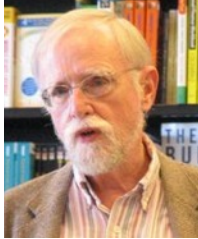


Poetry Society of Texas - Gulf Coast Poets Chapter
January 14, 2012 Meeting
Featuring Lifetime Members
John Gorman and David Cowen



2012 Officers

Laura Peña - President and Leo F. Waltz - Treasurer



Volunteers

Ann Fogelman and Mary Carlisle



Erica
Lehrer

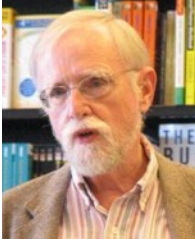


2012 Honorary
Lifetime Member

JANUARY'S FEATURED READERS

Lifetime Members

John Gorman



John Gorman lives in Galveston and teaches literature and creative writing at the University of Houston-Clear Lake. His work has appeared in an array of places in Texas, nationally, and in Canada. His fourth chapbook, *Red Pontiac Convertible*, recently debuted. He has two poems in *Improbable Worlds*, the new Mutabilis Press collection of Texas and Louisiana poetry. In the past year, he was featured in the Public Poetry reading series. In the current year he will manifest himself as a son (let's say "spiritual cousin") of Ginsberg and Kerouac in the forthcoming anthology of Texas Beat Poets. He was a Charter Member of the Gulf Coast Poets in 2006, then elected an Honorary Lifetime Member in 2007 for his outstanding service to the cause of poetry.

David Cowen



David Cowen is a sixth generation Texan and a resident of Houston. David is the author of a book of poetry, *Sixth and Adams* (2001), and has been published in online and hard copy journals in the United States, Great Britain and Australia. One of his poems was featured in the Canadian Broadcasting Company Radio's Outfront program 2006 9/11 tribute. His upcoming publications include an essay in *This I Believe: On Motherhood* (2012) published by the This I Believe Foundation. CineAction Magazine, Canada's leading film magazine, will publish two essay reviews by David in 2012. Three of his essays will also appear in an upcoming encyclopedia of horror films focusing on zombies.

2012 OFFICERS

Laura Peña - President



Laura Peña was born in Houston, and has lived in the Houston area her entire life. She attended the University of Houston receiving a Bachelor's degree in Radio/Television and English Literature. Laura currently is a Bilingual elementary school teacher. Laura has attended various poetry workshops in the Houston and Austin areas as well as attending poetry readings in Houston. Laura is a member the Poetry Society of Texas, and the Academy of American Poets, and is our new President. On the fourth Tuesday of January, she will be the featured poet of the Barnes & Noble poetry reading, hosted by Gulf Coast Poet Oscar Peña .

Leo F. Waltz - Treasurer



Leo Waltz and his wife, Mary Margaret Carlisle co-founded the Gulf Coast Poets in 2006. Native Texan from Denison, he is a graduate of Industrial Engineering at Texas Tech University, and retired from NASA at the Johnson Space Center. Web manager for the Gulf Coast Poets, he also is web manager for Sol Magazine Projects, and for other organizations such as the Houston Poetry Fest, and for three past Texas Poets Laureate. Leo is also an instructor and part of the management team at the Senior Learning Center in Webster. He has devoted most of his time since his retirement volunteering for various organizations, including for the American Red Cross.

Gulf Coast Poets

Treasurer Report for Jan 14, 2012 General Meeting
 Report Period: Nov 1 – Dec 31, 2011 -- with 2011 totals
 This report covers the two month period since last report/

Cash Flow: Nov 1 – Dec. 31, 2011		2011 Totals
Contests.....	0.00	0.00
Dues.....	245.00	585.00
Speaker Expense.....	-366.08	-962.42
Honorarium	-275.00	
Speaker Lunch	-.00	
Lodging	-91.08	
Donations (non luncheon).....	0.00	260.00
Interest/Dividend.....	.36	2.23
Other	31.83	14.83
Luncheon-Details available	31.83	
Net Cash flow, Nov 1 – Dec. 31	-88.89	-100.36

Account Balances: Nov 1 – Dec. 31, 2011 –		Total for 2011
Checking Ledger		
<i>Beginning</i>	2137.77	2149.24
Transfer from Cash	796.00	(1/1/2011)
Checks written (7)	-775.00	
Debit card (2)	-120.25	
Dividend	.36	
Ending	2038.88	2038.88
Outstanding checks (2)	35.00	Bank chk bal=2073.88
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)		
<i>Beginning</i>	0.00	0.00
Received	806.00	
Transferred to Checking	-796.00	
Ending	10.00	10.00
Savings (int. posted quarterly)		
<i>Beginning</i>	5.33	5.33
Ending	5.33	5.33
All accounts		(1/1/2011)
<i>Beginning</i>	11/1/2011	2143.10
<i>Ending</i>	12/31/2011	2054.21

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

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>

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>

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

Gulf Coast Poets Member
Kay Cox Featured in local Art Gallery

Bay Area Unitarian Universalist Church invites the public to visit its Art Gallery (located in its Fellowship Hall) to view the latest exhibition, Portraits from Life, shown until the end of January. Entitled "Portraits From Life", this show features two artists, Kay Cox (a member of the Gulf Coast Poets) and Adelyn Cooper.



