

Gulf Coast Poets Chapter  
Of The Poetry Society of Texas  
April 14, 2012 – General Meeting



Gulf Coast Poets  
Is proud to present  
Juan Manuel Perez



Juan Manuel Perez, (pictured here with Carmen Tafola) is a Mexican-American poet from La Pryor, Texas, is the author of *Another Menudo Sunday* (2007), *O' Dark Heaven: A Response To Suzette Haden Elgin's Definition Of Horror* (2009), *WUI: Written Under The Influence Of Trinidad Sanchez, Jr.* (2011), and six poetry chapbooks. Juan is also the 2011-2012 Poet Laureate for the San Antonio Poets Association. His poetry has also appeared in *New Texas*, *Concho River Review*, *The Langdon Review Of The Arts In Texas*, *The Mayo Review*, *Writers Of The Rio Grande.Com*, *Homenaje A Miguel Hernandez En Su Centenario*,

*Desahogate*, *Boundless*, *International Poetry Review*, and numerous other publications. Juan is a ten-year Navy/Marine veteran and former Combat medic serving in the First Gulf War (1991). Presently, he is also a successful public high school history teacher in La Pryor where he lives.

The 2012 White Buffalo Native American Poet Laureate Poetry Contest Winners were just announced and SAPA's current Poet Laureate, Juan Manuel Perez, has come away with three poetry prizes: Two "White Buffalo Native American Peace Pipe Honorable Mention Awards" for the poems "Dirt" and "What Does It Matter" and one "White Buffalo Native American Chief's Choice Award" for a third poem, "Mother Earth Speaks." <http://www.greatspiritpublishing.yolasite.com/resources/2012%20White%20Buffalo%20Winners%20Total%20List.pdf> The poems will soon appear this fall in the contest's anthology, *GIFTS OF THE GREAT SPIRIT: Dream Catcher of the White Buffalo*.

I see brown people

When I sit to eat a salad

The onions

The tomatoes

The lettuce

I see brown people

When I touch the walls of a new home

The floors

The cabinets

The plumbing

I see brown people

When I stop to rest the night at a hotel

The bed

The carpet

The toilet

I see brown people

When I see rich people

Their cars

Their homes

Their children

I see brown people

In long unemployment lines

Long commodity lines

Long prison roll calls

Long funeral processions

I see brown people everywhere

Yet, where are they

In history books?

In schools?

In the world?

Juan Manuel Perez

## **A Sonnet for Rosie**

*The Jetson's Maid*

Are your parts made in Japan  
Your right leg, your left hand  
Are you wired thru and thru  
Head to toe, all of you  
Are you able to feel my touch  
Can you fake it or not so much  
Do you know how to love  
Not just roses and white doves  
Are you abke to fall asleep  
Hope to wake and angels keep  
Are you capable of dreaming  
Is it syndicated or live and streaming  
So you can be as much for me  
As all the parts make you be

By Juan Manuel Perez

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# Gulf Coast Poets

Treasurer Report for Apr 14, 2012 General Meeting  
 Report Period: Mar 1 – Mar 31, 2012 -- with 2012 YTD totals  
 This report covers the one month period since last report

Cash Flow: Mar 1 – Mar 31, 2012	2012 Totals
Contests.....	0.00      0.00
Dues.....	15.00      100.00
Speaker Expense.....	-59.50      -247.91
Honorarium	-50.00
Speaker Lunch	-9.50
Lodging	-.00
Donations.....	.00      20.00
Interest/Dividend.....	.17      .54
Other.....	.00      .00
<b>Net Cash flow, Mar 1 – Mar 31</b>	<b>-44.33      -127.37</b>

Account Balances: Mar 1 – Mar 31, 2012 –	Total for 2012
Checking Ledger	
<i>Beginning</i>	1965.84      2038.88
Transfer from Cash	15.00      (1/1/2012)
Checks written (2)	-59.50
Debit card (0)	-0.00
Dividend	.17
Ending	1921.51      1921.51
Outstanding checks (3)	44.50      Bank chk bal=1966.01
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)	
<i>Beginning</i>	.00      10.00
Received	15.00
Transferred to Checking	-15.00
Ending	.00      .00
Savings (int. posted quarterly)	
<i>Beginning</i>	5.33      5.33
Ending	5.33      5.33
<b>All accounts</b>	(1/1/2012)
<i>Beginning</i>	3/1/2012      1971.17      2054.21
<i>Ending</i>	3/31/2012      1926.84      1926.84

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

*Correction to previous 2 reports:* In the year to date column, the Checking Ledger Beginning balance was not updated from 2011; however the All Accounts Beginning balance was correct.

