



# Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc.

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## THE NEWSLETTER

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June/July, 1986

### WORDS FROM THE PRESIDENT

#### **GSPS SUMMER MEETING AUGUST 19 at VILLAGE INN in PORTERDALE**

9:15 - 10:00	Registration and Pastries
10:00- 11:00	Members' Readings
11:00- 11:45	GSPS Planning Workshop
11:45- 12:00	Awards & Announcements
12:00- 12:30	Luncheon
12:30	Program by Ralph Stephens

#### **Some highlights of the summer program:**

The food is wonderful at the Village Inn. Be sure to come hungry! Cost for the luncheon is \$7.50 for more than one person can eat!

As usual, make reservations by calling 404-934-1647. Leave name of each person making reservation on the answering machine.

The 1986-87 membership dues will be collected at Porterdale, so bring \$15.00.

Awards will be announced in these four contests:

**GSPS 6th Anniversary Awards  
Marel Brown Awards  
Edward Davin Vickers Awards  
Laurraine Goreau Awards**

Bring your ideas for the **Planning Workshop**.

You will like the program by Ralph Stephens. See his vita elsewhere.

#### **Directions to Village Inn, Porterdale:**

On I-20 east of Atlanta, take Porterdale (Almon Road) Exit 44. Turn south and go about four miles to a dead end. Turn left on Highway 81 to Porterdale. Go through town to **Village INN** which is on the right (22 North Broad).

Leading the good news of the spring is the announcement that a grant proposal written by Jo Ann Adkins has brought an award of \$2,500 toward support of programs of the Society! From Governor Joe Frank Harris' letter of May 2:

It is my pleasure to inform you that the Georgia Poetry Society, Inc. (sic.) has been awarded a Community Arts Organization grant in the amount of \$2,500 by the Georgia Council for the Arts.

At a time when our Society is seeking to broaden and deepen its support for and encouragement of poetry in Georgia, Jo Ann's initiative is especially important. I know you all join me in expressing profound thanks to her for her latest creative and loyal effort in behalf of our Society.

Hopefully, we can add another \$2,000 to our budget by August 16, when we would like to announce at the Porterdale meeting that we have met our matching grant of \$1,000. Virginia Veal looks forward to receiving your checks marked "Matching Fund."

I anticipate seeing you at our pleasant and relaxing summer meeting at the Porterdale Inn on August 16. Many of you have already expressed delight that Athens poet Ralph Stephens has agreed to present our program. Make plans now to bring a poem and join your GSPS friends at Porterdale.

Have a joyful summer!

*Jerome Zeller*

E. Jerome Zeller  
President

**RALPH STEPHENS, DIRECTOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF GEORGIA PRESS, FOUNDER OF The Georgia Review, TEACHER, LOVER OF POETRY TO SPEAK AUGUST 16**

Ralph H. Stephens, a native Georgian, was born in Wrens. He received his AB degree at Georgia Southern College, his MA at the University of Georgia, and has done post-graduate work in English and history.

He has been principal of two high schools and for several years taught English at the University of Georgia. Along with John Donald Wade, he was instrumental in establishing the GEORGIA REVIEW, the University's prestigious literary journal.

In 1950 he became director of the University of Georgia Press. During his tenure of over twenty-five years, the Press published 600 books in various disciplines, including language and literature, poetry, history, science, philosophy, and Southern history and culture. He was responsible for initiating several series, among them Contemporary Poetry, Georgia History, Lamar Lectures on Southern Life and Letters, and Wormsloe Foundation Publications in Colonial history. Many Press books received awards for excellence in content and design.

Throughout his career, Stephens has been interested in promoting the appreciation and enjoyment of poetry. He has given poetry recitals for high schools, colleges, writers' workshops, clubs and other groups.

The Dixie Council of Authors and Journalists presented him with a plaque:

"A special award to Ralph Stephens whose devotion to publishing works of literary and historical merit, and whose constant encouragement and support of Georgia authors, and whose beautiful rendition and interpretation of our great poets have enriched the lives and memories of our citizens."

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**LOOKING AHEAD**

Be sure to put **Saturday, October 18, 1986** on your calendar. Our Fall Meeting will take place then. Plans are to have the excellent production of "**Rab the Rymer**" for our program that morning. This popular one-man show collects the spirit and poetry of **Robert Burns** on stage. It is a delightful, unforgettable experience!

