



# Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.

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FALL, 1985

## NEWSLETTER

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### GSPS FALL MEETING

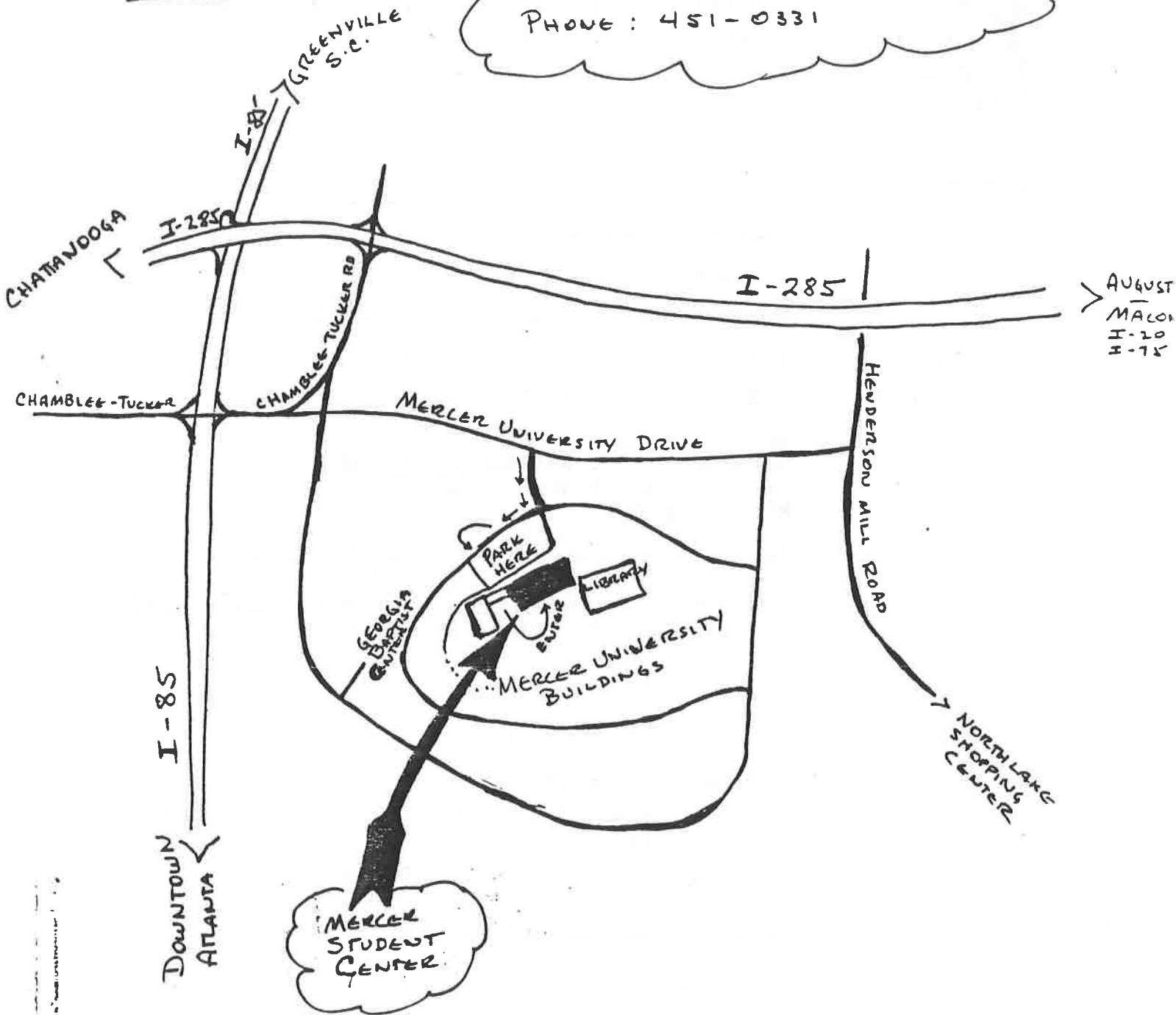
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 12th, 1985

