

AUSTIN POETRY SOCIETY

PROUDLY PRESENTS THE:

MUSELETTER

May 2016

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Judy Lynne South

Rick Lozano

Benjamin Nash

Rose Berkowitz

David Lester Young

Udelle Robinson

Thank you for joining APS- we look
forward to getting to know you!

ANNUAL AWARDS CEREMONY

Come to the biggest APS event of the year! Hear wonderful poetry read by first place winners, socialize over pizza and drinks, and maybe even take home your own prize! Come celebrate our amazing year and show your support for the prize-winning poets. May 28 (Saturday) 2:30-5:30pm @ The North Door, 501 Brushy St., Austin, TX 78702.

MONTHLY CONTEST RESULTS

Our Contest Judge: **Elzy Cogswell** is a past President of the Austin Poetry Society. He retired from librarianship at the end of 2006 and has been a full-time poet ever since. Recently he published his first chapbook, *Love Songs for Hyde Park*. His poems number over 2,200; 162 have been published. Some of them have won prizes, beginning in the APS, and now including state and national contests.

Judge's Choice:

General Verse

1st Place: "The Moon's Gift" Barbara Blanks, 2nd Place: "From the Club Car Window" Ralph Hausser, 3rd Place: "Park Bench Transient" Greg Silver

Humorous Verse

1st Place: "Everything Bagels" Kathleen Burke, 2nd Place: "How I Would Like to Be Remembered" La Vern Spencer McCarthy, 3rd Place: "Fresh Sheets" Greg Silver

Popular Vote:

General Verse

Tie for 1st Place: "Excavating" Carie Juettner & "Park Bench Transient" Greg Silver, Tie for 2nd Place "Love is a Sparrow" La Vern Spencer McCarthy & "The Moon's Gift" Barbara Blanks



Humorous Verse

1st Place: "How I Would Like to Be Remembered" La Vern Spencer McCarthy, Tie for 2nd "Everything Bagels" Kathleen Burke & "Fresh Sheets" Greg Silver, 3rd "Dollar Store Soliloquy" Cynthia J. Drake

WHAT'S NEW WITH YOU?

Kaye Abikhaled's poem "Paul Celan" was accepted for the annual Yom HaShoah issue in Rick Lupert's *Poetry Super Highway* ([see here](#)), and will be featured with 47 other memorials May 2 - 8, 2016 and permanently archived for view thereafter. Kaye will also be a featured reader June 4th at Half Price Books' 5555 N. Lamar, the first Saturday of the month. Theme: June is a Woman.

Gloria Amescua had several poems accepted for publication: "Her Father's Nose" for *Crafty II: A Portable Workshop* by Diane Lockward will be published by Terrapin Books. Dos Gatos Press has accepted "El Guitarrista" and "From El Valle to West Texas" for *Bearing the Mask: Southwestern Persona Poems* and "October's Blood" for *Texas Poetry Calendar 2017*. In addition, "Of Feet" was published in the *2016 di-verse-city*.

Kathleen Burke encourages poets to check out The Austin International Poetry Festivals *2016 di-verse city anthology*, now available for purchase only at local shop sponsor [Take Heart](#).

Claire Vogel Camargo is delighted her tanka story "She Took My Exclamation Point" was accepted for inclusion in the book *Our Last Walk: Using Poetry to Grieve and Remember our Pets* (part of the University Professors Press Poetry, Healing, and Growth Book Series) – forthcoming this summer. Happily, her senryu "celebrating" was accepted by the *Failed Haiku Journal* for May, up now.

Nanette South Clark's poem "The Brickyard" was featured in the *Field of 33 Poets* by the Indianapolis 500. Find out more [here](#).

Linda Marie Cossa's poem "Changing Woman" (featured in *The Enigmatist*) was nominated for a Pushcart Prize.

Amy L. Greenspan is pleased to have haiku accepted for publication in *Haiku Presence*, issue 55, and the *2017 Texas Poetry Calendar*. Her poem, "Morning Prayer for Poets" appeared in the *AIPF 2016 di-verse-city Anthology*.

Christine Wenk-Harrison recently had poems accepted for publication in *Bearing the Mask: Southwestern Persona Poems* and *Illya's Honey*, Spring Issue 2016.

Christa Pandey's poems found their way into four anthologies, namely *Di-verse-city*, *Poetry@Round Top*, *America's Poetic Soul* and *In The Voice Of Womyn*.

Anjela Villarreal Ratliff had two poems, "Dear English" and "Birthed from Same Soil", published in *Boundless 2016: The Rio Grande Valley International Poetry Festival Anthology*. She had one tanka accepted for the forthcoming *wildflower poetry anthology*. Her poem, "Forever yours, the Coachella Desert," will appear in the forthcoming *The Crafty Poet II: A Portable Workshop*.

Susan Rooke finally made good on her years-long threat to have her own website. Check out her blog and photos, examples of her poetry, and publication news about her fantasy novels at susanrooke.net

Pete Sebert & Barbara Youngblood Carr co-authored a book of love poems on courtship, family, marriage, dark love and mature love. Pete is on a mini-tour in Indiana doing a few readings of their poems, Called in the Key of Love. Some of the poems will become greeting cards in June. You can order copies from Petesebett22@gmail.com or bcarr2@austin.rr.com.