**BRING THAT "GREAT IDEA"**

GSPS members are full of great ideas! For a few minutes at our summer meeting, we will have an informal "planning workshop," during which you may want to suggest **your ideas** that may benefit future planning for the Society.

**SUCCESSFUL YOUTH COMPETITION**

Our most successful **Youth Competition** was concluded this spring. Nearly 900 eligible entries were received! All this is due to the devoted hard work of chairperson Emily Vail. The Society extends both congratulations and appreciation to Emily for a splendid effort! The Society and hundreds of children throughout the state benefitted from the competition. Thanks, Emily!

**SUMMER CONTACTS ANNOUNCED**

During President Jerry Zeller's absence during June and July while he is teaching in London, and while Vice-president, Ethelene Jones and husband Grover are in Liberia, West Africa, Ed Vickers and Jo Ann Adkins have agreed to "keep shop" by responding to needs of members and questions which arise. Contact them if you need an answer. Thanks, Ed and Jo Ann.

**\$600 NEEDED FOR MATCHING FUNDS GRANT COMPLETION**

Treasurer Virginia Veal announces that \$400 has been received to date on the "Matching Funds" grant. Members are urged to contribute any amount he/she can to this special fund so that the August 16 meeting date can be the "pay off" day for this means of added support for GSPS programs.

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**1986-87 OFFICERS ANNOUNCED**

President	Dr. E. Jerome Zeller
Vice-President	Ethelene Dyer Jones
Secretary	Richard M. Rodgers
Treasurer	Virginia Cole Veal

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**"Poets are the athletes of language. The poet exercises subject, situation, patterns of rhythm and rhyme and verbal techniques."**

## ACHIEVEMENTS OF MEMBERS

**Memye Curtis Tucker** was a panelist judge with Denise Levertov and Andrew Lytle of the poetry and fiction entries for the Agnes Scott College Writers' Festival in April. She was a finalist in **Negative Capability's** Eve of St. Agnes Contest, published in Winter '86 issue. Two of her poems appeared in the Winter **Cotton Boll** and one was displayed in the Horizon Theater lobby. **All the Devils Are Here**, an anthology, is scheduled for a publication party in August at Sci-Fi and Mystery Bookshop, Atlanta. She will read in a Round Robin at Kennesaw College July 8.

**Edwin Davin Vickers** won first prize in the Clifford N. Catchcart Award in Contemporary Poetry in the Atlanta Writers' Club spring contest. He was the guest of honor for the awarding of the first Academy of American Poets College Prize which he endowed at Valdosta State College. He judged the Marie Barringer Rogers Youth Contest sponsored by North Carolina Poetry Society. He has had poems accepted by **Thunder and Honey** and was recently published in **Laurel Leaves**, United Poets Laureate International, and **Mid-South Poetry Consortium, 1986**. In the Southern Company Services, Inc., Arts and Crafts show held recently, he won first place in the literary category, plus "Best of the Show" for his "silent call" notecards.

**Charles B. Dickson** has had new acceptances by these magazines: **Amelia**, **Orphic Lute** (for the spring and summer issues), **Chimera**, **The Archer**, **Midwest Chaparral**, **Piedmont Literary Review**, **Channels**, **Galaxy of Verse**, **Black Bear Review**, and **Punclips**, **A Magazine of Humor**. He received an honorable mention in **Galaxy of Verse's** James Tedwell Spencer Award, a tie in **Galaxy's** Oriental Influence Award, second prize in **Jean's Journal's** haiku contest, and an honorable mention in the serious category of the annual contest of **Poets' Study Club (Terre Haute)**. The **Atlanta Writers' Club** awarded him three first prizes, two second prizes in poetry and a tie in prose in the annual spring contest.

**Ruth Tiller** has recently had poems accepted by **Modern Maturity**, **Moody Monthly**, **Welcome Home** and **Modern Haiku**. One of her poems was a finalist in the second annual contest sponsored by the Atlanta

**Writing Resource Center**. She has conducted poetry workshops for children at **Holy Innocent's School**, **Dunwoody Baptist Kindergarten** and two **Fulton County Elementary Schools**, **Dolvin** and **Spalding**.

**M. Rosser Lunsford** received the **Golden Poet Award** for 1986 from **World of Poetry**. He won two "Award of Merit" Certificates in contests entered with **World of Poetry** in 1986.

