

<http://pages.prodigy.net/elcampbell>

It may be a name only a mother could love, but, by the cybergods, it's OUR name on the World Wide Web.

And...before you get indignant, here's why it doesn't include GPS, Georgia Poetry Society, or any other phrase which would give you a clue that it's us.

Emery Campbell's internet service provider is Prodigy. As part of his deal with them, we can have a website without an additional charge to him.

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Emery's research indicates that, to have a web title with our name in it would cost \$50 a year plus monthly fees. Big money for a hand-to-mouth group like ours.

So "pages" it is. "Surf -icient" unto the day is the naming thereof.

Directions to October Meeting



Directions to the Smyrna Community Center site of the 20 Jan 01 quarterly membership meeting:

(A) From I-285 on the west side of Atlanta, take exit 11 at GA Highway 3 (Atlanta Rd.). Go north (toward Smyrna) on Atlanta Rd. exactly 3.8 miles. The community center will be on your left after you cross Spring Street. A large sign says, "City of Smyrna Community Center and Public Library".

(B) From I-75 south or north, take exit #110 (Windy Hill Rd.). Go

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Winter Quarter Membership Meeting

Smyrna (GA) Community Center

Saturday, January 20, 2001

NOTES: Directions at left. Lunch reservation info below.

Registration, coffee, refreshments	9:30 a.m.
Call to order, announcements, welcome	10 a.m.
Herbert Denmark, president	
Welcome new members	10:05 a.m.
Mary Stripling, co-chairperson	
Poetry in the Schools	10:10 a.m.
Jean Mahavier, chairperson	
<i>The Reach of Song</i>	10:20 a.m.
Katherine Ward, editor	
Classic Poetry Reading	10:25 a.m.
Katherine Ward, chairperson	
Poetry Readings by Members	10:30 a.m.
Katherine Ward, chairperson	
Presenting Poets: Ron Colombe (See page 5)	11 a.m.
Memye Tucker, chairperson	
Book Reviews	11:30 a.m.
Thelma Hall, chairperson	
Contest Awards	11:45 a.m.
Emery Campbell, chairman	
Lunch	Noon
Featured Speaker	1 p.m.
Dr. Donna Harper (See page 8)	
Associate Professor of English	
Spellman College	
Ask the Editor	1:45 p.m.
Lawrence Hetrick, <i>Chattahoochee Review</i>	
Adjournment	2:15 p.m.

LUNCHEON RESERVATIONS REQUIRED

Advance reservations *are required* for luncheon at our quarterly meeting on 20 Jan 01 at the Smyrna Community Center. The cost: \$5. Not eating the KFC-catered lunch? No reservation required.

Call Milton Stephens at 770-358-2816 not later than 15 Jan 01, to reserve your place.

October Membership Meeting Outstanding

By Herbert Walter Denmark

If you weren't there, you missed a memorable, high energy membership meeting on October 21st at the Saratoga Swim and Tennis Club in Lawrenceville. The venue, program, and food were excellent. Highlights of the meeting included the reading of "poetry seasons", the translation into Spanish of Dr. Beverly Head's poetry by Mr. Ramirez, a dynamic performance by Ayodele, and enthusiastic audience participation during John Ottley's "ask the editor" segment.

As you noticed on page one, the GPS website is complete. Be sure to read "the anatomy of a website", starting on the facing page, for an account of the inspiring volunteer participation in this endeavor. Come "visit" us at <http://pages.prodigy.net/elcampbell>.

My sincere thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Jim Shaw for their generous monetary donation to GPS. Polly has been a long-time member and GPS supporter.

Mikki Morris is recuperating from

surgery. She would appreciate a get well card.



Are there persons on your gift list who "have everything"? Your problem is solved. Present them the gift of GPS membership. Their year-long gift will guarantee their meeting new and interesting persons, at least four opportunities to share their poetry, learn from distinguished poets and speakers, and travel to places they may not have visited for the membership meetings.

The NFSPS scholarship awards account is low. Please make your personal, tax-deductible gift to this worthy program. Any amount is welcome. Make your check payable to NFSPS and mail to Year 2001 NFSPS Scholarship Awards, Box 640387, Beverly Hills, FL 34464.

For the Obsessive

The September newsletter stated that the April, 2001, meeting would be at the state botanical gardens in Athens on 01 Apr 2001. When we called, however, the meeting facility was not available on that date.

The new meeting date, in case you are one of those obsessive persons who already has bought your 2001 calendar, is Saturday 14 Apr 01.