MERCER UNIVERSITY IN ATLANTA - STUDENT CENTER

- 8:30 a.m.    Registration - Coffee and Pastries
- 9:00 a.m.    OPEN READING - (Bring a poem)
- 10:00 a.m.    Byron Herbert Reece Poetry Competition Awards  
                  presented by LT. GOVERNOR ZELL MILLER with  
                  remarks by the Lt. Governor and  
                  MR. JAMES MATHIS
- 10:45 a.m.    Reece Slide Presentation - ETHELENE DYER JONES
- 11:00 a.m.    Committal of the HAROLD and DORIS RANDOM MEMORIAL LIBRARY  
                  to the SPECIAL COLLECTION of the MONROE F. SWILLEY, JR.  
                  LIBRARY at Mercer University in Atlanta  
                  Library visit
- 12:00 noon    LUNCH -- at the Student Center
- 12:45 p.m.    New Members presented - BETTY M. GORE  
                  DANIEL WHITEHEAD HICKY POETRY AWARDS winners announced  
                  by Ethelene Dyer Jones, DWH Contest Chairman  
                  GWENDOLYN BROOKS POETRY COMPETITION AWARDS announced by  
                  Catherine Shealy, GSPS Contest Chairman  
                  Welcome and announcements - President DR JEROME ZELLER
- 1:00 p.m.    BYRON HERBERT REECE - Reading by DAVID OGLETREE
- COST:         \$ 6.50 - pay at door
- RESERVATIONS: Call telephone # 934-1647 - leave name and number  
                  of persons attending on answering machine
- DEADLINE:    THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10th
- DIRECTIONS:    See attached map - or call Jerry
- FUTURE MEETING DATES:    January 18 '86,    April 19 '86,    August 16 '86

LOCATION GUIDE

STUDENT CENTER  
MERCER UNIVERSITY IN ATLANTA  
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ON OR BEFORE  
THURSDAY OCT. 10

GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY

FALL MEETING  
OCTOBER 12, 1985  
8:30 COFFEE (TO 10:00)  
12:00 LUNCH

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## GSPS ACHIEVEMENTS

"THIS IS YOUR LIFE, ROBIN McCANTS" ..... POET and Charter Member Robin McCants, was honored by Embury Hills Methodist Church with a "This is Your Life" program which featured her life and her new book of poems entitled ROBIN. Robin, a resident of Atlanta for over twenty years, was born in Lexington, Kentucky, and taught school in that state for most of her life. Among the many accomplishments mentioned were her Science-Fiction short stories, drama and play-writing, the reading of her own poetry to various literary groups, her portrait painting, and the writing she is currently doing in Nelwyn Huff Dill's Creative Writing Group. Her charmingly written book ROBIN has been reviewed by several Atlanta literary groups recently.

THE ROAD IS LONG ..... and life as a professional poet has its ups and downs, so comments WILL CARTER in a South Fulton Neighbor article. "It's my life," he says as he describes some of his writing experiences. His poem won first place in the Anne E. Lewis Contest sponsored by GSPS, and he has a poem accepted for the first issue of the new Atlanta magazine - THE COTTON BOLL, an Atlanta review. Will gives credit to GSPS recognition for having strengthened his confidence in his ability to write and to continue his work as a professional poet and fiction writer.

KINGFEST '85 ..... GSPS member and poet, HERBERT DENMARK, was one of the performers at the festival at the KING CENTER on Auburn Avenue this summer ..... introductions were by Michael Gamble of WAOK-AM.

NEIL FRASER ..... has a poem in the summer edition of the PIEDMONT LITERARY REVIEW Author BRENDA DARSEY, who uses the pen name - REBEKAH STION - was in the spotlight this summer when she was featured as Standard Publishing's "SPOTLIGHT AUTHOR" at the national convention in Dallas, Texas.....author of the SAM series of children's books, she plans to bring "SAM, A SPECIAL PUPPY" and SAM - a toy likeness, to the GSPS meeting in October. LOOK FOR THEM!

