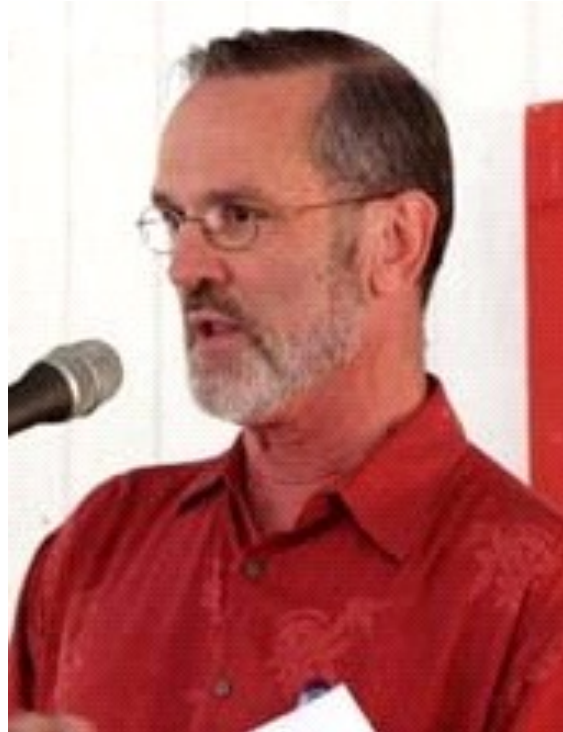
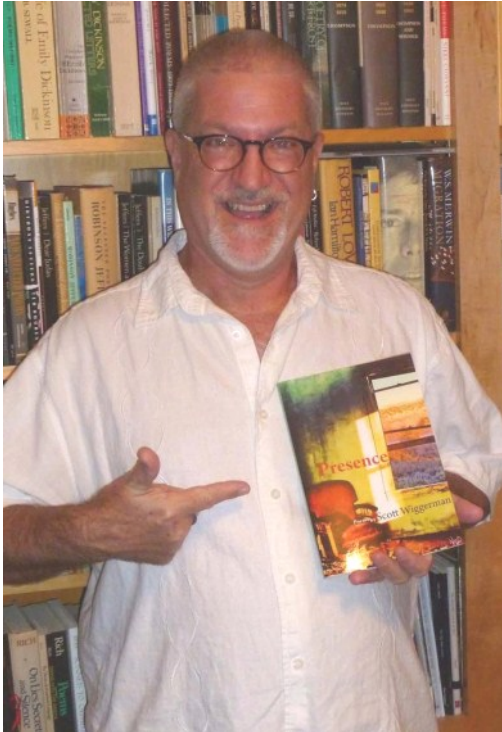
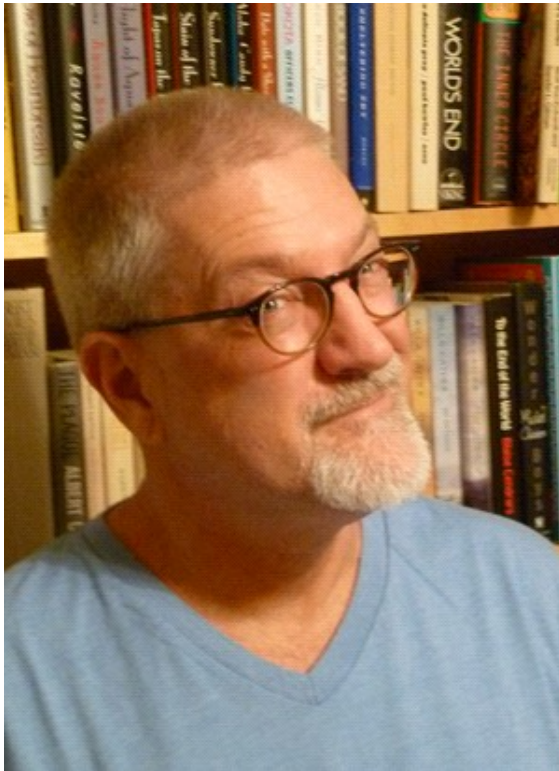


**GULF COAST POETS CHAPTER  
OF THE POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS  
February 11, 2012 - General Meeting**



**Scott Wiggerman and David Meischen  
Dos Gatos Press editors and owners**

**Gulf Coast Poets is proud to have the editors  
and owners of Dos Gatos Press back for a  
fourth speaking engagement**



Scott Wiggerman is a poet and retired librarian living in Austin, Tx. He is a member of The Writer's League of Texas, The Poetry Society of Texas, The Austin Poetry Society, The Associated Writing Programs, and a participant in an on-line poetry critique group, through the Internet Writing Workshop.