Well, on second thought, it still will be on Saturday, 14 Apr 01 whether or not you're obsessive.

As you read in the bylaws extra of the newsletter, your GPS Board led the way by voting a society contribution of \$100 to this cause.

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You are Fair Game If You Don't Eat Your Lunch

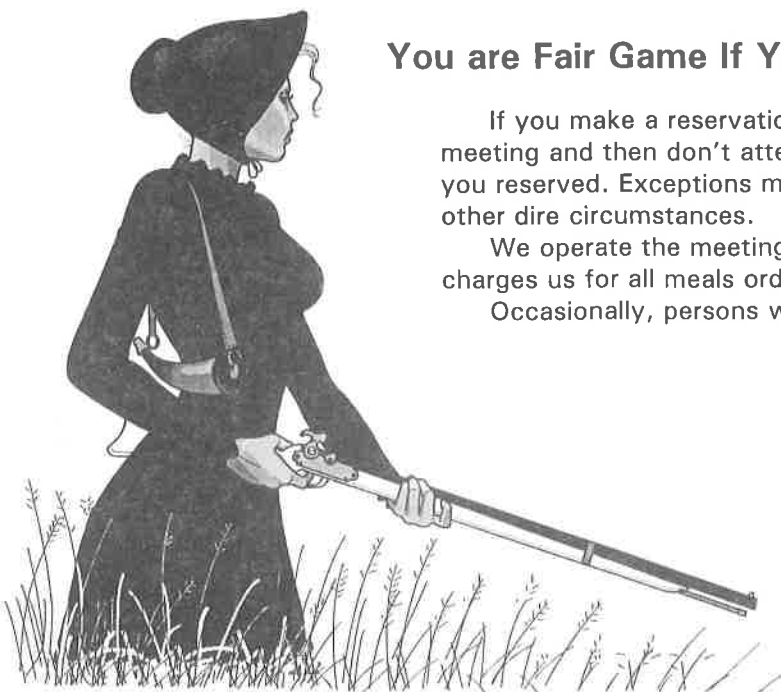
If you make a reservation for the catered luncheon at our quarterly meeting and then don't attend, you may expect to be billed for the meal you reserved. Exceptions may be made in the case of family emergencies or other dire circumstances.

We operate the meetings on a paper-thin margin as it is. The caterer charges us for all meals ordered regardless of whether they're eaten.

Occasionally, persons will show up at the meeting who have not made

luncheon reservations. If we can sell them a no show's meal, there's no need to bill the no show. If not, we have to (gulp) swallow the overage.

Think about this when you make your reservation. We don't want to discourage attendance, but we have to have your dough to pay for the bread.



News of Georgia Poetry Persons



Keith W. Badowski, Grayson, won second place in *Rambunctious Review's* "Senses" poetry contest with "Smithy's Call". It will appear in the Chicago publication's next issue.

Donna Jones, Statesboro, took second place in the Florida Poets Association's Shakespearean sonnet contest and third prize in its humorous verse competition.

The Flutter of Wings, The Woods Beyond, and Beyond the Midnight Dark, books by **Virginia Cole Veal**, Atlanta, are in the Georgia Authors Library at the Governor's Mansion. Her poem, "Night Too Soon", won first place at the celebrity luncheon of the Atlanta branch of the National League of American Pen Women and later appeared in *Parnassus Literary Journal*. *Footprints Literary Magazine* published her poem, "Neatly in Ruins".

Poetry by **Dorothy Worth**, Decatur, recently has appeared in

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NFSPS President Clarence Socwell sent a nice letter of thanks which stated, in part, "Terrific people and poets like you are necessary for us to continue the many activities we work with and accomplish."

The Hooper Alexander School in Decatur held a poetry writing contest in October and named it for GPS. Our poetry in the schools program is inspiring students.

Bring a student of any age to the April 14, 2001, membership meeting at the state botanical garden in Athens.

Senior News, Voices, and Yesterday. She presented three slide-illustrated travel lectures: (a) on Civil War battlefields in Virginia to the UDC; (b) on the Great Lakes to an Oak Grove United Methodist Church group; and (c) on Plymouth, MA, sites and monuments to the International Women's Association of the Georgia Council for International Visitors. She was one of three speakers who addressed the Village Writers Group on aspects of editing. *Aurora* published her poem which took second place in a national contest. She was asked to write a poem in honor of a former high school classmate and read it at his memorial service in Carrollton. She addressed the Colonial Dames on the framing the U.S. Constitution. The Atlanta Writers Club named her poetry editor of *Quill*, its newsletter.