CATHERINE SHEALY ..... GSPS CONTEST CHAIRMAN, and a Medical Technologist, gives her summers to the serving of mankind by way of Rural Clinics and/or Indian Hospitals..... has a poem and her portrait in the Fall issue of VOLUNTEERS - NEWSPOSTER of the VSO, Lutheran World Ministries.

CHARLES DICKSON ..... poems accepted by The Lyric, Alura Poetry Quarterly, Orphic Lute, The Archer, Proof Rock, Jean's Journal, The Country Poet, Parnassus Literary Review, Piedmont Literary Review, Wind Chimes, Frogpond, Dragonfly, The Red Pagoda, Modern Haiku, and Haiku Journal ..... won prizes from the Poet's Study Club of Terre Haute, Poets at Work, Atlanta Writers Club, Southeastern Writers Association, and an HM from GSPS.

JEANNE OSBORNE SHAW ..... won second place for poems in the Presidents Award and the Poet Laureate's Award in the Atlanta Writers Club ... had two poems in bulletins of Atlanta First Baptist Church .... won 6th HM in the Music Award of NFSPS .... read poems at the Sunday Forum of AWC.....

ED VICKERS received ..... an Honorable Mention in the MIRRORS/WINDOWS contest sponsored by POETS' ROUNDTABLE, Terre Haute, Indiana ..... and had poems accepted for publication by Wake-Brook House and by the Wyndham Hall Press for an Ezra Pound Anthology.

→ Congratulations to GSPS members who placed in NFSPS 1985 National Contest!

Harriet Kelley: #1 - First (\$1000.00)  
Flora Eberhart: #30 - First  
Esther Leiper: #8 - First, #12 - 10th, #17 - 7th, #25 - First, #29 - 7th  
June Owens: #10 - 2nd, #28 - 6th, #45 - 8th, #48 - First  
Jeanne Shaw: #9 - 9th  
Dorothy Worth: #17 - 5th, #43 - 5th

See August, 1985, STROPHES. If we missed anyone, please let us know.

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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE  
POETRY SOCIETIES, INC

2nd Vice-President .....

EDWARD DAVIN VICKERS

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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DEAR FRIENDS,

Our new year begins with a special observance of National Poetry Day (October 15th). At our October 12 meeting, we will dedicate the meeting and its program to Georgia poet BYRON HERBERT REECE and we will formally place our GSPS library in the special collections room of the Monroe F. Swilley, Jr. Library of Mercer University in Atlanta.

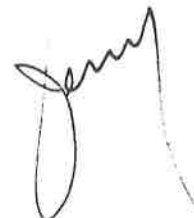
It has been encouraging to hear from so many of you who wish to take some helping part in GSPS. If I miss the opportunity of matching your interests with a task (it's bound to happen! ), please let me know so that we can work on it.

You will enjoy the October 12th meeting at the Mercer University in Atlanta Student Center. Bring a new member! We plan to videotape the readings and program, so make a special effort to be present.

Finally, our Lt. Governor, The Honorable Zell Miller, and other special guests will make our meeting a memorable one. I hope you will bring your usual warmth and enthusiasm to this meeting to greet one another and welcome our guests.

Best wishes to each of you,

Jerry Zeller





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VIRGINIA C. VEAL, EDITOR

2233 Drew Valley Road, N.E.

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## HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SUMMER MEETING IN PORTERDALE:

We were met and warmly welcomed with steaming hot coffee, assorted pastries, and sausage biscuits by MARVIN and BETTY ARGO of the VILLAGE INN in Porterdale on July 13th. The picturesque old Inn, located in the mill town of Porterdale, was a uniquely different setting for our regular Poetry Society meeting, and one that was thoroughly enjoyed by all. At noon the Argos served a delightful country-style buffet.