Scott and his partner, David Meischen, have been the editors of Dos Gatos Press since 2004. In 2006 they took over publication of *Texas Poetry Calendar* and have been publishing it annually ever since. Scott's second book of poetry *Presence* was published in

### *The Weather Inside*

Clouds amassed for weeks  
where old ones failed to leave,  
  
till gray skies gluttoned  
and light was crushed in their blotter.  
  
with air too black to breathe  
and echoes rumbling down streets,  
  
the storm ached deep in his bones.  
It felt like a coming heartbreak.



Writer, poet, and editor David Meischen lives in Austin, Tx. He has been writing poetry and teaching the art of writing poetry for the past twenty-five years. He recently completed an MFA in fiction writing from Texas State-San Marcos. His short stories have appeared or will appear in *Talking Writing*, *Superstition Review*, and *Valparaiso Fiction Review*. In June 2011, he won the Writers' League of Texas manuscript award in Mainstream Fiction.

Along with his partner, Scott Wiggerman, David is the co-founder and editor of Dos Gatos Press. In addition to the *Texas Poetry Calendar*, Dos Gatos Press has also published

*Wingbeats: Exercises and Practices in Poetry*. The following excerpt is from David's short story *Yellow Jackets*, which can be read in its entirety at

**<http://talkingwriting.com/?p=12429>**

*He woke knowing it was the boy's birthday.*

*The sheets were damp, the light at the bedside gray already and brightening toward dawn. He got up and slipped on his robe, pulled the bedside window up and propped it open with the brick he kept on the sill. There was a hint of chill in the air at the screen but not enough for mid-November. The warm spell was holding. The bathroom window he raised as high as it would go—the sash cord frayed but intact. Two windows opposite—kitchen, living room—and he could coax a breath of ventilation through the house.*

# Gulf Coast Poets

Treasurer Report for Feb 11, 2012 General Meeting  
 Report Period: Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2012 – with 2012 YTD totals  
*This report covers the one month period since last report/*

Cash Flow: Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2012	2012 Totals
Contests.....	0.00      0.00
Dues.....	70.00      70.00
Speaker Expense.....	-52.58      -52.58
Honorarium	-20.00
Speaker Lunch	-32.58
Lodging	-.00
Donations.....	20.00      20.00
Interest/Dividend.....	.19      .19
Other.....	.00      .00
<b>Net Cash flow, Jan 1 – Jan 31</b>	<b>37.61      37.61</b>

Account Balances: Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2012 –	Total for 2012
<b>Checking Ledger</b>	
<i>Beginning</i>	2038.88      2149.24
Transfer from Cash	65.00      (1/1/2011)
Checks written (2)	-20.00
Debit card (1)	-32.58
Dividend	.19
Ending	2051.49      2051.49
Outstanding checks (4)	55.00      Bank chk bal=2106.49
<b>Cash (undeposited checks, cash)</b>	
<i>Beginning</i>	10.00      10.00
Received	90.00
Transferred to Checking	-65.00
Ending	35.00      35.00
<b>Savings (int. posted quarterly)</b>	
<i>Beginning</i>	5.33      5.33
Ending	5.33      5.33
<b>All accounts</b>	(1/1/2012)
<b>Beginning</b>	<b>1/1/2012      2054.21      2054.21</b>
<b>Ending</b>	<b>1/31/2012      2091.82      2091.82</b>

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

**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

E-Mail: [elsquared59@yahoo.com](mailto:elsquared59@yahoo.com)

**The Submission deadline for *Texas Poetry Calendar 2013*  
is February 21, 2012**

Dos Gatos Press is now accepting submissions for their 2013 publication of the *Texas Poetry Calendar*. All submissions must be postmarked by February 21, 2012. There will no longer be a reading fee for calendar submissions. For more information and submission guidelines please visit [www.dosgatospress.org](http://www.dosgatospress.org)

**2012 National Federation of State Poetry Societies Convention Info**

The Indiana State Federation of Poetry Clubs would like to welcome you to the great state of Indiana in June for the "Crossroads of America Poetry Extravaganza - 2012 NFSPS Convention". For more information please visit the following website: <http://www.isfpc.org/>

If you are a member of Gulf Coast Poets and have any information about upcoming publications, readings, or other news please send it to Laura Peña at [iselapena@hotmail.com](mailto:iselapena@hotmail.com) by the 1st of each month so I can send it out to the Poetry Society of Texas *Bulletin* newsletter.

**Announcing the 2012 Gulf Coast Prizes  
in Poetry, Fiction, and Nonfiction!**

The 2012 Gulf Coast Contests, awarding publication and \$1,500 each in Poetry, Fiction, and Nonfiction, are now open. Honorable mentions in each category will receive a \$250 prize.

The Postmark/Online Entry deadline is March 15th, 2012. Winners and Honorable Mentions will be announced in May.

