

Poetry Society of Texas - Gulf Coast Poets Chapter
Barnes & Noble Bookstore (1029 W. Bay Area Blvd.)
Saturday - June 11, 2011, 10:30

Featured Speaker
Daniel Carrington, Jr.



Daniel Carrington was born in Beaumont, Texas and has been a resident of the greater Houston area since high school. A graduate of Texas A&M University, he is an architect by day. By night though, he continues to indulge his passion for poetry that stretches back to those formative high school years. He was selected as a juried poet for the 2010 Houston Poetry Fest. Currently putting together his 2011 submission, he continues to work on new material with the goal of producing his first chapbook in the not-too-distant future.

July 9, 2011: GULF COAST POETS OPEN MIC
Audition for the HPF Poetry Out of Bounds Reading

August 13, 2011: GULF COAST POETS VACATION

September 10, 2011: The Lady Ann(e)s' Reading



Annemarie Conlon



Anne Fogelman

October 1, 2011: Houston Poetry Fest
POETRY OUT OF BOUNDS READING

November 12, 2011: **Erica Lehrer** ►



December 19, 2011: **Dave Parsons, Robert Clark,** and two mystery guest poets.

MEMBER POEM, JUNE 2011
DAVID E. COWEN

Father Sextant's Sermon on the Mount

"blessed are the children," he reads,
then pauses,
his pale cheeks
gleaming red
in the black smoke of the candles.
he stares down
at the late comers
points his finger,
bent and twisted with arthritis,
as they excuse themselves
down the pew to the last open spaces,
and he screams
as the flustered few fumble to find a weekly missal,
"next time I am going to lock the doors at eleven
and you'll just have to do without God for a week,"
they kneel and pray
knowing the anger of their God



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published in *6th and Adams*, by Poet Works Press.

David E. Cowen is a native Texan born in 1957 in Brownsville, Texas. His works have been published in literary journals in the United States, Great Britain and Australia. His poems have appeared in publications still ongoing and now long gone including *RealPoetik*, *Eclectica*, *Cosmic Debris*, *Wired Hearts*, *Ceteris Paribus*, *Gumball Poetry*, *Ygasdril*, *The Bri-dge*, *The River*, *Phoebe*, *Re: Artes Real*, *The Sam Houston Literary Review* and many others. David was a featured speaker at the 2010 Gulf Coast Poet's Annual Celebration Luncheon.

MEMBER POEM, JUNE 2011
SHARMAN SPEED

Heart-Bound a La Linea

Escaping into the darkness of night—no longer
able to bear life as a farmer's daughter in poverty—
her dreams and her heart beckon her to *la linea*.
Stealthily moving through the night, avoiding
being attacked or kidnapped by *pistoleros*,
Juliana watches her daughter, holding
Esperanza's hand tightly in hers.
They sleep under bushes until they enter the desert.

There they hide out under cactus and behind rocks.
Fear begins to take over Juliana. Unsure,
knowing there's no going back and not knowing
what's ahead, she battles with her mind and her heart.
Her gait is off—lost a shoe—wobbling as she walks.
A tiny earthquake shakes inside.
Her fear talks to her. She begins to think they might vanish
never heard of or seen again.

No! she shouts down the fear.
Dios, she commands, *I don't know how to do this!*
Get me and Esperanza across the desert and the border
safely! Juliana says her prayer mantra in gratitude
as if it has already occurred! The moon lights her way.
As she sleeps, her dreams are lucid. Waking
each morning, Juliana has a clear vision of how to get
to her next stopping place. Miraculously food and water
last for days. She knows how to eat and drink from cactus.
As they walk, a cadence begins with earth and spirit.
They cross the border safely into the unknown—America!

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Honorary Lifetime Gulf Coast Poets

Honorary Lifetime Members are individuals who have distinguished themselves in the field of poetry, and in the cause of poetry. Each is well-published. Many are award winning, most are teachers, workshop leaders, hosts of poetry readings, organizers of poetry festivals, or the like. We are very proud of our Honorary Lifetime Members, and honor them for their service. Each year, in the month of November, nominations are opened for a month to seek a new Honorary Lifetime Member. Nominations are accepted from any current member. To nominate a new Honorary Lifetime Member, contact the Gulf Coast Poets during November with a short biography of the proposed individual that includes publication and award data, and a few poems. This is our current list of Honorary Lifetime Members:

Honorary Lifetime	Ted O. Badger (2011)	PST
Honorary Lifetime	Alan Birkelbach (2010)	PST
Honorary Lifetime	Robert Clark (2009)	
Honorary Lifetime Founder	John Gorman (2007)	PST
Honorary Lifetime	Peggy Z. Lynch (2006)	PST
Honorary Lifetime	Larry Thomas (2008)	

Lifetime Members

Lifetime	Diana Dettling Buckley	PST
Lifetime (Founder)	Mary M. Carlisle (President)	PST
Lifetime (Founder)	David Cowen	
Lifetime	Patricia Dixon	PST
Lifetime	Susan Ellis	PST
Lifetime (Founder)	Ann Fogelman (Greeter)	PST
Lifetime (Founder)	Lynne Streeter	PST
Lifetime	Richard Peake	PST

Officers

We are always looking for those who wish to serve as officers. To apply for such service, contact the GulfCoastPoets@gmail.com with a short biography that touches on past publication, honors, and service to the community.

Current officers: Mary Margaret Carlisle, President; Leo Waltz, Treasurer; Adriana Vazquez, Vice President; Laura Pena, Secretary
Volunteers: Ann Fogelman, Kay Cox, Barbara Carle, Oscar Pena

Gulf Coast Poets

Treasurer Report for June 11, 2011 General Meeting

Report Period: May 1 – May 31, 2011 -- with 2011 YTD totals

This report covers the one month period since last report.

Cash Flow: May 1 – May 31, 2011

Total for yr. 2011

Contests.....		0.00	0.00
Dues.....		0.00	325.00
Lifetime (0)	0.00		
Founding (0)	0.00		
Chapter (0)	0.00		
Speaker Expense.....		-67.29	-356.25
Honorarium	-50.00		
Speaker Lunch	-17.29		
Donations.....		0.00	10.00
Interest/Dividend.....		.18	.91
Other		.00	-.00
Net Cash flow, May 1 – May 31		-67.11	-20.34

Account Balances: May 1 – May 31, 2011 –

Total for year

Checking Ledger			
<i>Begin</i>		2196.01	2149.24
Transferred from Cash	.00		(1/1/2011)
Checks written (3)	-67.29		
Debit card (0)	-0.00		
Dividend	.18		
Ending		2128.90	2128.90
<i>Outstanding checks (2)</i>	35.00	<i>Bank chk bal=2163.90</i>	
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)			
<i>Beginning</i>		0.00	0.00
Received	0.00		
Transferred to Checking	-0.00		
Ending		0.00	0.00
Savings (int. posted quarterly)			
<i>Beginning</i>		5.33	5.33
Ending		5.33	5.33
All accounts			(1/1/2011)
<i>Beginning</i>	5/1/2011	2201.34	2154.57
<i>Ending</i>	5/31/2011	2134.23	2134.23

Treasurer Reports will normally end on the last day of the month preceding the meeting and cover the month(s) since the previous report.

One benefit of coming to our meetings is that attendees meet and network with our speakers, some of the best poets in Texas.



November's speaker is poet Erica Lehrer, an award-winning journalist and founding member of Net Poets Society (NetPoSo), a group of poets from Houston. Graduate of Princeton, and the N.Y.U. School of Law, Ms. Lehrer has studied at InPrint, Inc. with Dave Parsons (2011 Texas State Poet Laureate) and novelist Farnoosh Moshiri.

Leftovers

There's always a straggler, the cousin who will not leave, who wants what we have: a nucleus of brothers, sisters, parents and pets who can drape themselves over the furniture after the party ends and linger late into the night, talking about nothing, dozing off now and then, content to belong.

None of us can quite remember how we're related to this guest. Is he a second cousin? Third? More likely a cousin twice or thrice removed. Gentle hints of fatigue to no avail, we watch as he pours himself another drink, a tall one. We stopped drinking hours ago. "Why not stay over?" we finally ask. "It's a long way to Wimberley. We can continue over omelets and toast, fresh fruit, French Roast." We see him vacillating – *yes, no, yes* – 'til he shakes his head: "I'd better go...."

With hugs all around and vague promises to stay in touch, he's out the door in a sudden rush. We do not tarry, either, but peel off to our rooms to slump into the dreamless sleep of the overfed on Thanksgiving.

GULF COAST POETS MEMBERS

Send Venue Information to: GulfCoastPoets@gmail.com

Visit us on Facebook:

<http://www.facebook.com/gulfcoastpoets>

Find a GCP membership form at our website:

<http://GulfCoastPoets.info/>

Gulf Coast Poets membership runs from January 1st through December 31st. Our dues are \$15.00 a year. While our chapter is part of PST, to be an individual member of PST, you must pay state dues as well.