Thanks, People of Georgia

This publication is funded in part by a grant from the taxpayers of Georgia, made possible by the Georgia General Assembly, and administered by the Georgia Council for the Arts. The Georgia Poetry Society welcomes as members all

persons who enjoy writing or reading poetry without regard to race, gender, age, religious affiliation, national

origin, political orientation, or choice of lifestyle. The society makes every effort to ensure that all meeting sites are accessible to persons with disabilities. GCA funding sources: GA General Assembly, National Endowment for the arts, and other private and public sources.



ANATOMY OF A WEBSITE

Campbell, Badowski Lead Charge into Cyberspace

We got around to it.

Your GPS Board had been talking about developing a presence on the worldwide web for years. Problem: none of the directors knew how to design a website. Several thought they knew someone who could, but none of these contacts panned out.

Emery Campbell, Lawrenceville, was determined that we'd get there. He found that his internet service provider, Prodigy, would let him operate a website for no additional charge. Emery volunteered to use that benefit for GPS instead of himself.

Networking in Athens

At the summer general membership meeting at the state botanical garden in Athens, Emery was introduced to new member Judith True, Athens, who designs websites for the University of Georgia. Judy was willing to help get the ball rolling. She created the skeleton of the website, but wedding plans and illness interfered.

Keith Badowski, Grayson, stepped into the picture and, Emery said, completed the website design "in an efficient, fast-paced, and masterful manner that deserves the highest praise."

Filling the Pages

Emery put the pedal to the metal and keystroked all the contest guidelines for that web page. With help from Ethelene Jones, Epworth, he did the "About GPS" page material. He and Keith fleshed out the remaining web pages. He lifted items for the "Events" page from various sources and President Herbert Denmark, Atlanta, provided the schedule for the January membership meeting. Emery and Keith did the "Resources and Links" page.

Finding a Webmaster

Sally Kaplan, Lawrenceville, has agreed to serve as webmaster. Her job: keep the monster up to date so that cyber visitors see fresh material

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Posey Takes First Place in the Vickers Memorial

GPS member Pat Morton Posey won first place (\$250) in the 2000 Ed Vickers Memorial Poetry Award. Kay Putney Gannt, took home \$100 with his second place winner. Coming in third for \$50 was Marguerite Marler. The judge: Debra Dobkins, English professor and director of the Writing Center at Brenau University.

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on subsequent hits.

Our logo, designed by Riherd Greene, Alpharetta. is a hummingbird feeding at a morning glory. So, Emery's son, Julian, began surfing the net for illustrations of hummingbirds and morning glories. He found a color graphic of a small ceramic sculpture that was just right. It is made and marketed by Maruri USA, a Japanese company. They told Julian GPS that could use the graphic on our webpage if we gave them credit. And, *hai*, we do.

Jo Ann Adkins, Atlanta, wrote Emery, "I don't believe you knew Ed Vickers, a GPS founder. He collected morning glory artifacts: stained glass windows, art work, fabrics, even his sterling tableware. Everywhere you looked were these beautiful flowers. Of course they grew in his yard, too. I am sure that the original members will admire the web page for this reason."

MEETING DIRECTIONS

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west (toward Smyrna) on Windy Hill Rd. to GA Highway 3 (Atlanta Rd.), passing Fox Creek Golf Course enroute. Turn left (south) on Atlanta Rd. and drive 6/10 mile. The community center will be on your right.

NOTE: The DOT is changing various freeway exit numbers throughout the state. In any event, the highway and road *names* will remain the same.

Welcome Our New Members



Susan Carroll, Lithonia, is a housewife, home schooler, and writer. GPS came to her attention at a poetry reading at Callanwolde in August.

Frances Daniel, LaGrange, is a junior high English teacher at West Georgia Christian Academy. Her poetry was selected for the 2000 O, Georgia! anthology. She was recruited by Annabel Alderman.

Marvin "Ayodele" Heath, Atlanta, is a dispatch coordinator. He was featured on the October GPS membership program. He is the 1999 and 2000 southeastern regional slam poetry champion and was a semifinalist in the 1999 national poetry slam competition. His work has appeared in *Poetry Slam: the Competitive Art of Performance Poetry*, *Eclectic Literary Forum*, and *Bluemilk*. He was recruited by Emery Campbell.