**Jeanne Osborne Shaw** is listed in the recent 20th edition of **Who's Who in the South and Southwest**. She had three poems in bulletins of **Atlanta First Baptist Church** and one in **The Builder** of **Druid Hills Baptist Church**. She won first place in an Atlanta Writers' Club contest for an original Valentine poem. She was a reader in the Club's **Spoken Magazine**, in which two of her poems were read. A poem on bells was read at an **American Bell Collectors' Association** meeting. She won the **Caroline Wyatt** award for her unpublished book of poetry, **Where Is Gravity?**, a prize awarded by the **Atlanta Writers' Club**.

**Mary Ann Coleman** read poems recently at the **Clarke County Cultural Awards Ceremony**, at the **Atlanta Historical Society**, **Hambidge 50th Anniversary** of the founding of the **Artists' Working Retreat Program**, at the **Athens Airport Gallery**, and at **Athens Academy** for 12th grade Honors English class. She is conducting a six-weeks poetry workshop in her home. A poem "Hauntigs: St. Simons Island, Georgia" will appear in the April/May **Georgia Journal**, and two poems have been accepted for California literary journals, **Gold Dust** and **Amelia**.

The following **GEPS Members** had poems in the lobby display of **Horizon Theater**, Atlanta:

**Kathleen Pederzani**, "I See My Hands far away and Gray"; **Dorothy Williamson Worth**, "Laureate"; **Bettie M. Sellers**, "After the Reading"; **Neil L. Fraser**, "Ice Age" and "Frail Fantasy"; **Memye Curtis Tucker**, "The Poet Explains to a Guest"; and **Georgia T. Henry** (five): "Depression," "Greed," "Any Day," "Earned Inheritance" and "Thimblease."

**Herbert Walter Denmark's** "Women of Color" and "What It's All About" were judged second and third place winners in **Clark College's 17th Annual Writers' Workshop**.

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**Peggy Zuleika Lynch** was one of three guest poets in a new poetry magazine, **Lucidity**. She has acceptance or has recently appeared in **Jean's Journal**, **A Galaxy of Verse**, **The Red Pagoda**, **Mid-West Revue**, **Poet International**, **Alura**, **Premier Poets**, **The Dream Shop**, **Poets' Roundtable** and **The Archer**. On April 22 she was one of the readers of poetry at "The House of Poetry" at Baylor University, Waco, Texas (at which William Stafford was featured guest poet). She and her husband Edmund have edited two poetry anthologies, **Behold Texas** and **From Hide and Horn**, a sesquicentennial anthology of 150 Texas poets. The first, **Behold Texas**, was included in a time capsule to be opened in 2033; the second received the Oppie Award made by the outstanding book reviewer of Dallas, Evelyn Oppenheimer, who, with her husband, sponsor the GSPS Edward Davin Vickers Poetry Award which they originated.

**Ethelene Dyer Jones** was named 1986 high school "Media Specialist of the Year for Georgia" by the Georgia Library/Media Department for excellence in library media program and activities in her local school, for leadership in Georgia Association of Media Assistants (GAMA), and for professional contributions to librarianship in Georgia. She edits **The Media News Leader**, GLMD Newsletter.

### CONTESTS - DEADLINES

GSPS Sixth Anniversary Awards  
Traditional Form  
GSPS Sixth Anniversary Awards  
Contemporary Form  
Edward Davin Vickers Award  
Any Form  
Marel Brown Award  
Lyric

All the above have July 18, 1986 as the deadline date. See the April GSPS Newsletter for details.

Laurraine Goreau Award  
Free Verse

Deadline Date: July 18, 1986.  
See this issue for details.

## GEORGIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY, INC.

Dr. E. Jerome Zeller, President  
Ethelene Dyer Jones, Vice-President  
Georgia T. Henry, Secretary  
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The Georgia State Poetry Society Newsletter is published quarterly. News of society meetings, contests, achievements of members, and news pertaining to poetry events of interest to members should be sent to the editor, Ethelene Dyer Jones, P. O. Box 120, Epworth, Georgia 30541. Phone 404-492-3309 (h) or 404-632-2081 (w).

### NEWSLETTER DEADLINES:

By May 30 for Summer issue  
By August 30 for Fall issue  
By November 30 for Winter issue  
By February 29 for Spring issue

1986 Daniel Whitehead Hicky  
National Awards

Deadline Date: August 19, 1986  
(See April Newsletter for details.)

Byron Herbert Reece National  
Awards - Ballad, Lyric, Sonnet  
Deadline Date: November 20, 1986  
(See this newsletter for details.)