Are you a member of PST? If so, it's time to renew!

Poetry Society of Texas membership runs from July 1st through June 30th of each year. Membership dues for PST are \$25.00 a year for Active and Associate members and are payable in advance on an annual basis from July 1 to June 30. Members, unless specifically exempt, must have their dues current before submitting contest entries. To be listed in the current A Book of the Year, dues must be received by November 30. The status of a member's dues is shown on the address label of The Bulletin. A brochure giving full requirements for membership may be obtained from the Membership Chairman. Send dues, correspondence relating thereto, change of address and/or corrections to:

Lynn Lewis, Membership Chairman

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Fort Worth, TX 76104

E-Mail: elsquared59@yahoo.com

2011 Member List - Gulf Coast Poets
PST indicates Poetry Society of Texas Membership

Chapter (Founder)	Jan Bernstein		PST
Chapter	Barbara Carle		PST
Chapter (Speaker)	Daniel Carrington, Jr.	NEW	
Chapter	Diana Cordova		
Chapter	Maryann Conlon		
Chapter	Kay Cox		PST
Chapter (Speaker)	Winston Derden	NEW	PST
Chapter (Founder)	Edith Escalante		
Chapter	Kelly Ellis		
Chapter (Founder)	Lauran Perry English		PST
Chapter	Sybil Estess		PST
Chapter	Debi Fairchild		
Chapter	Dede Fox		
Chapter	Juan Gomez		
Chapter	Mary Ann Goodwin		PST
Chapter	Sharon Goodwin		
Chapter (Speaker)	Jerry Hamby	NEW	
Chapter (Founder)	Jill Haugen		
Chapter (Founder)	Glynn Monroe Irby		
Chapter	Jean Mahavier		PST
Chapter (Speaker)	Carlos Marquina		
Chapter (Speaker)	David Meischen		
Chapter	Darla McBryde		
Chapter	Penelope McFadin		
Chapter (Speaker)	John Milkereit		
Chapter	Terry J. Miller		PST
Chapter	Jan M. Nezart	NEW	PST
Chapter	Laura Peña (Secretary)		PST
Chapter	Oscar Peña		PST
Chapter	Sharman Speed		
Chapter (Speaker)	Sandy Stromberg		
Chapter	Marie Delgato Travis		PST
Chapter (Founder)	Rebecca Hatcher Travis		PST
Chapter (Founder)	Adriana Babiak Vázquez		
Chapter (Founder)	Luis Vázquez		
Chapter (Founder)	Leo F. Waltz (Treasurer)		PST
Chapter (Speaker)	Scott Wiggerman		PST

2011 Houston Poetry Fest Out of Bounds Reading

October 1, 2011 - Barnes & Noble, Bay Area Blvd, in Webster, Texas, sponsored by the Gulf Coast Poets Chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas. If you're interested in applying for one of the Open Mic slots, contact: GulfCoastPoets@gmail.com
For application form or more information, visit <http://gulfcoastpoets.info/>

NOTE: OOB registration opens on August 1st and closes on September 15, 2011.

2011 Houston Poetry Fest Registration

Oct 7, 8, 9, 2011 - Willow Street Pump Station of the University of Houston – Downtown, 811 North San Jacinto, in downtown Houston, Texas. For information about submission guidelines, please visit: <http://houstonpoetryfest.info/>

The Comstock Review - Annual Contest
www.comstockreview.org

The Muriel Craft Bailey Memorial Award
ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST

Judge: Marilyn Nelson. More information at
www.soulmountainretreat.org

First Prize - \$1000; 2nd Prize - \$250; 3rd Prize - \$100; Honorable Mentions - Subscriptions.

ARE YOU SUBMITTING YOUR WORK?

(From Budd Mahan - Poetry Society of Texas State Chapter)

2011 Senior Poets Laureate Poetry Competition

This contest is open to all Americans 50 or older. Deadline is June 30. Entry fee \$3.00 per poem with a maximum of 40 lines. Must be titled except haiku or senryu. Electronic submission to anykitchenerfdn@hotmail.com. Hard copy to Wanda Sue Parrott, P.O. Box 1821, Monterey, CA 93942-1821.

GCP Minutes

May 14, 2011

10:47 Meeting called to order

MMC announces featured speakers for today are Dede Fox and Jerry Hamby

Daniel Carrington - featured speaker in June.

Dave Parsons named Texas State Poet Laureate - he will be a featured speaker at GCP annual Holiday Luncheon

Poetry Society of Texas dues come due at the end of June. FMI, see their website.