Sophia Jeffries, Stone Mountain, heard about GPS through a writers' group.

Wanda Blaisdell, Ogden, UT, is a past president of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies. The League of Utah Writers bestowed on her honorary membership, partly in recognition of her service as its president, and designated her "writer of the year". She chairs the league's permanent book collection. Wanda also has served as president of the Utah State Poetry Society. She is vice president of the National League of American Pen Women and has been president of its Utah branch. She has judged numerous poetry contests and published several anthologies.

Her latest book is *Ham on Wry*. Her work has appeared in *Good Housekeeping* and she has had several songs published.

Voting to Date Unanimously Favors Bylaws Changes

Two hundred ballots on the proposed bylaws amendments to streamline your GPS Board were mailed to members in good standing.

In order for a vote to count, it must be returned not later than 10 days before the 06 Jan 01 board meeting. For the bylaws amendments to pass, 67% of the ballots *returned* must be "yes" votes.

As we go to press, 90 ballots have returned, all voting in favor of the proposed amendments.

Selected voter comments:

"I am very proud of our growth and (the) ability of our board to target proposals structured to our

needs. Thank you."

"Much needed update."

"For some time I've felt that the board was 'top heavy' and probably could function better with fewer people, thus assuring a quorum present to transact business."

"Sounds good to me."

"An excellent idea to increase the number of volunteers and decrease the time involved with board meetings, etc."

EDITOR'S NOTE: All ballots are hand counted. Since this was a postcard ballot, there are no hanging, dimpled, or pregnant chads.

1999-2000 Board of Directors

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Memye Tucker
Dorothy Worth

Next GPS Board Meeting at Wesley Chapel Library

The next GPS Board meeting is Saturday, 06 Jan 01, at 10 a.m., in the meeting room at the Wesley Chapel Library, 2861 Wesley Chapel Road, Decatur.

Directions: from Atlanta, go east on I-20 to Wesley Chapel Road (exit #68). At the head of the exit ramp, turn right (south) on Wesley Chapel Road. Cross Rainbow Drive. Approximately 1/4 mile past Rainbow Drive, the library will be on your right. Lost? Call 404-286-6980.

(The main library in downtown Decatur had booked their downstairs meeting room on January 6th, so we had to move.)

Ron Colombe Scheduled in 'Presenting Poets' Slot

The "presenting poets" segment of our 20 Jan 01 membership meeting at the Smyrna Community Center will feature Ronald W. Colombe.

His poetry, wrung from his roots on the Rosebud Reservation in South Dakota, has moved audiences to tears, laughter, joy, and anger. It has made him a popular guest at colleges and universities around the state, including Oglethorpe University, Abraham Baldwin College, Emory University, and Rinehardt College.

Former Governor (now senator) Zell Miller appointed Ron to the Georgia Council on Native American Concerns.

Ron has served as president of the Atlanta Writers Resource Center. He is currently preparing a CD and an accompanying print publication.

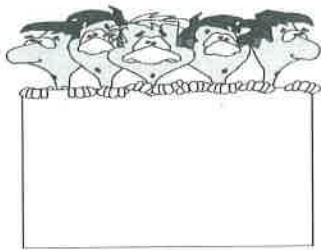
He lives in Chamblee with his wife, Kit, five cats and an "extremely excitable" Collie.

Moving?

Be sure to get your new address to John Ottley, membership co-chairman. Since he wears two hats, this also will take care of updating your newsletter mailing label. If you have the four-digit extender for your new ZIP code, your newsletter will get to you faster. So says the USPS, at least.

These Rules Apply to ALL Georgia Poetry Society Contests

1. By submitting an entry to a GPS contest, you affirm that the poetry is your original work to which you hold all rights, is not currently submitted for publication, or entered in any other contest, has not previously appeared in any publication, and is not a previous winner of higher than honorable mention in any other contest.
2. The Byron Herbert Reece Awards, and the Edwin Davin Vickers contest, are *not* open to anyone who has won higher than honorable mention in the previous year's contest.
3. Write each poem in English except where noted. Type, or neatly hand write, it on one side of an 8.5 x 11 inch sheet of paper. One poem per page.



4. Subject matter of poems should be in good taste. No pornography, sexual or racial slurs, offensive language, or obscenity. Winning poems may be published in *The Reach of Song*, our annual anthology which goes to school and public libraries. Students are among its readers.

5. Send two copies of each poem. At the upper right corner of both: name of the contest. On ***one copy only***: your name and address under the contest name.