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## BYRON HERBERT REECE NATIONAL AWARDS

Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc., announces an annual national competition in honor of Georgia poet and novelist, "The Mountain Singer" Byron Herbert Reece (1917-1958). Prizes will be awarded at the Society's Winter quarterly meeting in January in Atlanta.

**FIRST PRIZE IN EACH CATEGORY: . . . . . \$100.00**

**HONORABLE MENTIONS** (Judges' Choices) receive a volume of Reece's poetry recently re-printed by Cherokee Publishing Company: **Ballad of the Bones and Other Poems, Bow Down in Jericho, The Season of Flesh, or A Song of Joy and Other Poems.**

**EACH ENTRANT** receives a volume of the Society's annual publication **The Reach of Song.**

### CATEGORIES:

- 1) **LITERARY BALLAD:** A ballad composed by an author as opposed to the folk ballad; a narrative poem written in short stanzas. **LINE LIMIT: 100**
- 2) **RHYMED LYRIC:** A brief subjective poem strongly marked by imagination, melody and emotion, creating a single impression. **LINE LIMIT: 50**
- 3) **SONNET:** A lyric (see above) following a set rhyme-scheme. Traditional or experimental pattern must be identified. **LINE COUNT: 14**

**ELIGIBILITY:** OPEN TO ALL. Poems submitted must be **original and unpublished.**

**SUBJECT:** ANY.

**FEES:** An entry fee of five dollars (\$5.00) for each 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 copies** (clear xerox copies, acceptable) of each poem with **CATEGORY** (and pattern, if sonnet) in the **upper RIGHT corner of both copies.** Show poet's name, address, and telephone number in the **upper LEFT 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.

**NOTIFICATION:** Winners will be notified prior to the quarterly meeting. All entrants will be mailed a winners' list along with a copy of **The Reach of Song.**

**RIGHTS:** Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc., shall have rights to publish (or not to publish) money-winning poems in **The Reach of Song** after which rights revert to the poet. (Depending on space, poems may appear in the GSPS Newsletter, also.) 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 November 20.**

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

**MAIL TO:** BHR Contest Director  
Edward Davin Vickers  
Post Office Box 7695  
Atlanta, Georgia 30357-0695

This competition is funded by entrants and patrons. Tax deductible contributions payable to Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc., may be sent to the BHR Contest Director (above).



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## LAURRAINE GOREAU POETRY AWARD

Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc., announces an annual poetry competition sponsored by Mary Anne DeVillier and Mary Martha Glazebrook in memory of their sister, and GSPS member, Laurraine Goreau. A versatile artist — poet, composer, columnist and editor, and actress — Laurraine was best known for her biography of Mahalia Jackson, **Just Mahalia, Baby**. Prizes will be awarded at the Society's Summer Meeting, August 16.

PRIZES:                    FIRST . . . . . \$50.00  
                              SECOND. . . . . \$30.00  
                              THIRD. . . . . \$20.00

ELIGIBILITY:            Open to all.

SUBJECT:                Any.

FORM:                    Free verse.

LINE LIMIT:            40 lines per poem.

ENTRY FEES:            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 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 July 18, 1986.

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:                GOREAU 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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## MEMBERSHIP FORM FOR NEW MEMBER

Membership in Georgia State Poetry Society is \$15.00 per year, paid annually. Membership year is from September 1 through August 31. Make checks payable to Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc. and submit check, with this form, to:

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

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

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Students: Age \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_ School \_\_\_\_\_

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

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-----For GSPS Use-----

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ MEMBERSHIP CATEGORY

Membership Chairman \_\_\_\_\_ Active

President \_\_\_\_\_ Associate

Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_ Youth

Amount received: Check \_\_\_\_\_ Money Order \_\_\_\_\_

**RENEWAL FORM**

**FOR 1986-87 MEMBERSHIP (9/1/86-8/31/87)**

(Fill in, clip; and send to Treasurer,  
Virginia C. Veal, 2233 Drew Valley Road, NE  
Atlanta, GA 30319. )

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Amount enclosed (\$15.00 dues, by Sept. 1, 86)

Check \_\_\_\_\_ M. O. \_\_\_\_\_

Contribution \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_

Suggestions: \_\_\_\_\_

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# copies BOOK ORDER FORM

\_\_\_\_\_ The Reach of Song, Book 5 (pub. Fall, 1985)

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\_\_\_\_\_ POEMS of Daniel Whitehead Hicky  
\*\*\* Winner, Dixie Council of Authors and Journalists,  
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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.

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