest ... will be published in June issue of the Red Pagoda.

DENVER STULL ... Editor and Publisher of Parnassus Literary Journal was guest speaker at the Pen & Pica in April '85.

EDWARD DAVIN VICKERS ... read his poetry at Callanwolde with Larry Rubin in January, and at Arnold's Archives with Georgia Henry in February ... Judged poetry competitions for the Georgia Department of Rehabilitation Creative Writing Program, Atlanta Public Schools Language Arts Festival, and Dixie Council of Authors and Journalists, Inc. ... had two poems published in the Winter issue of Country Poet ... one in the 20th anniversary edition of dekalb literary arts journal ... won 1st place in the Byron Herbert Reece contest, a 1st place tie in the Osborne contest, and an honorable mention in the Les Rogers contest in the Spring contests of the Atlanta Writer Club.

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A collection of sonnets written by GSPS member, GOLDA WALKER, originator of the Poster Sonnet, has just been released by Leib-Schott Publishers, Inc. Golda is from Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The title of her book RIDING WITH THE WIND.

**SPECIAL**

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FROM JERRY ZELLER - President-Elect:

Please call me if you have a special vision of how you would like to help.... The many functions of GSPS (hosting, mailing, editing phoning, etc., ) open the door for individuals and groups to do meaningful things for the good of all. Home # 934-1647 Office # 451-0331 ext 216 I like to hear from you!

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**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Bulk Mail is not forwarded by the post office NOR is it returned to us here at GSPS - 500000, if your address is not correct we have NO WAY of knowing that you are not getting your NEWSLETTER, or BOOK or whatever. KEEP US AND THE POST OFFICE INFORMED.

**ANOTHER NOTE:** STROPHES is now being mailed to you when received

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**REMEMBER:** The deadline for submission to the Fall Contests - Hicky - Brooks - Reece - is August 19th. Have you written yours? Mailed it?

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SEE YOU ALL IN PORTERDALE ON JULY 13th

MAKE YOUR RESERVATION EARLY - BRING A GUEST

# NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE POETRY SOCIETIES, INC.

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PARLIAMENTARIAN

Dear State President,

We need 218 Co-Sponsors in the House of Representatives before Congressman Beryl Anthony (AR) can introduce a bill on the floor proclaiming October 15, 1985 as National Poetry Day.

Senator Dale Bumpers (AR) and Senator Baker (CA) are "standing in the wings" and can quickly get OUR bill through the Senate IF we can get it through the House.

Will you select at least one responsible person from each of your state's congressional districts and ask him/her to mail a postcard to his/her own congressman at: House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515? The card may say, "Please contact Beryl Anthony (AR) by phone or in person and tell him you will Co-Sponsor a bill proclaiming October 15, 1985 as National Poetry Day."

If your state can afford it, send postcards already written, addressed and stamped ready for his/her signature.

Only with intense dedication from all states can we accomplish this goal in 1985.

Will you please help? If you are in the Washington area, you might be willing to do some lobbying for this worthy cause. We appreciate whatever you can accomplish to help National Poetry Day receive proper recognition. Thank you.

Sincerely,

*Verna Lee Hinegardner*  
Verna Lee Hinegardner  
Liaison Chairman

cc: National Officers  
Congressman Beryl Anthony  
Senator Dale Bumpers  
Dr. Lily Peter, Poet Laureate of Arkansas

P.S. If your congressman says he/she will support the bill WHEN IT GETS ON THE FLOOR, write again. It cannot get on the floor until we have 218 Co-Sponsors.

# About Melissa and Melissa's needs

## EARLY FROST

Melissa, tomorrow will not  
bring you the rocks sought  
yesterday in your walk -

The narcissus spring  
promised with your  
blithesome body bend -

Nor the touch of the lake  
by leap-frog jumps  
to land's end

Your yesterdays' uplifted  
chin and flowing hair  
following graceful haste

Is shackled in a chair  
of steel and a  
finite puzzled face;

But the you in you  
remains, your spirit  
undaunted, unmaimed

As the seagull with fractured  
limb refusing not to fly as  
she soars into the limitless sky.

by Georgia T. Henry  
from MOTHER IS A WOMAN

If you prefer you may send your check  
directly to Georgia Henry at her home  
address - make check payable to  
GEORGIA HENRY FOR MELISSA MARIE HENRY,  
A MINOR (Account # 36006381)

Georgia T. Henry  
855-D Greenwood Ave.  
Atlanta, Ga. 30306

For those of you who have met  
MELISSA through the pages of  
Georgia Henry's book of poems  
MOTHER IS A WOMAN

know that you have an opport-  
unity to contribute to  
MELISSA's chance to walk again

Send your contribution to:

FIRST ATLANTA  
P.O. BOX 101344  
ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30392

Attention: MAIL TELLER

Make checks payable to:  
GEORGIA T. HENRY FOR MELISSA  
MARIE HENRY, A MINOR  
(ACCOUNT # 36006381)

Melissa, the victim of an  
intoxicated, uninsured driver,  
was seven and a half at the time.  
There is a possibility that she  
may walk again if the operation  
proves to be successful.

We pray that it is.



Melissa - now 9 1/2 years old.

VICKERS, EDWARD DAVIN  
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