6. Any poem entered in a GPS contest which does not comply with these rules may be disqualified.

7. Poems will not be returned. Non-winning poems will be destroyed.

8. Make checks for entry fees payable to Georgia Poetry Society, *not* to the contest chairperson. Send entries with fee to the chairperson announced in the rules of each contest.

9. A contest receiving fewer than 10 entries may be canceled and the fees refunded.

10. We use qualified judges who are not GPS members. Exception: entries in the society's annual statewide youth contest may be judged by GPS members.

11. Winners will be announced at the quarterly GPS meeting following the contest deadline. Winners not present will be notified by mail.

12. Enclose a SASE to receive a winners' list.

13. You may not win more than one monetary award in any individual contest. If you've been selected for more than one monetary award, only the highest will be awarded. (Judges choose alternative winners to cover this situation.)

14. We reserve the right to publish (or not to publish) prize-winning poems in *The Reach of Song*. After publication, all other rights revert to you, including the right to publish the poem elsewhere.

Rita Dove Contest Honors Winner of 1987 Pulitzer

This contest, sponsored by GPS President Herbert Denmark, honors Rita Dove who won the 1987 Pulitzer Prize for her collection, *Thomas and Beulah*. She was the poet laureate of the United States 1993-95.

Prizes: 1st \$50; 2nd \$25; 3rd \$15.
 Subject: Any.
 Form: Any.
 Length: 40 lines maximum, no minimum.
 Eligibility: Open to all.
 Entry fee: \$2 first poem; all other poems \$1 each.
 Deadline: *March 1, 2001, postmark.*
 Notification: Winners announced at April, 2001, GPS meeting.
 Entries to: Rita Dove Poetry Contest
 Herbert Denmark, chairman
 Box 371123
 Decatur, GA 30037-1123

NOTE: *General contest rules published in this issue apply.*

GPS Contest Deadlines

Byron Reece International
 Deadline 31 Jan 01
 Winners Apr 2001

Statewide Youth Contest
 Deadline 31 Jan 2001
 Winners Apr 2001

Rita Dove Contest
 Deadline 01 Mar 2001
 Winners Apr 01

Annette Peery Contest
 Deadline 01 Apr 2001
 Winners Jul 2001

Marge Carlson Memorial
 Deadline 15 May 01
 Winners Jul 2001

Reece International Awards Offers Top Prize of \$250

The Georgia Poetry Society announces its annual international poetry awards in honor of the late Georgia poet, Byron Herbert Reece, 1917-1958. Reece loved the north Georgia mountains and became famous for his lyrical poetry about nature, the human spirit, and the passage of time. Also, he was noted for poems in the ballad form and for two novels.

Prizes: 1st \$250; 2nd \$100; 3rd \$50; 4th, \$25; 5th, \$15; 6th, \$10.

Subject: Any.

Form: Any.

Length: 40 lines maximum, no minimum.

Eligibility: Open to all except last year's winners who are ineligible for one year.

Entry fee: \$USD 5 first poem, \$USD 1 each additional poem.

Deadline: *January 31, 2001, postmark.*

Winners: Announced at April, 2001, GPS meeting.

Entries to: Byron Herbert Reece Awards
Katherine Ward, Director
Box 888231
Atlanta, GA 30338-9998

NOTE: *General contest rules published in this issue apply.*

Youth Contest Open to Students throughout Georgia

Students throughout Georgia, including the home schooled, are eligible to enter the 1999 Marge Carlson/Marel Brown Youth Poetry Contest sponsored by GPS. All work must be by the student, original, and unpublished. No plagiarism.

Prizes: Elementary (grades 1-5): \$15, \$10, \$5
Middle (grades 6-8): \$20, \$15, \$10
High (grades 9-12): \$25, \$20, \$15

Subject: Any.

Form: Any.

Length: Not longer than one page.

Eligibility: Open to all, but only four poems may be entered by a school for each grade level. One poem only from home schooled students.

Entry fee: None.

Deadline: *31 Jan 01 postmark.*

Notification: April, 2001, GPS meeting.

Entries to: GPS Youth Poetry Contests
c/o Herbert Denmark, chairman
Box 371123
Decatur, GA 30037-1123

NOTE: Additional guidelines at address above.

