

**GULF COAST POETS CHAPTER
OF THE POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS
March 12, 2011 - General Meeting**

Featured Poets



Winston Derden



Gary S. Rosin

Winston Derden says he is a lapsed academic, apostate journalist, fiction writer, and poet who resides in Houston. His short story "Rubato" appears in the anthology *Able To . . .* edited by Neil Ellis Orts. His poetry appears in *New Texas*, the *2011 Texas Poetry Calendar*, and the *Houston Poetry Festival anthology* for 2010. He is currently at work on his second novel.

Gary S. Rosin is poet and photographer. His poems and short stories have appeared, or are forthcoming, in various literary and poetry magazines and anthologies, including *Concho River Review*, *Crosscurrents*, *Houston Poetry Fest Anthology*, *New Texas*, *Sulphur River Literary Review* and *Visions International*. His chapbook, *Standing Inside the Web* (Bear House Publishing 1990), won the 1990 Lucidity Chapbook Contest. A portfolio of his poems, together with an essay on poetry and spirituality, were published by The Legal Studies Forum, and reprinted as the chapbook, *Fire and Shadows*. Gary is the Program Chair of the Houston Poetry Fest. He works as a Professor of Law at South Texas College of Law, located in Houston, Texas. Selections of his poetry and photography can be found on his web-site, 4P Creations, <http://www.4pcreations.com>.

Honorary Lifetime Gulf Coast Poets

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

2011 Lifetime Gulf Coast Poets Membership Award for longtime commitment to promoting poets and poetry in Texas was voted upon by our members and goes to Ted O. Badger, native Texan, veteran of World War Two, graduate of Baylor University, published poet, editor and publisher of *Lucidity Poetry Journal*. He was the founder of the *Lucidity Ozark Poetry Retreat* that meets annually in Arkansas.

Dear Gulf Coast Poets:

What can I say? I am overwhelmed by your kind recognition for decades of endeavor. It has been a labor of love and I am blessed at 87 to still be able to make some contribution to the art we love. I am honored to be a part of GCP fellowship, although my health now prevents my physical presence in your activities. God bless! *Ted*

Archival Copies

If I could duplicate today
on a good copy machine,
I would set the counter number
to a full one-thousand at least,
then pray for no paper jam.

For I would like to reproduce
and file for my future access
all those things we have both
said and felt during all of our
closed-door together times.

Then, on those lonely, rainy days,
When you're far beyond my reach,
I could page through the copies
and relive those cherished hours.

~Ted O. Badger

**2011 Member List - Gulf Coast Poets
Chapter Members**

Chapter (Founder)	Jan Bernstein	PST
Chapter	Barbara Carle	PST
Chapter	Diana Cordova	
Chapter	Maryann Conlon	
Chapter	Kay Cox	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	
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Chapter (Founder)	Glynn Monroe Irby	
Chapter	Jean Mahavier	
Chapter (Speaker)	Carlos Marquina	
Chapter (Speaker)	David Meischen	NEW
Chapter	Darla McBryde	
Chapter	Penelope McFadin	
Chapter (Speaker)	John Milkereit	
Chapter	Terry J. Miller	PST
Chapter	Laura Peña (Secretary)	PST
Chapter	Oscar Peña	PST
Chapter	Sharman Speed	NEW
Chapter (Speaker)	Sandy Stromberg	
Chapter	Marie Delgado Travis	PST
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Chapter (Founder)	Adriana Babiak Vázquez	
Chapter (Founder)	Luis Vázquez	
Chapter (Founder)	Leo F. Waltz (Treasurer)	PST
Chapter (Speaker)	Scott Wiggerman	NEW PST

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

Gulf Coast Poets Meeting - Feb. 12, 2011
Minutes taken by Laura Peña, Recording Secretary

10:37 meeting called to order. Laura Peña announced the ninth Annual Hispanic Book Festival would be February 20, 2011, from 12-6 pm at the Houston Southwest Hilton.

Mary Carlisle began the meeting with a poem: Lost Reflection.

Featured speakers were Scott Wiggerman and David Meischen, creators of Dos Gatos Press, editors of the *Texas Poetry Calendar*. They announced that 2012 will be the last year for awards and a submission fee; instead the editors will nominate two poems from the calendar for a Pushcart Prize. Winners will be announced in May. Scott Wiggerman announced an upcoming publication from Dos Gatos Press called *Wingbeats: Practices and Exercises*. The book is a compilation of writing exercises meant to stimulate the poetry writing experience. Scott ended with his poem "Blue Bonnets" first place winner at AIPF 2010.

