

Poetry Society of Texas - Gulf Coast Poets Chapter
Barnes & Noble Bookstore (1029 W. Bay Area Blvd.)
Saturday - November 12, 2011, 10:30 -

Featured Poet
Erica Lehrer



UPCOMING

December 10, 2011, 1-4

Annual Luncheon

Featured Poets

Dave Parsons, Robert Clark, Sarah Cortez, and John Gorman

Location TBD

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.

Here is one of Erica's poems:

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.

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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/>

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. Although not required, it would be helpful to touch on past publication, honors, and prior service to the community, if any.

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, have you renewed?

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
1704 Enderly Place
Fort Worth, TX 76104
E-Mail: elsquared59@yahoo.com

Honorary Lifetime Gulf Coast Poets

Honorary Lifetime Members are individuals distinguished in the field of poetry, and in the cause of poetry. Each year, in the month of November, nominations are opened for a month to seek a new Honorary Lifetime Member. To nominate a new Honorary Lifetime Member, current members may provide the Gulf Coast Poets with a short biography and contact information of the proposed individual.

Honorary Lifetime Members:

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

Other 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	
Lifetime (Founder)	Ann Fogelman (Greeter)	PST
Lifetime (Founder)	Lynne Streeter	PST
Lifetime	Richard Peake	PST

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**Officers: Mary Margaret Carlisle, President; Leo Waltz, Treasurer; Laura Pena, Vice President & Secretary
Volunteers: Ann Fogelman, Kay Cox, Barbara Carle**

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.
Barnes & Noble,
Bay Area Blvd at I-45
GulfCoastPoets@gmail.com

Sundays

Sol Magazine Projects
Sol.Editor@prodigy.net

Mondays

Seabrook Coffee Oasis
Reading Series, First
Monday, 7 pm (Seabrook).
Want to be an MC?
contact: borimex@swbell.net

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

Fridays

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

WHAT'S YOUR NEWS?

Gulf Coast Poet Chapter Member, Terry Jude Miller has been very busy. Not only was one of his poems accepted into the Senior Poet Laureate Competition, look who he met in London:

Hi:

Just a note to let you know that I got to meet former US Poet Laureates Kay Ryan and Bob Hass on Monday while I was in London.

I've attached a photo taken at the event.

Regards,

Terry Jude Miller



From Terry Miller: Dear poet friends and colleagues, one of my poems, "Full Grain", has won a special-category award in the 2011 Senior Poet Laureate Competition. Here is the poem:

Full Grain

I walk through corn
behead the princes
of their glory and see
my reflection in a dead

crow's cloudy eye
screams milk-spill above
the corn silk like ice
above running waters,
mistakened for the murder's caw

stalked by infatuated stalks
my path closes behind me
teaches me of time
both coming and going
no matter how overwhelming

there is always direction
up-down rows, rivers,
roads, the tick's trick
is to hang on for the ride

sickle quick through fields
where nicked blood
and tassels litter
the message of the grain
found-lost in youth's abandon

Regards,

Terry Miller
www.PoetTerryMiller.com
www.fortbendpoets.org

ARE YOU SUBMITTING YOUR WORK?

Submissions are now open for the *2013 Texas Poetry Calendar*. Guidelines can be found in the back of the *2012 Texas Poetry Calendar* and at the Dos Gatos website--please read them and follow them, and note that while other publishers are increasing fees, Dos Gatos Press has decided to try **no reading fees** this year! Of course, if you want to continue to send \$5.00--or more!--as a tax-free donation, we won't say no. All funds go back into supporting our Dos Gatos mission: "to make poetry more widely available to the reading public and to support writers of poetry--especially in Texas and the Southwest." You have until February 21, 2012, to send in submissions. Good luck! We at Dos Gatos appreciate you and wish you all safe and happy holidays!

Scott Wiggerman
Dos Gatos Press
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Austin, Texas 78722

ARE YOU SUBMITTING YOUR WORK?



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<http://www.gulfcoastmag.org/index.php?n=5>

ARE YOU VOLUNTEERING YOUR TIME?

<http://www.witshouston.org/>

ARE YOU SUBMITTING YOUR WORK?

