

# Poetry Society of Texas - Gulf Coast Poets Chapter

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Saturday - May 14, 2011, 10:30 - Featuring

**Dede Fox and Jerry Hamby**



## ▼ UPCOMING MEETINGS ▼

June 11, 2011: DANIEL CARRINGTON JR. ►

July 9, 2011: GULF COAST POETS OPEN MIC

August 13, 2011: GULF COAST POETS VACATION

September 10, 2011: Speaker Pending

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

November 12, 2011: Speaker Pending



◀ December 10, 2011  
HOLIDAY LUNCHEON  
SPEAKER: DAVE PARSONS

**Dave Parsons**, the newest Texas Poet Laureate (2011-2012), will be Guest Speaker for the Gulf Coast Poets' annual Holiday Luncheon, on the second Saturday in December.

## MEMBER POEM, MAY 2011

DEDE FOX

### Clover Park

Boys climb playground equipment,  
hide behind trees, under picnic tables,  
shoot stinging pellets from air rifles,  
argue about who's out, who's dead.  
Shouts punctuate actions,  
their voices set the rhythm  
for adults walking through the woods.

In June a crowd gathered,  
memorialized a soldier,  
celebrated his twentieth birthday,  
talked about a boy who played war here.

Neighbors listened as humble  
ministers, proud politicians,  
stood on gazebo steps,  
protected from the sun  
and other hazards,  
spoke of young men who love God,  
shoot guns on command.  
Boy Scouts raised slack flags.

Now his mother lies on dedicated  
benches under night's camouflage,  
seeks comfort from stars,  
asks why *her* son.

Fourth of July in Clover Park:  
Boys shoot firecrackers--  
whistles, bangs,  
smoky detonations  
behind her house.  
Stop!  
Not here.  
Not now.

Clover Park was previously published here:

<http://sol-magazine-projects.org/sol/2008/SolSpring2008.pdf>

**MEMBER POEM, MAY 2011**  
**MARY ANN GOODWIN**

**Byways**

Unearthing a poem disturbs the psyche  
traversing treacherous trails  
hacking through underbrush  
pitching head first into pits  
stumbling on steep mountains  
groping fool's gold  
ignoring the mother lode  
Scavenging the poem roller-coasts emotions  
shock stalking the unforeseen  
frustration following misdirection  
self-doubt annotating failures  
satisfaction revenging absurdity  
awe rewarding revelation  
humility embracing survival  
Exhibiting the poem acknowledges hope  
expectation extinguishing exasperation  
understanding annihilating antagonism  
beauty trouncing brutality  
perseverance chastising chaos  
compassion engendering healing  
heart touching heart

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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

In addition to Honorary Lifetime Members, we currently have eight Lifetime Members, each of whom donated a set fee towards the organization. We use these fees to bring in excellent speakers for the group. We thank our Lifetime Members for their generosity.

|                    |                              |     |
|--------------------|------------------------------|-----|
| 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](mailto:GulfCoastPoets@gmail.com) with a short biography that touches on past publication, honors, and service to the community.

Mary Margaret Carlisle, President.

Leo Waltz, Treasurer; Adriana Vazquez, Vice President; Laura Pena, Secretary

# Gulf Coast Poets

Treasurer Report for May 14, 2011 General Meeting  
 Report Period: Apr 1 – Apr 30, 2011 -- with 2011 YTD totals  
*This report covers the one month period since last report.*

## Cash Flow: Apr 1 – Apr 30, 2011

**Total for yr. 2011**

|                                      |              |              |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Contests.....                        | 0.00         | 0.00         |
| Dues.....                            | 15.00        | 325.00       |
| Lifetime (0)                         | 0.00         |              |
| Founding (0)                         | 0.00         |              |
| Chapter (1)                          | 15.00        |              |
| Speaker Expense.....                 | -25.00       | -288.96      |
| Honorarium                           | -25.00       |              |
| Speaker Lunch                        | -.00         |              |
| Donations.....                       | 0.00         | 10.00        |
| Interest/Dividend.....               | .19          | .73          |
| Other                                | .00          | -.00         |
| <b>Net Cash flow, Apr 1 – Apr 30</b> | <b>-9.81</b> | <b>46.77</b> |