11:45 Read Around (fifteen poets read)

Oscar Peña: Amarand: A flower that Never Fades

Dick Peake: Necessary

Becky Travis: Flame for Violet (dedicated to her new grandbaby)

Kay Cox: Starbrow

Susan Ellis: Love Letters

Terry Miller: Mantra

Lauren Perry English: Nautilus the Sculptor

Laura Peña: Reinvention

Barbara Carle: The Last Haul

Diana Dettling Buckley: The Photograph

Nick Adams: How I met Poetry

Jean Mahvier: Legacy

Winston Derden: Wandering

Oscar Gonzales: Grandfather

Dr. John Gorman: Shaking a Leg

In honor of Valentine's Day, door prizes were given to those who read a poem about Love.

Mary Carlisle announced that Winston Derden will be the featured poet at next GCP meeting.

Susan Ellis shared news about Archway Gallery hosting a fundraiser.

Terry Miller talked about leading a workshop on Feb. 19 in Sugarland.

Ann Fogelman encouraged poets to attend the BAWL meeting on the 1st Thursday of each month.

Dr. John Gorman announced the annual Galveston Poets Roundtable Mardi Gras Poetry Reading on the first Sunday before Mardi Gras at Mod Coffee shop in Galveston.

12:21 meeting adjourned (Lunch at Dimassi's)



Volunteer of the Month
Kay Cox

Gulf Coast Poets Critique Group
moderator in February.

Thanks, Kay!

Gulf Coast Poets' Treasurer
Official Photographer
Webmaster
Leo F. Waltz

Leo: Thanks for all you do!



Gulf Coast Poets

Treasurer Report for Mar 12, 2011 General Meeting
 Report Period: Feb 1 – Feb 28, 2011 -- with 2011 YTD totals
This report covers the one month period since last report.

Cash Flow: Feb 1 – Feb 28, 2011

Total for yr. 2011

Contests.....		0.00	0.00
Dues.....		220.00	300.00
Lifetime (1)	100.00		
Founding (4)	40.00		
Chapter (6)	80.00		
Speaker Expense.....		-129.96	-190.92
Honorarium	-100.00		
Speaker Lunch	-29.96		
Donations.....		0.00	10.00
Interest/Dividend.....		.19	.37
Other		.00	-.00
Net Cash flow, Feb 1 – Feb 28		90.23	119.45

Account Balances: Feb 1 – Feb 28, 2011 –

Total for year

Checking Ledger			
<i>Begin</i>		2178.46	2149.24
Transferred from Cash	220.00		(1/1/2011)
Checks written (2)	-100.00		
Debit card (1)	-29.96		
Dividend	.19		
Ending		2268.69	2268.69
Outstanding checks (2)	35.00	Bank chk bal=2303.69	
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)			
<i>Beginning</i>		0.00	0.00
Received	220.00		
Transferred to Checking	-220.00		
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>	2/1/2011	2183.79	2154.57
<i>Ending</i>	2/28/2011	2274.02	2274.02

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

UPCOMING SPEAKERS

April 9, 2011
Garrett Middaugh



May 14, 2011
Dede Fox



June 11, 2011
Daniel Carrington Jr.



MEMBERS

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Visit us on Facebook:

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

Find a membership form at our website:

<http://GulfCoastPoets.info/>

Are you a member of the Poetry Society of Texas?

Our president is a Councilor of and the Extension Chair for the state chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas. Two of our members (Peggy Lynch and Ted Badger) are Lifetime Members of PST. In all, twenty-four of our members belong to PST, and some have won prizes for their poetry at their annual awards dinner. Every year PST makes 100 poetry competitions available to their members. Prizes range from \$5.00 to \$1,000. If you're a competition poet, why not join PST during 2011? Their membership runs from July 1st through June 30th of each year. FMI e-mail Lynn Lewis: elsquared159@yahoo.com



Dick Peake: GCP - PST member, winner of several poetry prizes at the PST 2010 awards dinner.

PST also has monthly poetry competitions. Winners may end up in The Book of the Year. If you're a member, send your submission to David Bowman, P.O. Box 37113, Haltom City, TX 76117. For submission guidelines, write David here: poetdavidbowman@aol.com

New Members - February



Sharman Speed
Houston, Texas



Scott Wiggerman
Austin, Texas



David Meischen
Austin, Texas

Member-Led Community Events

Saturdays

Gulf Coast Poets General Meeting

Most Second Saturdays (Webster)
Moderator, Mary Margaret Carlisle
Barnes & Noble, Bay Area Blvd at I-45
GulfCoastPoets@gmail.com

Last Saturday Poetry Reading

Most Last Saturdays (Richmond)
2PM Moderator: Terry Miller
Mugz Coffee Bar, 530 FM 359,
Richmond, TX
fortbendpoets@ymail.com

Sundays

Sol Magazine Projects:

Poetry Works Workshop

Most First Sundays, Moderator:
Mary Margaret Carlisle
Seabrook Coffee Oasis, NASA Parkway
at Kirby Drive
Sol.Editor@prodigy.net (RSVP)

Mondays

Seabrook Coffee Oasis Poetry Reading Series

First Monday (Seabrook),
Moderator: Adriana Vázquez
Seabrook Coffee Oasis, NASA Parkway
at Kirby Drive
borimex@swbell.net