ARTlines Competition

From: publicpoetry1@aol.com

The entry deadline for the ARTlines competition from November 15th to Wednesday, November 30, 2011. However, to stay on schedule with The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, the final deadline of December 30, 2011 cannot be changed. Why submit an early entry? Because you can take advantage of a reduced entry fee. Because the Single Entry option for submitting one poem only will go away after November 30th (you can still submit one poem, but you'll be charged the same as those who submit up to three poems.) Because you can use some of your time over Thanksgiving to compose or revise your work. Because you can check "Enter ARTlines Competition" off your To-Do list!

Best, Fran Sanders, Director Public Poetry

- The competition is open to current as well as former residents of Texas, who have lived in this state a minimum of 9 months by April 21, 2012.
- Entries must be received by Friday, December 30, 2011. (Deadline for early entries is Wednesday, November 30, 2011)
- Poem(s) submitted can relate to any of the nine works of art selected by the curatorial staff of The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston.
- You can submit as many poems as you wish.
- Language must be appropriate for museum audiences.
- Entries will be read & judged blind (no personal information visible.)

VISIT WEBSITE FOR ENTRY FORM
and full guidelines

<http://2publicpoetry.net/entry-form/>

ARE YOU ATTENDING POETRY READINGS?

Where are you reading your work?

There will be a book release, reading, and signing of John Gorman's new book, *Red Pontiac Convertible*, on the fourth Tuesday of this month, November 22, at 7:30 pm. This event will be held in the Baybrook Barnes and Noble in Webster, Texas, at 1029 West Bay Area Boulevard. For directions to the store, call (281) 554-8224.. Bring a poem for Open Mic.

John Gorman was born in Chicago in 1944 and grew up in Oak Park and Aurora (mostly), Illinois. He was an English major Notre Dame and did his graduate work at the University of Virginia. There he and Margaret Doran were married in 1972. He came to Texas to be on the founding faculty of the University of Houston-Clear Lake in 1974. He and Margaret had two daughters. They all moved to Galveston in 1980. He still teaches at the University of Houston-Clear Lake.

Check out these youtube videos of Gulf Coast Poets reading their work:

Thoughts in a Yoga Class, Lynn Streeter

http://www.youtube.com/user/TownOrbiter?blend=21&ob=5#p/u/1/9UO_reQkMgY

Remembering 9/11, by Kay Cox

<http://www.youtube.com/user/TownOrbiter?blend=21&ob=5#p/au/2/VFIW2FmhYpM>

Forecast, by Mary Margaret Carlisle

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vCMk5qZSGoM>

Reckoning, by Kelly Ellis

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HeQ3KtRL21g&feature=related>

Gulf Coast Poets

Treasurer Report for Nov 12, 2011 General Meeting

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

This report covers the two month period since last report.

Cash Flow:	Sept 1 – Oct. 31, 2011	2011 YTD
Contests.....	0.00	0.00
Dues.....	0.00	340.00
Speaker Expense.....	-203.37	-596.34
Honorarium	-125.00	
Speaker Lunch	-18.37	
Lodging	-60.00	
Donations.....	0.00	260.00
Interest/Dividend.....	.39	1.87
Other	-17.00	-17.00
Domain Renewal	-17.00	
Net Cash flow, Sept 1 – Oct. 31	-219.98	-11.47

Account Balances:	Sept 1 – Oct. 31, 2011	2011 YTD
Checking Ledger		
<i>Beginning</i>	2357.75	2149.24
Cash withdrawn	-185.00	(1/1/2011)
Checks written (0)	-0.00	
Debit card (2)	-35.37	
Dividend	.39	
Ending	2137.77	2137.77
Outstanding checks (2)	35.00 Bank chk bal=2172.77	
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)		
<i>Beginning</i>	0.00	0.00
Received	.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>	9/1/2011	2363.08
Ending	10/31/2011	2143.10

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

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

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Chapter	Annmarie Conlon	
Chapter	Kay Cox	
Chapter	Winston Derden	
Chapter (Founder)	Edith Escalante	
Chapter	Kelly Ellis	
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Chapter	Debi Fairchild	PST
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Chapter	Juan Gomez	
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Chapter (Founder)	Luis Vázquez	
Chapter (Founder)	Leo F. Waltz (Treasurer)	PST
Chapter	Scott Wiggerman	PST