B.I. GARLAND conducted the OPEN READINGS by Robin McCants, Betty Maine, Lucille Bennett, Jo Dilbeck, B.I. Garland, Debbie Kalman, Neil Frases, Dorothy Worth, Emily Vail, Frances Barber, Jo Ann Adkins, Thelma Hall, Stan Harrington, Frank McKemie, Virginia Veal, Edward Davin Vickers, and Alice Howard.

The GSPS President Dorothy Worth introduced Dr WILLIAM EVANS, author of THE MAYAAD, and said that his book (and others) were on display and for sale at special tables.

JERRY STRUBE, President of the Village Writers Group, was introduced. He invited GSPS members to their meetings - second Tuesday of each month at the Maude M. Burrus Library in Decatur. Call Jerry at 320-6009 for further info.

The Poet Laureate of Georgia, Dr. John Ramsome Lewis, reviewed the new book by DR. GORDDEN S. LINK of Riverton, Virginia, and a member of GSPS. Dr. Link's book THE BAKER'S DOZEN YOU ASKED FOR was on display. Among Dr. Lewis' remarks: "joy to read" "a book of great wit and charm" "one with some of the best poetry I have ever read" and "one we will all want to read."

After the delicious buffet lunch, the featured guest speakers were introduced by ED VICKERS. They were ANN CAROLYN CATES, past president of the Poetry Society of Tennessee and Co-Director of the Mid-South Poetry Festival, and CARL MORTON, Poet Laureate of Alabama and past president of the NATIONAL FEDERATION OF STATE POETRY SOCIETIES. They read from and discussed SCROD I, a recently published volume of poetry which they co-authored with four other Alabama poets.

VIRGINIA VEAL presented the MARGARET COLE and A.J. LEDFORD POETRY AWARDS to:

JEANNE OSBORNE SHAW, EDWARD DAVIN VICKERS, CATHERINE SHEALY - Special Awards  
THELMA HALL - Special Recognition  
CHARLES B. DICKSON, MARIE OVREVIK - Honorable Mention

The Judge of the EDV POETRY CONTEST and the SIXTH ANNIVERSARY GSPS POETRY COMPETITION DR. LINDA L. HUBERT of Agnes Scott College was introduced by CATHERINE SHEALY and these awards given:

EDWARD DAVIN VICKERS POETRY AWARD - Thelma Hall "By-Standers"  
Special Recognition - Donna Jones "To my Students who must have a C"

### SIXTH ANNIVERSARY - TRADITIONAL:

First - JUNE OWENS "Whisperings, After Stephen"  
Second - EUGENE HOLLAHAN "The Worst That Could Happen"  
Third - ESTHER M. LEIPER "Portrait of a Street Girl"

### SIXTH ANNIVERSARY - CONTEMPORARY:

First - EUGENE HOLLAHAN "One Bad Turn Deserves Many More"  
Second - THELMA R. HALL "The Passing"  
Third - GEORGIA T. HENRY "Gender Gap"

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## About Melissa

— Melissa has come through the operation and doing well, at the moment, even though the operation is still being monitored. More will be known at a later date. Her family, and especially her Grandmother, GSPS member, Georgia Henry, want to express heart-felt "THANKS" to all who so generously contributed to Melissa's need. Our love to you, Melissa!

Poetry Competition announced: The Atlanta Writing Resource Center announces its second annual poetry competition.... original, unpublished poems, any form, 8-line minimum/40-line maximum.... winners receive cash and publication....fee \$2 for first poem, \$1 each additional....deadline Jan 20....send poems to The Atlanta Writing Resource Center - Room 206, Arts Exchange - 750 Kalb St. - Atlanta, Ga. - 30312....mark envelope % Linda E. Clopton, VP

+++++ ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET ..... The Dixie Council of Authors and Journalists will hold its annual Awards Banquet on Saturday Evening, November 2, '85, at 6:30 p.m. All GSPS members are invited..... Contact Jo Ann Adkins, 2826 Evansdale Circle, Atlanta, Georgia 30340, ph # 404/939-1924 for details and more info.