The exhibition is available for viewing during church office hours, 8:30 am to 4:30 pm, Monday through Friday. The church is located at 17503 El Camino Real (turn onto Beacon Street) in Webster, Texas. For more information, call 281-488-2001.



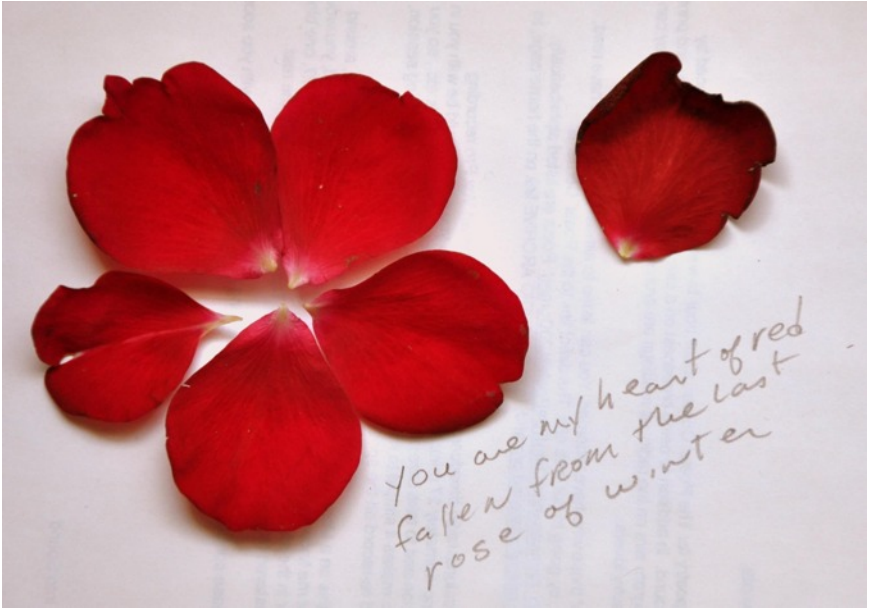
From Kay's portrait series
on Lyme Disease.



Kay L. Cox

Artist in Mixed Media

Poet and Writer



You are My Heart of Red
Photo by Leo F. Waltz. Composition and poem by Mary Margaret Carlisle

**Message from the 2006-2011 Gulf Coast Poets President
to the members of the Gulf Coast Poets**

Thank you for everything!

**All Blessings ~
Mary Margaret Carlisle**



EVENT IN HOUSTON

You are cordially invited to a reading on Sunday, January 15 from about 11am to 1pm at Boheme with Carolyn Adams and some other talented folks. Colin Sturdevant hosts the reading series "Perfect Pairings" on Sundays at Boheme, at 307 Fairview (at the corner of Taft and Morgan). This Sunday's event is to debut my new chapbook of poems, *An Ocean of Names*. Carolyn will sign and sell her new book.

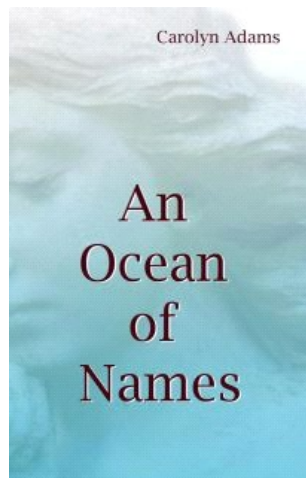
Other poets are Stella Brice, Kelly Ellis, and Garrett Middaugh, as well as a surprise reader called TBA; also on the program, Matthew Adams will read selections from his new set of urban fantasy novels.

So this should be a program with something for everyone, in a nice venue. Once again, Boheme is at 307 Fairview, between Taft and Morgan. For more information, here is their website: <http://barboheme.com/>

Hope to see you there!

Best wishes, Carolyn Adams

www.redshoepress.com



CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS

A message from Jerry Bradley, President, Writers' Ink Guild

I am pleased to announce the start of the Writers' Ink Guild 2012 Fields of Earth poetry competition. This will be the 30th Anniversary of this competition and as such we have decided to do something special this year. In coordination with Old Mountain Press, The Writers' Ink Guild will be publishing a Fields of Earth 30th Anniversary Poetry Anthology. 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and two honorable mentions from each category will be published in this anthology. Winners will receive one free copy that the awards ceremony. The period for submissions is 15 Jan to 16 March 2012. There will be a \$5 entry fee per poem for the adult categories. Students submissions K-12 are free. For more information visit www.fayettevillewritersinkguild.webs.com or email writersinkguild@aol.com or call (910) 574-5019.