Chet Taylor of Seguin, Texas, won third place in the first Poetry Chapbook contest established by the Poetry Society of Texas. First and second places went to Bud Mahan and Susan Rank.

MEET ME THERE...

May 14 (Saturday) 3-5pm-Borderlands: Issue 44 Launch Party. Join us for a reading to celebrate the launch of the latest issue of *Borderlands: Texas Poetry Review*! Readers include: featured poet Sam Sax, Cindy Huyser, Cindy King, and Ann A. Philips. @ Malvern Books, 613 West 29th Street, Austin, TX 78705.

May 14 (Saturday) 7-8:30pm- The Lion & The Pirate Unplugged. In association with VSA Texas and the Pen2Paper Creative Writing Contest, we're delighted to present an inclusive (mic-less) open mic for writers and musicians. @ Malvern Books, 613 West 29th Street, Austin, TX 78705.

May 15 (every Sunday, except for the 4th Sunday of the month) 7-10pm-Spoken & Heard Open Mic. @ Kick Butt Coffee Shop, 5775 W Airport Blvd, Austin, TX 78752.

May 19 (Thursday) 7pm-Thirsty Thursday-Poetry reading and open mic. For information on the featured reader and monthly theme, call host Nancy Fierstien at 512-858-2024. **This event continues through the summer** (June 16, July 21, August 18) @ the ranch house at Dripping Springs Ranch Park, 1042 Event Center Drive.

May 20 (3rd Fridays) 1-3pm- Share Your Stories. Hosted by Ralph Hausser. @ the Twin Oaks Library, 1800 S. 5th Street, Austin 78704.

May 20 (Friday) 7-8pm-I Scream Social. Get your cones ready for another installment of I Scream Social, featuring young women poets and fiction writers from the Austin community. @ Malvern Books, 613 West 29th Street, Austin, TX 78705.

May 21 (Saturday) 3-4pm-Singing in the Airport with Don Paul. Join us for an afternoon with writer and musician Don Paul, who will share with us prose, poems, and songs from his one new book and four new albums! @ Malvern Books, 613 West 29th Street, Austin, TX 78705.

May 21 (Saturday) 7-8pm- Tony Burnett & Carlotta Stankiewicz Book Launches. Join us in celebrating the launch of two new books: Tony Burnett's *The Reckless Hope of Scoundrels—selected poems 1985-2015* and Carlotta Stankiewicz's *Haiku Austin*. @ Malvern Books, 613 West 29th Street, Austin, TX 78705.

May 22 (Sunday) 1-2pm-An Afternoon with poets Brandon Lamson & Brian Nicolet. @ Malvern Books, 613 West 29th Street, Austin, TX 78705.

May 24 (Tuesday) 7-8:45pm-Poetry Reading with Jennifer Hudgens and Ty Davis. Books available for purchase. @ Bookwoman, 5501 N. Lamar #A-105, Austin, TX 78751.

May 25 (Wednesday) 7-8:30pm-EastSide Poetry Social-poetry reading with coffee and tea. @ Cepeda Branch Library, 651 N. Pleasant Valley Rd, Austin TX.

May 26 (Thursday) 7-9pm- Linda Marie Cossa hosts the APS Open Mike Night. Featured readers: Ben Pehr, Kaye Voight Abikhaleh, Lydia Amendariz, Philip Abbott, Cracker Fox, and Susan Summers. New Members-please introduce yourself to Linda if you would like to be a featured reader in the future (and bring a poem to share). **This event continues every 4th Thursday through summer.** @ NewWorldDeli 4101 Guadalupe St, Austin, TX 78751.

May 26 (Thursday) 7-8pm-Presenting W. Joe's Poetry Corner, in which our host W. Joe Hoppe interviews a poet. @ Malvern Books, 613 West 29th Street, Austin, TX 78705.

May 27 (every 2nd & 4th Friday) 6:30-8pm-Poetry Plus Open Mic Night-all genres welcome. Sign up beforehand by emailing Mike & Joyce Gullickson poetkind@yahoo.com or Mike Jones 8direct@gmail.com @ Cianfrani Coffee Co. 109 W 7th St, Georgetown, TX 78626.

May 28 (Saturday) 2:30-5:30pm- APS Annual Awards Ceremony: We will announce the winners and read the first place poems aloud. Come celebrate our year with us and show your support for the prize-winning poets.

@ The North Door, 501 Brushy St., Austin, TX 78702. The North Door serves pizza and has a full bar.

May 28 (Saturday) 4-5pm-The Beatest State in the Union. Join us in celebrating the launch of *The Beatest State in the Union*, a new anthology of Texas Beat writers. @ Malvern Books, 613 West 29th Street, Austin, TX 78705.

June 18 (Saturday)-BrainstormATX Author Conference on the craft of writing and the business of publishing. Info on schedule and registration [here](#). @ Fibercove Coworking in Austin, TX.

Note: the APS Critique Group is on break until August.

Also note: Want a poetry event that fits your schedule and location? The Poetry Caravan is looking for summer [volunteers!](#)

THAT'S A WRAP

Well we've made it to the end of the year! Thank you to everyone who: shared news, attended/hosted events, kept submitting despite the rejections and ignored my typos! Special thanks to everyone on the APS Board who, at one point or another, gave their time and energy to make this production happen. We wish you all the best of luck this summer!