11:00 Dede Fox, librarian, children's literature author, article writer, and poet reads

11:20 Jerry Hamby, reads, taking inspiration from his childhood memories

11:30 The President begins the open mic with - Her Bicycle
Oscar leads the open mic

1. Laura Pena-Small Things, Tweet Poem #8
2. Barbara Carle-Shots Fired
3. Terry Miller-Return to Me, Grandchildren's Poem
4. Lauren Perry English-Love Song, True Value
5. Jean Mahavier-Ronald and Me, Words on Writing a Poem
6. Pat Dixon-Meeting the Train/A Woman's Memory Part I,
Literary Ruminations (in 2011 AIPF anthology)
7. Ann Fogelman-Listen
8. Oscar Pena-Kampala Riot
9. Dede Fox-Prisms
10. Jerry Hamby-Film Boy

Oscar announced that Winston Derden would be the featured speaker at the Webster Barnes & Noble reading on May 21st.

11:52 Meeting adjourned

Lunch at Café Express afterwards

Heights Ashbury Coffeehouse features "A Measure of Meaning," a poetry reading with R.T. Castleberry, Kelly Ann Ellis, Mary Wemple, Chuck Wemple, DE Zuccone and Vanessa Zimmer-Falls. Sunday, June 26th, 3:30pm until 5:00pm, Heights Ashbury Coffeehouse, 242 W. 19th Street, Houston, TX 77008. Free and open to the public. Please call 713-529-0198 or 713-862-7018 for more information.

Guy Owen Prize - Deadline: June 15, 2011 - Entry Fee: \$20

A prize of \$1,000 and publication in Southern Poetry Review is given annually for a poem. All entries are considered for publication. Submit three to five poems totaling no more than 10 pages with a \$20 entry fee, which includes a subscription to Southern Poetry Review, by June 15. Visit the Web site for complete guidelines.

Southern Poetry Review, Guy Owen Prize, Department of Languages, Literature, and Philosophy, Armstrong Atlantic State University, 11935 Abercorn Street, Savannah, GA 31419-1997. Robert Parham, Editor.

[Southern Poetry Review](http://www.southernpoetryreview.org)

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GULF COAST POETS MEMBER LED VENUES

Support Gulf Coast Poets by attending:

Saturdays

**Gulf Coast Poets General Meeting, Most Second Saturdays (Webster) 10:30 am. Moderator, Mary Carlisle, Barnes & Noble, Bay Area Blvd at I-45
GulfCoastPoets@gmail.com**

**NOTE: Terry Miller has canceled the Last Saturday Poetry Reading series at Mugz Coffee Bar in Richmond, TX. Contact him fmi:
fortbendpoets@ymail.com**

Sundays

Sol Magazine Projects:, Poetry Works Workshop, most First Sundays, (2nd Sunday in July). Moderator: Mary Carlisle . Seabrook Coffee Oasis, NASA Parkway at Kirby Drive Sol.Editor@prodigy.net (RSVP fmi.)

Mondays

Coffee Oasis Poetry Reading Series, First Monday, 7 pm (Seabrook). The current moderators, Adriana and Luis Vázquez, are looking for someone to take over the series in January 2012. Seabrook Coffee Oasis, NASA Parkway at Kirby Drive borimex@swbell.net

Gulf Coast Poets Critique Group Most Fourth Mondays (Seabrook) Moderator needed.

**6:45 pm. Seabrook Coffee Oasis, NASA Parkway at Kirby Drive
GulfCoastPoets@gmail.com**

Tuesdays

Galveston Poets Roundtable, Second Tuesday (Galveston), Moderator: John Gorman, 7 pm (dinner), 8pm critique. On the Island, FMI, Billie McCauley <gmaaa@aol.com>

Barnes & Noble Poetry Reading & Open Mic, 7:30 pm, Fourth Tuesday (Webster), MC: Oscar Pena, B&N, Bay Area Blvd at I-45 , pena554343@aol.com

Wednesdays

**Lunch With a Poet Series, (June-August), Seabrook Coffee Oasis Moderator: Mary Margaret Carlisle, Seabrook Coffee Oasis, NASA Parkway at Kirby Drive, CLASS NOW FULL.
Sol.Editor@prodigy.net (RSVP)**

Fridays

**First Friday (Houston), Moderator: Robert Clark, W. Main Street, FMI:
Houstonfirstfri@aol.com
<http://inprintheouston.org/first-Fridays>**

Robert is the organizer of the Houston Poetry Fest.