## Account Balances: Apr 1 – Apr 30, 2011 –

**Total for year**

|                                 |           |                      |            |
|---------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|------------|
| Checking Ledger                 |           |                      |            |
| <i>Begin</i>                    |           | 2205.82              | 2149.24    |
| Transferred from Cash           | 15.00     |                      | (1/1/2011) |
| Checks written (1)              | -25.00    |                      |            |
| Debit card (0)                  | -0.00     |                      |            |
| Dividend                        | .19       |                      |            |
| Ending                          |           | 2196.01              | 2196.01    |
| Outstanding checks (2)          | 35.00     | Bank chk bal=2231.01 |            |
| Cash (undeposited checks, cash) |           |                      |            |
| <i>Beginning</i>                |           | 0.00                 | 0.00       |
| Received                        | 15.00     |                      |            |
| Transferred to Checking         | -15.00    |                      |            |
| Ending                          |           | 0.00                 | 0.00       |
| Savings (int. posted quarterly) |           |                      |            |
| <i>Beginning</i>                |           | 5.33                 | 5.33       |
| Ending                          |           | 5.33                 | 5.33       |
| <b>All accounts</b>             |           |                      | (1/1/2011) |
| <i>Beginning</i>                | 4/1/2011  | 2211.15              | 2154.57    |
| <i>Ending</i>                   | 4/30/2011 | 2201.34              | 2201.34    |

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

## ARE YOU A MEMBER of PST?

Members of PST are invited to participate all events and competitions that they provide, including the annual Summer Conference and Awards Ceremony.

## ARE YOU A MEMBER OF GCP?

One benefit of GCP membership is that members meet and network with some of the best poets in Texas.



**Dave Parsons**, the newest Texas Poet Laureate (2011-2012), will be Guest Speaker for the Gulf Coast Poets annual Holiday Luncheon on the second Saturday in December. Members (plus 1 guest) are invited to attend.

*(Article by Maggie Galehouse  
excerpted from Chron.com)*

Images for Parson's poems often hit him when he's outdoors. Physical activity "clears the deck" of his brain. "I quit teaching full time to write poetry, and I feel like I'm getting to do more because I'm freed up," Parsons says. "I just don't feel that old. I'm still trying to slay dragons." He talks about Federico García Lorca's *duende*, a dark creative force that lifts a poem into a new reality. Feathering Deep, the title poem from his new collection, explores this force:

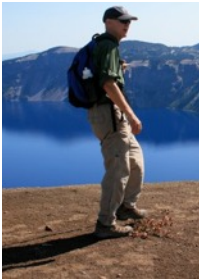
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|---|---|
| I believe it to be<br>unlike any other<br>conveyance            | where we find ourselves   |
| the manner in which<br>it carries us in<br>upon its own silence | in that sacred state—easing<br>quietly into the dark duende<br>to unconscious understanding               |
| the way an idea drifts<br>into the grey divide                  | a lone canoe at night—blades<br>paddling deep—smoothly<br>and deftly feathering<br>that largest of bodies |

## MAY FEATURED SPEAKER

### DEDE FOX



Houston poet, Dede Fox's credits include *The Treasure in the Tiny Blue Tin*, winner of the Sydney Taylor Manuscript Competition (an Association of Jewish Libraries honor book). Highlights published two of her non-fiction articles, with a third under contract. Her short stories and poetry are in regional journals, including 2011 Texas Poetry Calendar and Sol Magazine. twice a juried poet at HPF, her poem "Chapultepec Park" won the 2008 Christina Sergeyevna Award at AIPF. Librarian at Collins Intermediate, Dede also teaches with Houston's Writers in the Schools program. <http://dedefox.com>



## MAY FEATURED SPEAKER

### JERRY HAMBY

**Jerry Hamby**, author of the chapbook *Letters Drawn in Water* (Pecan Grove, 2004), has published in several journals, including *Concho River Review*, *New Texas*, *Descant*, *Windhover*, and *The Texas Poetry Calendar*. Jerry was a Juried Poet for Houston Poetry Fest 2010 and was invited to be a Featured Poet at Houston Poetry Fest 2011. He has twice won the Conference of College Teachers of English Creative Writing Award. He teaches English and humanities at Lee College in Baytown, and lives in Houston.