SEND ACHIEVEMENTS and/or items for next NEWSLETTER to Ethelene Dyer Jones, P.O.BOX 120 Epworth, Georgia 30541 ..... Deadline December 1, 1985 .....

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DATES TO REMEMBER: future meetings of GSPS, JANUARY 18'86, APRIL 19'86, AUGUST 16'86

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AN IMPORTANT REMINDER .....to those who have not paid '85/'86 dues:  
Your dues are past due! Please mail your check for \$15.00 to the Treasurer TODAY in order to be included in the new DIRECTORY Make checks payable to GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY, INC. TREASURER: V.C. VEAL  
2233 Drew Valley Road, N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30319

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## E. M. TANNER AWARD

Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc., announces a poetry competition sponsored by an anonymous donor with respect for one man's hard work during a lifetime. Winners will be announced at the Society's Winter Meeting scheduled for January 18, 1986.

**PRIZES:**

FIRST . . . . .	\$25.00
SECOND. . . . .	\$15.00
THIRD. . . . .	\$10.00
Three SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS, EACH . . . . .	\$ 5.00

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

**SUBJECT:** WORK, as it affects the human condition.

**FORM:** Any.

**LINE LIMIT:** None.

**FEES:** There is no fee for Georgia State Poetry Society members. An entry fee of two dollars (**\$2.00**) per poem is required of non-members. There is a **limit of 2 entries per poet.** 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 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 **December 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:** TANNER 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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- PRIZES:**
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| FIRST . . . . . | \$25.00 |
| SECOND. . . . . | \$15.00 |
| THIRD. . . . .  | \$10.00 |
- ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all. Poems submitted must be **original and unpublished**.
- SUBJECT:** Should relate to some mental or physical disability.
- FORM:** Any.
- LINE LIMIT:** None.
- FEES:** There is no fee for Georgia State Poetry Society members. An entry fee of two dollars (**\$2.00**) per poem is required of non-members. There is a **limit of 2 entries per poet**. Make (**one**) check payable to: **Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.**
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Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.  
Contest Chair Catherine B. Shealy  
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If you have a friend or know of someone who would like to become a member of GSPS please have him or her fill out this form and mail with dues (\$15)

MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION (Please type or print clearly.) Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Mail form with dues of 15 dollars (\$15.00) to:..... TREASURER:

(All memberships must be renewed annually on September 1, regardless of when previous dues were paid. Dues will not be prorated. Contributions to Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc., are tax deductible.)

Virginia Veal  
2233 Drew Valley Road N.E.  
Atlanta, Georgia 30319

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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Please list publications, prizes, interests and information about yourself:

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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 1984-85 is entitled to one copy of **Book 5** free.

## ANNOUNCING...NEW LITERARY STIRRINGS...

Jim Bateman, chairman of the Mid-South Poetry Consortium steering committee, announces general plans for the forming organization "to produce newsletters, anthologies, a magazine/journal and contests". The first contest is described as follows:

Subject: any subject, any form, 40 line limit

Deadline: postmarked no later than October 1, 1985

Six Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20 and three honorable mentions

WINNERS will be announced in January, 1986.

Rules: Submit typed, unpublished poems on standard 8 1/2 x 11 paper. Send two copies of each poem, with your name and address on one copy. Winning poems will be published in the journal. Others will be destroyed.

Entry Fee: \$2.00 per poem. You may enter as many poems as you wish (\$2.00 each). Make checks payable to the Mid-South Poetry Contest Chairman, and send to:

Clovita Rice  
1115 Gillette Drive  
Little Rock, AR 72207.

Send your patronage contributions to Frances Cowden, 811 Pope, Memphis, TN 38112, for deposit to the Consortium Account with the Poetry Society of Tennessee. We are suggesting donations of \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200. For listing as PATRON for the year 1986.

The seven states proposed for the Mid-South Poetry Consortium are Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Mississippi and Tennessee. The State Poetry Societies of these states are especially invited to join the consortium, and become Patrons, and ALSO TO ENCOURAGE SUBMISSIONS OF POEMS FOR THIS CONTEST.