## GULF COAST POETS MEMBERS

Send Venue Information to: [GulfCoastPoets@gmail.com](mailto:GulfCoastPoets@gmail.com)

Visit us on Facebook:

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

Find a GCP membership form at our website:

<http://GulfCoastPoets.info/>

To contact the President of GCP, write to:

Laura Peña <[iselapena@hotmail.com](mailto:iselapena@hotmail.com)>

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, if you wish to be an individual member of PST, you must pay state dues as well.

To contact the Membership Chair of GCP, write to:

Membership <[gulfcoastpoets@gmail.com](mailto:gulfcoastpoets@gmail.com)>

Are you a member of PST? If so, remember to renew in June!

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

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Alcove

by John Ashbery

Is it possible that spring could be  
once more approaching? We forget each time  
what a mindless business it is, porous like sleep,  
adrift on the horizon, refusing to take sides, "mugwump  
of the final hour," lest an agenda—horrors!—be imputed to it,  
and the whole point of its being spring collapse  
like a hole dug in sand. It's breathy, though,  
you have to say that for it.

And should further seasons coagulate  
into years, like spilled, dried paint, why,  
who's to say we weren't provident? We indeed  
looked out for others as though they mattered, and they,  
catching the spirit, came home with us, spent the night  
in an alcove from which their breathing could be heard clearly.

But it's not over yet. Terrible incidents happen  
daily. That's how we get around obstacles.

## **Next Month's Featured Reader**

**Is Carolyn Adams**



Carolyn will be reading from her newest book, *An Ocean of Names*; poems inspired by Greek and Roman myths. Please join us next month, May 12, 2012 at 10:30 in the Barnes & Noble in Webster, Tx.



## **Austin International Poetry Festival**

The website is now up and running

Visit <http://aipf.org/>

For more information and submission guidelines

The dates of the festival are September 27-30th, 2012

This will be the festival 20th anniversary

Please consider submitting your work to this festival that offers great workshops, international readers, events happening all over the city of Austin, and much more

Stuck for ideas or do you need some prompts to help get your poetic juices flowing?

Visit the following two websites for daily prompts and challenges during April's National Poetry Month

<http://www.napowrimo.net/>

<http://www.writersdigest.com/editor-blogs/poetic-asides>



The following websites provide information on poetry events, contests, magazines, festivals, and much more

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

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

<http://www.poetrysociety.org/psa/>

<http://www.poetryfoundation.org/poetrymagazine/>

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

<http://nfsps.com/index.htm>

<http://publicpoetry.net/>

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

<http://aipf.org/>

<http://festivalhill.org/>

### **Houston Indie Book Festival**

will be held April 14th from 11am to 5pm

tables will be set up around

the Menil Collection Museum

there will be exhibitor tables with representatives

from Houston's independent bookstores,

magazines, and small presses

visit <http://indiebookfest.org/> for more information

### **Bayosphere a Literary Magazine**

published by the English Department at the

University of Houston-Clear Lake is now

accepting submissions

visit <http://prtl.uhcl.edu/portal/page/portal/BAY/Bayosphere>

for more information and guidelines

### **The ARTlines Ekphrastic Poetry Competition**

winners will read their poetry at the

Museum of Fine Arts Houston

April 21st, 2012 from 3-4:30pm

Dr. John Gorman and many other poets

and other invited guests will be there

with a reception to follow

visit <http://www.mfah.org/calendar/artlines-ekphrastic-poetry-competition/5657/> for more information



Gulf Coast Poets member Terry Jude Miller  
will have a reading at Books-A-Million  
in Katy Mills Mall  
April 28th at 4pm

