

# 2010 HOUSTON POETRY FEST

“Out of Bounds 1”

Saturday, October 2, 2010

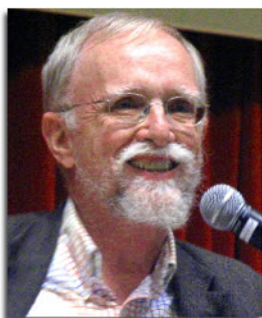
Reading by John Gorman, 2:00 pm

Bay Area Barnes & Noble in Webster

Hosted by the Poetry Society of Texas Gulf Coast Poets

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## SPOTLIGHT READERS

Adriana Babiak Vázquez

Ann Fogelman

Carolyn Adams

Carolyn Thorman

Darla McBryde

Diana Cordova

Laura Peña

Julio Marquina

Luis Vázquez

Susan Ellis

## JURIED POETS

Brian Kenneth Swain

John E. Rice

Oscar Peña

## EARLY BIRD OPEN MIC

Jane Wenninger

Patricia Dixon

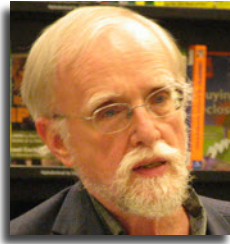
Victor B. Johnson, Sr.

## Some Live Oaks

Three blocks closer to the beach there are none  
But here, though stunted, they hold  
made like their far cousins the salt cedars  
beautiful in a balance of tribulations.  
The wind turns what the sun lifts  
as gravity arcs it all down. It's hard  
to believe there wasn't a worker, "hammered  
gold and gold enameling." But Byzantium falls  
Emperor and Sultan, the Patriarch, shorn of retinue  
lives in the diminished splendor of his house  
while those confections, satisfying the most sublime  
intelligence of the eye whether or not  
they come by chance  
are lavished on us. As we stroll the neighborhood  
up to Food King for cigarettes and milk  
back from parole counseling, volleyball, church  
or running the kids to ballet in the Volvo  
they're there waving their ten thousand gothic leaves  
phoenix feathers, feathers of the roc  
everything in them gnarled, intricate, twisted,  
perfect together, making a vivid splash of our land—  
anchored life in the air, making a cave  
of the sky.

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## FEATURED READER: JOHN GORMAN



John Gorman lives in Galveston. He teaches literature and creative writing at UH-CL. He has three chapbooks, and his work is found in journals and anthologies in Texas, nationally, and in Canada, such as in *Bayosphere*, *Houston Poetry Fest Anthology*, *Suddenly*, and in *The Weight of Addition: an anthology of Texas Poetry (2007)* and in *TimeSlice: Houston Poetry 2005*, (both published by Mutabilis Press).

## MASTER OF CEREMONIES

MARY MARGARET CARLISLE



Mary Margaret Carlisle lives in Webster, Texas. She is a lifetime member and President of the Gulf Coast Poets, and is both a Councilor and the Extension Chair for the Poetry Society of Texas. She has authored four chapbooks and one poetry book. Widely published in her home state, she has taught over one-hundred poetry workshops across Texas. She founded both the Monday Night Poets, and the Gulf Coast Poets, and began the Seabrook Coffee Oasis Poetry Reading Series. Her next featured reading will be at First Friday in Houston, November 5, 2010.

## ADRIANA BABIAK-VÁZQUEZ



Texas native, author Adriana Babiak-Vázquez, a long term member of Sol Magazine's Poetry Works Workshops, is also a member of the Poetry Society of Texas, and the Vice-President of the Gulf Coast poets, and one of its charter members. She has authored a series of poems, essays and short stories, winning a Best Narrative Essay award in *Marrow*, the University of Houston-Clear Lake's literary journal. She is currently taking a Leadership Seminar at Our Lady of the Lake.

## SPOTLIGHT READERS

### ANN FOGELMAN



Ann Fogelman, a writer of memoirs in prose and poetry, lives in Friendswood, Texas. Her work has been published in *Boundless*, *Pets Across America*, *The Noble Generation*, *That Thing You Do*, *They That Go Down to the Sea* and other anthologies and school publications. She is a member of Bay Area Writers League, Poetry Society of Texas, OLLI at UTMB, The Arts Alliance Center in Clear Lake, Poetry Works Workshops,. She is also a Lifetime Member of the Gulf Coast Poets, and is often found greeting visitors at their monthly meetings.

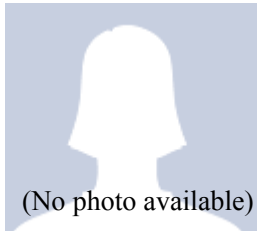
## CAROLYN ADAMS



A popular artist, poet and editor from Houston, Carolyn Adams has coordinated and performed in numerous readings, festivals, and literary events. Her poetry and art have appeared in *Caveat Lector*, *Radiant Turnstile*, and *the Texas Poetry Calendar 2011*, among others. She has assisted in editing and publishing *Curbside Review*, *Ardent*, *Lily Literary Review*, and *Mad Hatters Review*, and has authored a poetry e-chapbook, *Beautiful Strangers* and an art e-chapbook, *What Do You See*.