Gulf Coast Poets Critique Group

Most Fourth Mondays (Seabrook)
Moderator: Kay Cox
Seabrook Coffee Oasis,
NASA Parkway at Kirby Drive
GulfCoastPoets@gmail.com

Tuesdays

Galveston Poets Roundtable

Second Tuesday (Galveston),
Moderator: John Gorman
On the Island
Billie McCauley <gmaaa@aol.com>

Barnes & Noble Poetry Reading & Open Mic

Fourth Tuesday (Webster),
MC: Oscar Pena
B&N, Bay Area Blvd at I-45
pena554343@aol.com

Fridays

First Friday

First Friday (Houston),
Moderator: Robert Clark
FMI: Houstonfirstfri@aol.com

Tuesday, March 15th is the deadline for the open submission reading period for the first of the two 25th anniversary issues of the Comstock Review. Submit up to five poems with self-addressed, stamped envelope to:

The Comstock Review, Reading Period.
4956 St. John Drive, Syracuse, NY 13215

All poems received will be considered for this commemorative issue of our journal. For full submission guidelines, visit:

<http://www.comstockreview.org/howtosubmit.html>

Note that Comstock Review does not accept email or simultaneous submissions. Please feel free to share this announcement with any poets you know!



“There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to offer our children. One of these is roots; the other, wings” ~Cecilia Lasbury

EKPHRASTIC POETRY

Ekphrastic: A work of art (a poem, painting, sculpture, music, etc) based on another work (again, a poet, painting, etc). In February, we asked poets to write an ekphrastic poem for March using this painting as a prompt: “Tulips in a Stratforshire Vase” by Dora Carrington.



For April, National Poetry Month, we ask poets to consider writing a poem about this painting, “Big Bear Lake”, by Cindy Rinne; bring it to the April meeting.



Cindy Rienne, a fiber artist and poet, enjoys stitching stories together. She coordinates poetry events, is featured in solo poetry events, teaches visual poetry workshops and is a speaker. She lives in San Bernardino, California. www.fiberverse.com.

ACC Writers Workshop is coming up in April, and one of our members will be part of the panel of writers presenting mini-workshops during the event.

Writer, poet, essayist, and jazz saxophonist, **Oscar C. Peña**, is the author of a poetry chapbook, "Fire of Thorns," and has presented his work to high school and college students and performed his poetry at venues throughout Texas. He hosts the Barnes & Noble 4th Tuesday Poetry Reading Series; Friendswood Library Presents Poetry Night and has served as Master of Ceremonies for Houston Poetry Fest's *Out of Bounds*. He is a member of Gulf Coast Poets and the Galveston Poets Roundtable.

ACC Writers Workshop
Saturday, April 16, 2011
In the Science Building Room S 103

LUNCH: Bring sack lunch and/or coins for a drink and snack machines.
FEES: \$20.00 for non-students, \$10.00 for public school students with current I.D. cards. NO CHARGE for persons 60 or for ACC staff, faculty, and students with current I.D. cards.

8:30-9:00	Registration
9:00-9:50	Oscar Pena
10:00-10:50	Stokes McMillan
11:00-11:30	Lunch
11:30-12:20	Rachel Brady
12:30-1:30	Ron Rozelle

For additional information email
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To Register, mail (or bring) a check or money order to ACC Writers (c/o L. Matteson) 3110 Mustang, Alvin Tx 77511.

As usual, there will be books available and time to talk with our speakers. Arrangements by the ACC Writers

Campus map: http://www.alvincollege.edu/about/campus_map.cfm)

A SPECIAL EVENT



Please join us for Poets Helping Pets, March 20, 2011, Noon - 3:00 pm. This unique spring pet charity event benefits PugHearts of Houston Pug Rescue. *A Peaceful Pet* is hosting a poetry reading by Ken Jones, and Gulf Coast Poets John Milkereit, Jill Haugen, and Mary Margaret Carlisle. All people and polite pets are invited to attend. You may wish to reserve a seat in person @ A Peaceful Pet for only \$10.00.... The proceeds go directly to PugHearts. Seating is very limited. 10% of all pet supply purchases made during the event will be donated and the poets are also contributing some of their proceeds to PugHearts. Refreshments for all attendees.

PugHeart volunteers will be at the event to accept donations, talk about how you can get involved and accept applications for Pug adoptions, and there will be many cute Pugs to meet that are looking for forever homes. For more info call 832-549-1730.

A donation of \$1.00 per each bag of all four flavors of *A Peaceful Pet* brand treats will be donated to PugHearts from now through the end of March 2011.

If you're allergic to dogs or cats, be aware, this event is held at a grooming salon in the historic Heights neighborhood of Houston, TX. They groom small dogs and also groom cats. Sandy Stutz owner.

FMI: <http://apeacefulpet.com/main.html>

A Peaceful Pet
2726 White Oak Drive
Houston Texas 77007



Jill Haugen