GPS Member Takes Second in 4th Annual 'Geste'

Joyce Shiver, Crystal River, FL, won first place (\$63.67) in the fourth annual Shirley U. Geste humorous verse contest sponsored by Emery Campbell. Her poem was "Rodin's The Thinker". Annabel Alderman, Nashville, GA, was second (\$40.34) with "For Husbands and Other Necessary Adjuncts to the Good Life: Sometimes I Call Him 'Rex'", and Patricia A. Kellenmeyer, Portsmouth, OH, took third prize (\$20.67) with "Sun-Bathing Can be Hazardous".

Mary Craig, Pineville, LA, judged the 154 entries, 57 of them from 16 GPS members.

Poetry Workshops a Hit at Alexander Elementary

By Jean Mahavier
Chairperson

Poetry in the Schools Project

In September, Emily Vail, Ira Harrison, and I gave poetry workshops to 14 classes of students in the 5th, 6th, and 7th grades at Hooper Alexander Elementary School in DeKalb County.

Last spring, GPS had donated \$50 to the school for prizes in a schoolwide poetry contest in our name.

During the fall visit, we gave a GPS tote bag to each teacher whose class we taught and handed out GPS t-shirts as student prizes. (These were left over from the GPS-hosted 1999 national poetry convention.) We gave four poetry books to the media center and left a stack of our newsletters for use by teachers and students.

Writing teacher Carla Kabwatha added \$10 to our GS gift and gave three \$20 prizes.

Carla wants us to provide several poets for their writing week May 14-18, 2001.

This was Ira's first outing with the project. He was a great success. He has a way of engaging the students; they become part of his presentation.

In October, I visited Columbia High School, also in DeKalb and worked four 9th grade classes and one 11th grade unit. I left books for the media center and gave tote bags and t-shirts

Visiting a school is fun. Students want to hear poetry. Teachers get new ideas and appreciate our input. A local school visit can require as little as two hours, including drive time. We always need more volunteers. Afraid you can't teach? Then, just come as an observer.

Call me at 404-633-3129.

Miss Us?

Your Georgia Poetry Society dues were payable 01 Jul 00 for the 2000-01 membership year. Those who didn't pay by 01 Nov 00 have been dropped.

Annette Peery Contest Honors Sister of Angie Burns

The Georgia Poetry Society announces a poetry contest sponsored by Ms. Angela Burns, St. Simons Island, GA, in honor of her sister, Annette Rumph Peery, a writer and poet, who encouraged and inspired other writers.

Prizes: 1st \$100 (one prize only)
Subject: "The Ones We Remember"
Form: Any.
Length: 80 lines maximum.
Eligibility: Open to all.
Entry fee: \$1 a poem.
Deadline: April 1, 2001 postmark.
Notification: Winners announced at July, 2001, GPS meeting.
Entries to: Emery L. Campbell

General Contests Chairman
369 Cottage Way
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

NOTE: *General contest rules published in this issue apply.*

January Featured Speaker Is Donna Sullivan Harper

The featured speaker at our 20 Jan 01 membership meeting at the Smyrna Community Center will be Donna Akiba Sullivan Harper, Ph.D., author, published poet, and associate professor of English at Spelman College.

A former member and long-time friend of GPS, Dr. Harper lectured at the GPS-sponsored NFSPS national convention here in 1999 and was the featured speaker at our 1991 membership meeting at Spelman.

Phi Beta Kappa

She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Oberlin College. She earned her doctorate at Emory University, attending as a Danforth Fellow.

Dr. Harper is an expert on the life and works of Langston Hughes. She was a founding member and president of the Langston Hughes Society and edited Hughes's book, *The Return of Simple*.

Wrote Book on Hughes

Her own book, *Not So Simple*, examines the poet's work.

Dr. Harper has presented papers on Hughes to national organizations and conferences.

She has judged numerous poetry contests for GPS and other state poetry societies.

GPS Clippings Valuable

If you see something in your local paper about GPS, or one of our members, please clip it out and send it to:

ROY CARLSON
3090 LEE RD.
SNELLVILLE, GA 30039

Roy puts together our annual application for a grant from the Georgia Council for the Arts (GCA). The council wants to be sure the general public knows about the efforts it funds.

Along with the grant application, GCA asks for "support materials", such as press clippings, TV tapes, etc. which demonstrate that, not only have we been providing a worthy service to the taxpayers of Georgia, but also letting them know about it.