2012 judges to be announced soon. Please check back for updates.

For submission guidelines and more information please visit [www.gulfcoastmag.org](http://www.gulfcoastmag.org)

Please note that Gulf Coast: A Journal of Literature and Fine Art is published by the Department of English of the University of Houston and is in no way associated with the Gulf Coast Poets

**The 20th Anniversary of the Austin International Poetry Festival  
will be held September 27th-30th, 2012**

On-line registration opens officially on April 1st, 2012. For more information please visit [www.aipf.org](http://www.aipf.org)

**Poetry at Round Top  
May 4th-6th, 2012**

Featured guests will include Pattiann Rogers, Reginald Gibbons, Naomi Shihab Nye - Chancellor of The Academy of American Poets, Ed Madden, Cyrus Cassells, Joseph Campana, Ken Fontenot, and Rustin Larson

There will be readings, workshops, panel discussions, craft talks, and a souvenir anthology of the event. For registration and more information please visit

<http://festivalhill.org/poetryatroundtop/2011/10/13/2012-poetry-at-round-top/>

**NaPoWriMo  
2012**

In April National Poetry Writing Month or NaPoWriMo will once again launch for a month of daily poetry writing prompts. The website will soon be up and running so check it out.

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



Gulf Coast Poets Minutes – 01/14/12  
Recording Secretary: Daniel Carrington, Jr.

10:58 – Meeting called to attention

Announcements:

- A. Results of vote for Honorary Lifetime Members: Erica Lehrer (author of *Dancing with Ataxia*) was elected as the newest H. Lifetime Member. Nominee Dave Parsons (2011-2012 Poet Laureate of Texas) was runner-up.

**Featured Readers:**

- A. David Cowen (Lifetime) read a selection of his work. Ekphrastic poems, memory poems and a piece from the online poetry magazine *Eclectica* were all featured.
- B. Dr. John Gorman (H. Lifetime), traditional GCP January reader, recited selections of his work interspersed with commentary about background/ method. The reading included poems from his new book *Red Pontiac Convertible*.

**Additional Announcements:**

- A. Attendees invited to review and approve their info on the GCP 2012 Members List.
- B. The Treasurer's Report was provided. The 2011 fiscal year ending balance: \$2054.12.
- C. A rundown of upcoming events from the GCP January handout was given.
- D. The 11/12/2011 GCP Meeting Minutes were reviewed and approved.
- E. Preview of GCP February meeting: A how-to for Texas Poetry Calendar submissions and publication. Several Austin area poets to be featured readers.
- F. Laura Peña took the Oath of Office, becoming the 2012-2013 President of GCP. She was presented a gift by outgoing President Mary M. Carlisle.
- G. David Cowen accepted the invitation to the post of 2012-2013 Vice President of GCP.
- H. Luran P. English (PST) announced 2 upcoming events: Love and Romance Art Showcase @ Island Furniture and Art Gallery, Sat. Jan. 14<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm. Also, in February an Art Exhibit will be held at Tommy's Restaurant (adjacent to UH Clear Lake) featuring Luran's photos and digital art and the paintings of Kelly Halbach. Theme: Seashells & Contemporary Coastal. Opening Reception: First week of Feb. – date to be determined.
- I. Laura Peña announced Poetry at Round Top, May 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>. Register @ [www.festivalhill.org](http://www.festivalhill.org). Laura will send a reminder via Facebook.
- J. Deadline for Texas Poetry submissions: end of February.

**11:42 – Open Mic Readers:**

1. Tom Bridges – Years Gone By
2. Jean Mahavier – Hurricane Aftermath
3. Laura Peña – A Change in Atmospheric Pressure, Tweet Poem #63
4. Luran Perry English – Nautilus, Beautifully Drawn
5. Richard Peake – Poets Seek Timeless Words

**11:55 – Meeting adjourned**

## 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  
Jean Mahavier, Chapter Member  
Cherie McBride, Chapter Member  
Glenn Nelson McBride, Chapter Member  
David Meischen, Chapter Member  
Terry Jude Miller, Chapter Member  
Richard Peake, Lifetime Member  
Laura Peña, Chapter Member - President - PST Liason  
Oscar C. Peña, Chapter Member  
Sharman L. Speed, Chapter Member  
LuLynne Streeter, Lifetime Member  
Sandi Stromberg , Chapter Member  
Larry D. Thomas, Honorary Lifetime Member  
Rebecca Hatcher Travis, Chapter Member  
William Turner, Chapter Member  
Adriana Babiak Vázquez, Chapter Member  
Luis Vázquez, Chapter Member  
Leo F. Waltz, Chapter Member—Treasuer—Web Master  
Scott Wiggerman, Chapter Member