**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               |     |
| Chapter           | Mary Ann Goodwin         | PST |
| Chapter           | Sharon Goodwin           |     |
| 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           | Laura Peña (Secretary)   | PST |
| Chapter           | Oscar Peña               | PST |
| Chapter           | Sharman Speed            |     |
| Chapter (Speaker) | Sandy Stromberg          |     |
| Chapter           | Marie Delgado 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 |

**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](mailto:anykitchenerfdn@hotmail.com). Hard copy to Wanda Sue Parrott, P.O. Box 1821, Monterey, CA 93942-1821.





## POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS Dues

Membership dues 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 PST. 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  
1704 Enderly Place  
Fort Worth, TX 76104  
E-Mail: [elsquared59@yahoo.com](mailto:elsquared59@yahoo.com)

## PST MONTHLY POETRY COMPETITIONS

Poetry competition winners may end up in The Book of the Year.

If you're a PST member, send your submission to David Bowman, P.O. Box 37113, Haltom City, TX 76117.

For submission guidelines, write David here:  
[poetdavidbowman@aol.com](mailto:poetdavidbowman@aol.com)

NOTE ONE: To belong to the Gulf Coast Poets, PST membership is not required except by founders and the GCP President, and is strongly encouraged for all officers.

NOTE TWO: PST membership is required of all PST Chapter Presidents.

## GULF COAST POETS Dues

Membership dues are \$15.00 for Active members; \$10.00 for Founding members; a one-time fee of \$125.00 is needed for Lifetime membership (unless applicant also belongs to PST, in which case membership is \$100.00. We verify PST membership.)

All non-lifetime GCP memberships begin on January 1st and end December 31st. Fees are prorated from Nov. through Dec.

Print your name at the top of your application. Include date, mailing address (including zip code), office phone number, home phone number, and/or cell phone number (indicate which, please), and preferred e-mail address.

Also include information about any writing group memberships you may hold, or professional alliances with any writing organizations.

Include your signature at the bottom of your application.

Make your check out to **Gulf Coast Poets**. Mail to:

Gulf Coast Poets  
Leo F. Waltz, Treasurer  
P.O. Box 57418  
Webster, Texas 77598-7418

Send Venue Information to: [GulfCoastPoets@gmail.com](mailto:GulfCoastPoets@gmail.com)  
Two week lead time is required to be published in this bulletin.

Visit us on Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/gulfcoastpoets>

Find a membership form at our website:  
<http://GulfCoastPoets.info/>

## **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](mailto:GulfCoastPoets@gmail.com)

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/>

## **Fort Bend Poets Group News**

The Fort Bend Poets Group (FBPG) has named Gulf Coast Poets Honorary Lifetime member, Ted O. Badger of Sugar Land as Fort Bend County Poet Laureate for 2011. Mr. Badger is being recognized for his work in poetry, his dedication to the art form through the publication of his *Lucidity Poetry Journal* and his founding of the *Lucidity Ozarks Poetry Retreat*.

In addition, the FBPG has named Mano Faisal, a sophomore at Austin High School in the Fort Bend Independent School District as Fort Bend County's Teen Poet Laureate for 2011. Ms. Faisal is being recognized for her work in poetry. She has love poetry since the age of 7. Her mother, uncle and grandfather are also poets. Ms. Faisal's favorite poet is Sylvia Plath. For more information, write to: [fortbendpoets@ymail.com](mailto:fortbendpoets@ymail.com) or visit [www.fortbendpoets.org](http://www.fortbendpoets.org).

Terry Miller, founder  
Fort Bend Poets Group

## GULF COAST POETS MEMBER LED VENUES

Support Gulf Coast Poets by attending:

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

### Sundays

Sol Magazine Projects:  
Poetry Works Workshop  
Most First Sundays  
(June-July)  
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

### Wednesdays

Lunch With a Poet Series  
(June-August)  
Seabrook Coffee Oasis  
Moderator: Mary Margaret Carlisle  
Seabrook Coffee Oasis, NASA  
Parkway at Kirby Drive  
Only seven seats open now  
Sol.Editor@prodigy.net (RSVP)

### Fridays

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

To verify that a group is actually meeting, contact the venue host.