Carlson Contest Honors Beloved GPS Past President

This contest, honors the late Margery Carlson, distinguished GPS past president. Margery was instrumental in conceiving and leading implementation of the first ever Olympic Games poetry contest in conjunction with the 1996 centennial summer games in Atlanta. She also was the driving force which led GPS to sponsor the highly successful 1999 annual convention of the National Federation in Atlanta, although she passed away before seeing the event come to fruition. Born in South Africa, Margery was a prolific poet and writer and a staunch pillar and tireless servant of GPS. Her dedicated and always accessible presence is missed sorely by her family and wide circle of friends.

Prize: \$100 (one prize only).
Subject: Nature
Form: Any.
Length: 40 lines maximum, no minimum.
Eligibility: Open to all.
Entry fee: One poem free to GPS members; all other poems \$1 each.

Deadline: May 15, 2001, postmark.
Notification: Winners announced at July, 2001, GPS meeting.
Entries to: Emery L. Campbell
General Contests Chairman
369 Cottage Way
Lawrenceville, GA 30044

NOTE: *General contest rules published in this issue apply.*

Fine Books Available from the Georgia Poetry Society

<u>No. of Books</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Price</u>
_____	A Book of the Charter Year	\$6.95
_____	The Reach of Song, Book 1	6.95
_____	The Reach of Song, Book 3	6.95
_____	The Reach of Song, Book 4	6.95
_____	The Reach of Song, Book 5	6.95
_____	The Reach of Song, Book 6	6.95
_____	The Reach of Song, Book 7	6.95
_____	The Reach of Song, Book 8	6.95
_____	A Book of the 10th Year 1988-89	6.95
_____	The Reach of Song, 1989-90	6.95
_____	The Reach of Song, 1990-91	6.95
_____	The Reach of Song, 1991-92	9.00
_____	The Reach of Song, 1992-93	9.00
_____	The Reach of Song, 1993-94	9.00
_____	The Reach of Song, 1994-95	9.00
_____	The Reach of Song, 1995-96	9.00
_____	The Reach of Song, 1996-97	9.00
_____	The Reach of Song, 1997-98	9.00
_____	The Reach of Song, 1998-99	10.00
_____	The Reach of Song 1999-00	10.00
_____	Poetry in Motion '96 Olympics Anthology	7.95

Prize-Winning Chapbooks

1989	<i>Shadowdrifters: Images of China</i> by Patricia Canterbury	\$6.00
1990	<i>Summer at the Dreamland Motel</i> by Lethe H. Bishop	6.00
1991	<i>A Far Garden</i> by Jo Ann Yeager Adkins	6.00
1993	<i>A Species of Ruin</i> by Mildred Greear	6.00
1994	<i>Blood Kin</i> by Julia Evatt	6.00
1996	<i>Desert Places</i> by Dorothy Worth	6.00
1998	<i>The Reign of the Girl King</i> by Rebecca Bailey	6.00
1999	<i>Too Soon, as Always</i> by Gary Corseri	6.00

Other Books

<i>Message from the Blueberries and Other Poems</i> by Marge Carlson	6.00
<i>Vala Fastel and Other Essays</i> by Marge Carlson	6.00*

TOTAL OF BOOKS ORDERED \$ _____

SHIPPING (see below) \$ _____

TOTAL OF BOOKS AND SHIPPING \$ _____

Shipping: \$2.50 for first book and \$1.50 for *each additional* book. Make check payable to Georgia Poetry Society.

* Two Carlson books are \$10.00 if ordered together.

Send order to: Katherine Ward
 Editor, *The Reach of Song*
 Box 888231
 Atlanta, GA 30338-9998

Membership Renewal Form

NOTE: This form is only for current members. The new member application appears elsewhere in this newsletter.

Your Georgia Poetry Society dues for 2000-01 were payable 01 Jul 00. Unpaid members are dropped 01 Nov 00. Dues are \$20 annually for individual members, \$35 for a family, and \$10 for students. There's a new category of life membership for \$300.

To pay your current year's dues, complete this form and mail with your check or money order, made payable to the Georgia Poetry Society, to:

Mr. Roy Carlson, Treasurer
3090 Lee Rd.
Snellville, GA 30039

Name: _____ FAX: _____

Street (include apartment #): _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Home phone: _____ Office phone: _____

NOTE: Only board members will have access to your address and phone numbers.