## SPOTLIGHT READERS

### CAROLYN THORMAN



Carolyn Thorman's novel was put out by Peachtree Press, her collection of short stories was published by Longstreet. Her poetry has appeared in a number of quarterlies including *Cincinnati Review*, *Peidmont*, *the Texas Poetry Calendar*, *Saint Andrews Review*, *Houston Poetry Fest Anthology*, and, most recently, *Illya's Honey*. She's also won awards from the Maryland State Arts Council and the Maryland State Literary Fellowship: she holds degrees in Law and Anthropology. She teaches at the College of the Mainland and divides her time between Houston and Manilva, Spain.

## DARLA MCBRYDE



Poet Darla McBryde lives in Conroe and has strong ties to West Texas. She is a former Austin International Poetry Fest board member. Her poems have appeared in AIPF's *DiVerseCity*, Salado Poets' *Cat Tales*, *Gutter Eloquence*, AWL's *Poetology*, *EnTelechy* and *Manana*, and others. Darla is a member of the Gulf Coast Poets. She will be featured at the Twin Oaks Library in Austin on October 15th, Ric Williams is the host.

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## SPOTLIGHT READERS

### DIANA CORDOVA



Diana Córdova began writing her first poems while attending college. However, even though she felt it was her inner calling to write, it was not “practical” and stopped. A recent trip to India opened the floodgates to her creativity and she began writing poetry again. Two of her poems have been published in *Boundless 2010*, the official anthology of the Rio Grande Valley International Poetry Festival. She is a member of the Gulf Coast Poets and the Poetry Society of Texas.

## LAURA PEÑA



Laura Peña was born in Houston, Texas, and has lived in that area her entire life. Laura's love for books spurred her to read anything she could get her hands on. She attended the University of Houston receiving a Bachelor's degree in Radio/Television and English Literature. She currently works as a Bilingual elementary school teacher. Laura has attended various poetry workshops in the Houston and Austin areas as well as attending poetry readings in Houston. She won 3rd place at the 2010 Austin International Poetry Festival for her poem *Bedtime Story*. Laura is the Recording Secretary of the Gulf Coast Poets and is a member of the Poetry Society of Texas.

## SPOTLIGHT READERS

### JULIO MARQUINA



Julio Marquina has been published in several literary magazines in Texas, including, *Bayosphere*, *Di-verse-City*, and *Tidelines*. He has also won poetry contests and his work appeared in *A Book of the Year* published by the Poetry Society of Texas. Julio has been a featured reader at the Hispanic Book Fest, the Barnes & Noble Poetry Reading Series, First Friday in Houston, and he, his brother, Carlos, and father, Julio, performed during a Poetry Society of Texas Summer Conference. He belongs to the poetic band *Arboles de Hueso / Bonetrees*, a group that combines music, photography, and poetry. He was a charter member of the Monday Night Poets.

## LUIS VÁZQUEZ



Born in New York City and raised in Puerto Rico, Luis Vázquez is an electronics engineer at NASA's Johnson Space Center in Houston, Texas. He has authored both poems and short fiction stories, and his works have appeared in several Texas publications, including University of Houston-Clear Lake's *Marrow*, and *From the Asylum*. Luis earned a Humanities Master's degree from UHCL in 2003, and is now taking a Leadership Seminar at Our Lady of the Lake. He is a charter member of the Gulf Coast Poets.

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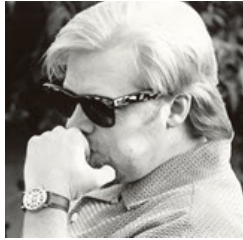
### SUSAN ELLIS



Susan Ellis lives in Houston, and is a member of the Gulf Coast Poets. For some years she was PR Chair of the Houston Poetry Fest, served as Managing Editor for the *Northwest College Review*, and Poetry Editor for *Moondance*. She's been featured at The Book Stop, First Friday, Poetry In the Arts, "Poetically Inclined", Helios, and Dialogue Among Civilizations Through Poetry readings in the U.S and France. Her writing is published in Switzerland, Scotland and France as well as the United States. After a dry spell of several years she is coming out of her writer's block. Wish her luck.