Please feel free to share this information to anyone who may be interested. Jerry Bradley, President, Writers' Ink Guild

Gulf Coast Poets Minutes – 11/12/2011

Recording Secretary: Laura Peña

10:50 – Meeting called to attention

Announcements

A. Renew dues for Poetry Society of Texas and Gulf Coast Poets

B. Vote for Honorary Lifetime Members - Nominations: Dave Parsons (2011-2012 Poet Laureate of Texas) and Erica Lehrer

C. Terry Jude Miller recently in London, England, met and was photographed with U.S. Poet Laureate Kay Ryan, and Bob Hass.

D. MMC read Terry Jude Miller's poem "Full Grain". FMI: fortbendpoets@ymail.com

E. Oscar Peña announced Dr. John Gorman's book launch for *Red Pontiac Convertible* on November 22nd, Barnes & Noble Webster

F. Members invited to attend Gulf Coast Poets Holiday Luncheon on December 10, 2011 at Mario's Flying Pizza; speakers: John Gorman, Sarah Cortez, Robert Clark, and Dave Parsons. Thirty-four people attended the lunch.

11:00 Featured reader Erica Lehrer's poetry was read by Ada Marie Fuller. Most poems came from Erica's latest book, *Dancing with Ataxia*. Erica was a featured poet at Houston Poetry Fest 2011.

11:30 Open Mic Readers

1. Mary Margaret Carlisle – An Axis not of Earth

2. Kay Cox – The Wolf in the Red Stole

3. Laura Peña – Smorgasbord

4. Oscar Peña – Begging for the Dead

5. Jean Mahavier – For Muriel Approaching her 75th Birthday

6. Rebecca Travis – Deer in the Dark

7. John Milkereit – Fuzzy Math: Response to Erica Lehrer's Simple Math

8. Dr. John Gorman – The World and the Sound of Words

12:00pm Meeting adjourned

Our member list is quite long, and therefore we found that we needed to use certain abbreviations in order to fit in all membership information.

PST	Poetry Society of Texas
H. Lifetime	Honorary Lifetime Member
Lifetime	Lifetime Member

A Lifetime Member is one who paid a one-time fee for membership.

An Honorary Lifetime Member is one who was nominated then elected by the members of the Gulf Coast Poets to a Lifetime Membership in honor of their service to the cause of poetry. Only one Honorary Lifetime Member may be elected in a single year.

A Charter Member is one who joined the Gulf Coast Poets on or before September 15, 2006. These members are entitled to pay a \$10.00 per year fee to renew Gulf Coast Poets membership, (no matter how much dues increase for other members as long as they pay their annual fee before the first meeting of each year).

Founders: Leo F. Waltz and Mary Margaret Carlisle

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

Ted Badger	PST - H. Lifetime
Alan Birkelbach	PST - H. Lifetime
Thomas Bridges	new member - PST
Diana Buckley	PST - Lifetime
Barbara Carle	PST
Mary M. Carlisle	PST - Membership - Lifetime - Founder
Daniel Carrington, Jr	
Robert Clark	H. Lifetime
David Cowen	Lifetime
Kay Cox	
Winston Derden	
Pat Dixon	PST - Lifetime
Susan Ellis	Lifetime
Lauran Perry English	PST - Charter Member
Edith Escalante	Charter Member
Sybil Estess	PST
Ann Fogelman	PST - Charter Member - Lifetime
Dede Fox	
Ada Fuller	
Mary Ann Goodwin	PST
Sharon Goodwin	
John Gorman	PST - Charter Member - H. Lifetime
Jerry Hamby	
Glynn Monroe Irby	
Nancy Johnson	new member
Erica Lehrer	H. Lifetime
Peggy Z. Lynch	PST - Charter Member - H. Lifetime
Jean Mahavier	
Cherie McBride	
Glenn McBride	
John Milkereit	
Terry J. Miller	PST
Richard Peake	PST - Lifetime
Laura Peña	PST - 2012-2013 President GCP
Oscar Peña	
Lynne Streeter	PST - Charter Member - Lifetime
Sandy Stromberg	
Larry Thomas	H. Lifetime
Rebecca Travis	PST - Charter Member
Bill Turner	
Adriana Vázquez	Charter Member
Luis Vázquez	Charter Member
Leo F. Waltz	PST - Treasurer - Charter Member - Founder