Gulf Coast Poets member Lynne Streeter  
has won 1st place for “Sonoran Nocturne”  
in the Chaparral Poetry contest, Chaqueta Division  
sponsored by Red Rock Writers Seminar

Six members of Gulf Coast Poets; Oscar Peña, Ann Fogelman,  
John Milkereit, Juan Manuel Perez, Laura Peña,  
and Richard Peake had poems accepted for the  
6th annual Rio Grande Valley International Poetry Festival *Boundless* anthology  
The Festival will take place in McAllen Tx.  
April 26th-29th  
Visit [www.vipf.org](http://www.vipf.org) for more information about venues,  
readings, and workshops

Gulf Coast Poets Meeting – March 10<sup>th</sup>, 2012

Minutes taken by Barbara Ann Carle

10:40 a.m. meeting called to order.

Mary Margaret Carlisle gave a tribute to Peggy Zuleika Lynch, renowned Texas poet who passed away March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Peggy was the first Honorary Lifetime Member of the Gulf Coast Poets and a dear friend to us all.

Laura Peña made the following announcements:

On March 16<sup>th</sup>, at 8pm Dustin Pickering will be hosting a fund raiser for his magazine Harbinger Asylum at Avant Garden.

On April 4<sup>th</sup> the Friendswood Public Library Poetry Series will host poets John Milkereit and the Net Poets Society.

April 21<sup>st</sup> the Museum of Fine Arts will host the winners of their ARTline ekphrastic poetry competition. Our own Dr. John Gorman and Kelly Ann Ellis will be two of the featured winners.

Featured Speaker:

Dave Parsons, Texas Poet Laureate 2011, read a paper he had written “The Creature Dwende”. He then read a collection of poems from his three books, “Color of Mourning”, “Editing Sky” and “Feathering Deep”.

Open Mic Readers:

Laura Peñaa read Terry Miller's poem Howl-less

Ann Fogelman - Childhood Memories

Jean Mahavier – Spring Song

Kay Cox – It's Not My Journey

Laura Peña – My Muse Left a Note

Mary Margaret Carlisle – Skulkers

John Gorman – Grande Dame and his award winning ekphrastic poem.

12:10 p.m. meeting adjourned. Lunch afterwards at La Madeleine's.

## Poetry Society of Texas-Gulf Coast Poets Chapter-2012 Members

Ted Badger, Honorary Lifetime Member  
Alan LeeBirkelbach, Honorary Lifetime Member  
Thomas Bridges, Chapter Member  
Diana Dettling Buckley, Lifetime Member  
Barbara A. Carle, Chapter Member  
Mary Margaret Carlisle, Lifetime Member - Membership Chair  
Daniel Carrington, Chapter Member - Recording Secretary  
Robert Clark, Honorary Lifetime Member  
David E. Cowen, Lifetime Member - Vice-President  
Kay L. Cox, Chapter Member  
Winston Derden, Chapter Member  
Patricia Dixon, Associate Lifetime Member (lives in New Orleans, LA)  
Susan Ellis, Lifetime Member  
Lauran Perry English, Chapter Member  
Edith Escalante, Chapter Member  
Dr. Sybil Pittman Estess, Chapter Member  
Ann Fogelman, Lifetime Member - Greeter/Hospitality  
Ada Marie Fuller, Chapter Member  
Sharon Goodwin, Chapter Member  
Mary Ann Goodwin, Chapter Member  
Dede Fox, Chapter Member  
John Gorman, Honorary Lifetime Member  
Jerry Hamby, Chapter Member  
Glynn Monroe Irby, Chapter Member  
Nancy Johnson, Chapter Member  
Peggy Lynch, Honorary Lifetime Member—In Memoriam  
Jean Mahavier, Chapter Member  
Cherie McBride, Chapter Member  
Glenn Nelson McBride, Chapter Member  
David Meischen, Chapter Member  
Terry Jude Miller, Chapter Member  
Dave Parsons, Chapter Member  
Richard Peake, Lifetime Member  
Laura Peña, Chapter Member - President - PST Liason  
Oscar C. Peña, Chapter Member  
Juan Manuel Perez, Chapter Member

Sharman L. Speed, Chapter Member  
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