## HPF FEATURED POET: ROBERT WYNNE



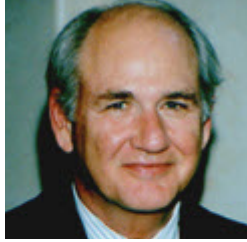
Robert Wynne holds an MFA in Creative Writing from Antioch University and is two-time winner of the Academy of American Poets College Award and the Poetry Super Highway online poetry contest, as well as the recipient of The Poetry Society of Texas' Eakin Book Award, the Masters Poetry Prize and the Grasslands Review Editor's Prize. He is the author of *Remembering How to Sleep* (2007, Eakin Press), and *Museum of Parallel Art* (2008, Tebot Bach). His poetry has appeared in numerous magazines, and also appeared in anthologies published by The University of Iowa, and Black Moss Press. He lives in Texas with his wife, their daughter and three rambunctious dogs. <http://www.rwynne.com/>

## HPF GUEST POET: SARAH CORTEZ



Sarah Cortez is the author of *How to Undress a Cop*. Winner of the 1999 PEN Texas literary award in poetry, she edited *Urban Speak: Poetry of the City* and *Windows into My World: Latino Youth Write Their Lives*, winner of a Skipping Stones Honor Award. She has also edited *Hit List: the Best of Latino Mystery and Indian Country Noir*. Ms. Cortez, co-editor for *Lineup: Poems on Crime*, is a police officer who lives and works in Houston as a freelance editor and writer, bringing the roots of her French, Comanche, Spanish, and Mexican blood to the page. She serves as the national treasurer for the Wordcraft Circle of Native Writers and Storytellers. <http://poetacortez.com/>

HPF GUEST POET: J. PITTMAN MCGEHEE



J. Pittman McGehee is an Episcopal priest and Jungian analyst in private practice in Houston, Texas. He is widely known as a lecturer and educator in the field of psychology and religion, as well as a published poet and essayist. He is the author of *The Invisible Church: Finding Spirituality Where You Are* (Praeger Press, 2008), and *Raising Lazarus: The Science of Healing the Soul* (2009). <http://www.pittmanmcgehee.com/>

HPF GUEST POET: JO LECOEUR



Jo LeCoeur is a poet and fiction writer, and a Professor of English at the University of the Incarnate Word. Her previous books include *Blues in a Red-eye Glass*, *Choc'lit Milk and Whiskey Voices*, *Blue Orleans and Medicine Woods*. She has written extensively on southern writers and culture.

HPF GUEST POET: JAMES MICHAEL ROBBINS

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James Michael Robbins received a B.S. degree in physics from East Texas State University in December of 1981. He entered the graduate program in the Department of Literature and Languages the next semester, majoring in world literature. He has been the publisher of *Sulpher River Literary Review* and SRLR Press since 1987.

# **2010 HOUSTON POETRY FEST SCHEDULE**

**Featured Poet: Robert Wynne**

**Guest Poets: Sarah Cortez, J. Pittman McGehee, Jo LeCoeur,  
James Michael Robbins**

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Spotlight Readers - Juried Poets - Early Bird Open Mic

Open Reading follows

hosted by The Gulf Coast Poets

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“Out of Bounds 2”

— Thursday, October 7 —

Reading by Brian Turner, 5:30 pm at UH-D

— Friday, October 8 —

7:30 p.m.

Featured Poet: Robert Wynne

Guest Poet: Sarah Cortez

— Opening Session of Houston Poetry Fest 2010 —  
at Willow Street Pump Station, 811 North San Jacinto

— Saturday, October 9 —

Willow Street Pump Station, 811 North San Jacinto

Traditional Open Reading 1 to 4:30 p. m.

hosted by Robert Clark

Saturday Evening Reading, 7:30 p. m.

Guest Poet: James Michael Robbins

— Sunday, October 10 —

Willow Street Pump Station, 811 North San Jacinto

Sunday Afternoon Reading, 2 p. m.

Guest Poet: J. Pittman McGehee

## **Houston Poetry Fest 2010**

Houston's oldest poetry festival, celebrating it's 25th Anniversary!

**October 8, 9, & 10**

**Willow Street Pump Station of the University of Houston –  
Downtown, 811 North San Jacinto, downtown Houston, Texas**

**Poetry “Out of Bounds” Readings October 2 & 7**

**Admission is free and open to the public.**

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Juried Poets of the Houston Poetry Fest 2010

Clifford Blake Binford, League City, TX

Joe Blanda, Austin, TX

Emily Blutworth, Houston, TX

Ann Reisfeld Boutté, Houston, TX

Daniel R. Carrington, Houston, TX

Winston Derden, Houston, TX

Jerry Hamby, Houston, TX

Jill Haugen, Bacliff, TX

Bradley Earle Hoge, Spring, TX

Ann Howells, Carroliton, TX

Erica Leher, Houston, TX

Jeffrey Lickson, Houston, TX

Lady Mariposa, Edinburg, TX

John Edward Martin, Ruston, LA

Gloria C. Martinez, Houston, TX

Garrett Middaugh, Houston, TX

John Milkereit, Houston, TX

Patti Nommensen, Houston, TX

Oscar C. Peña, League City, TX

John E. Rice, Houston, TX

Charles A. Stone, Austin, TX

Sandi Stromberg, Houston, TX

Brian Kenneth Swain, Pearland, TX