Dues enclosed: \$ _____

Do you wish to make an additional contribution to GPS? \$ _____

Total enclosed: \$ _____

We need your help with the work of GPS. Please check the activities below in which you would be willing to serve:

- Book Reviews
- Hospitality
- GPS Newsletter
- General Poetry Contests
- Poetry Critique Panel
- Poetry in the Schools
- Poetry Workshop
- Publicity
- Meeting Management
- Meeting Planning
- Mailings
- Membership
- Speakers
- The Reach of Song*
- Youth Poetry Contest



...and in the Beginning There Was Ed Vickers

The Georgia Poetry Society was organized in 1979 by Edward Davin Vickers. The charter members were Jo Ann Yeager Adkins (Atlanta), Frances Altman (Atlanta), Phyllis Barr (Jessup), Doris Reed Benbow (Decatur), William P. Boughner (Rex), Marel Brown (Atlanta), Charles J. Bruehler, Jr. (Atlanta), Nancy Burns (Decatur), Gertrude Despeaux (Atlanta), Julia Evatt (Marietta), Jeanne Osborne Gibbs ((Decatur), Betty Gore (Decatur), Jeanie Franco Hallem (Atlanta), Harrison Kohler (Atlanta), John Ransom Lewis, Jr. (Atlanta), Robert S. Lowrance, Jr. (Atlanta), Robin McCants (Decatur), David L. Ogletree (Atlanta), Sandra Lee Prillaman (Atlanta), Doris Purcell Random (Atlanta), Harold R. Random (Atlanta), Leara Rhodes (Decatur), Lesley E. Rogers (Atlanta), Bettie M. Sellers (Young Harris), Emilie M. Slyer (Atlanta), Jane Schager Tuttle (Atlanta), Edward Davin Vickers (Atlanta), Louis B. Zachary (Atlanta), E. Jerome Zeller (Chamblee) and Roxanna Zeller (Chamblee).

Formerly GPS

The organization was chartered as The Georgia State Poetry Society, Inc. on 30 Aug 79, in Atlanta, GA, and was officially incorporated on 11 Jun 80, with a membership numbering 167 at the end of the first year. The current membership is 173, some of whom live in other states.

Name Changed

Because of continuing confusion with Georgia State University, it was decided in 1996 to adopt the communicative name, "Georgia Poetry Society."

Georgia Poetry Society became affiliated with the National Federation of State Poetry Societies in 1979, and members of GPS have attended and participated in annual conventions and contests.

New Member Application

Georgia Poetry Society

Your member benefits include:

- Four membership meetings a year, featuring presentations by notable poetry figures, networking with other poets, and, occasionally, poetry workshops.
- Opportunity to read your work to an appreciative audience at these meetings.
- Quarterly newsletter, presenting news about our poetry contests, new members, member accomplishments, reviews of books by members, and programs of upcoming meetings.
- Two of your poems will be considered for publication in *The Reach of Song*, our annual anthology.
- Membership in the National Federation of State Poetry Societies and its newsletter, *Strophes*.

Name:

Street (include apartment #):

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FAX:

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Occupation:

If you are joining as a student member, please list your age (optional) _____, the name of your school _____ and your grade _____.

Help your fellow members to know you by listing publications in which your work has appeared, significant literary or other prizes you have won, presentations you have given, etc.

If this is an application for family membership, please list the other family members who will be included.

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Winter GPS Featured Poet



Poet's Dream

From out my pencil's endless scribbling
 flow iambics by the gross,
 each one a proud ~~prosaic scribbling.~~
 From out my pencil's endless scribbling
 soulful verse, beyond all quibbling,
 to perfection presses close.
 From out my pencil's endless scribbling
 flow, iambics, by the gross.

*Prosodic
 Sibling*

*Riherd Greene
 Alpharetta, GA*

Chairperson's Comment

Riherd Greene has chosen to present his dream as a triolet, an ancient French form dating from the 13th Century, although the word, "triolet", was not used to describe it until 1486.

The triolet is a fixed form composed of eight lines and uses only two rhymes in the following scheme: AbaAabAB (capital letter represents a repeated line).

It is a challenging form in that the poet must express the intricate repetition so that it seems natural, not forced, and must then achieve in the repetitions a variety of meaning, or, at the very least, a shift in emphasis.

Riherd has accomplished these goals and presents the reader first a description, then a movement toward the desired achievement. Finally, he gives a direct appeal, not to the poetic muse, but instead to the actual elements of the poetic form. He succeeds well and gives us an excellent example of the triolet.

*Dorothy Worth
 Chairperson*

NOTE: Featured poet chairperson Dorothy Worth will ask selected GPS members to submit one or more poems to be considered for publication in this space. Submissions cannot be more than 30 lines and must not have been previously published.

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