

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



**Gulf Coast Poets
Is proud to present
Terry Jude Miller**



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the Houston Chronicle)

Terry Jude Miller is a published and award winning poet from Fort Bend County, Texas. A Juried Poet of the 2011 Houston Poetry Festival, his work has been published in Peace Words, FreeXpression (Australia), the University of Houston's Bayou Review, Ancient Paths, Orbis, Stepping Stones Magazine, Furnace Review, Shine Journal, Blue Skies Poetry, Survivor's Review, Live Oak Review, Lamplighter Review, Bijou Poetry Review, Chaffey Review, Foundling Review, Seven Circle Press, Houston Literary Review, Boston Literary Magazine, Edison Literary Review, Hanging Moss Journal, Willow Tree Poems, anthologies of the Poetry Society of Texas and the Gulf Coast Poets, Sol Magazine and other Texas publications. In January 2010, his poem, "The Diagnosis", appeared in the Birmingham Arts Journal. He has read his poetry at venues throughout the United States, including the Gallery Cafe Poetry Reading in San Francisco and at other venues in Miami, New York, and Boston. Miller has just published his third book titled "The Butterfly Canonical." His first book of poetry, "The Day I Killed Superman", was released in mid-2010 and is available at www.barnesandnoble.com and www.amazon.com. His second book of poetry, "What If I Find Only Moonlight?" is available on www.lulu.com and as an eBook on www.amazon.com and as an iBook, available through iTunes.. He is a member of the Academy of American Poets, the Poetry Society of Texas, the Gulf Coast Poets Society, the founder of the Fort Bend Poets Group and the Fort Bend County Poet Laureate Competition. Terry is a retired professor of eMarketing and held an Innovation Fellowship at Kaplan University.

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www.fortbendpoets.org

This Passing (unpublished)

in the lonely, empty space
where the white framed house crouched
over stubby cement blocks,
grass grows with startled quickness
to hide historical traces
of the eight who lived here

brothers and sisters
who clustered under
heavy homemade quilts
stuffed with cotton and
sown with patches
from exhausted farmer shirts

a mother, petite and steely,
who ironed khaki clothing
in the flame of summer,
canned relish, figs,
pears and peaches,
placed the rainbow on wall shelves
where it slowly disappeared
over the long heavy winter,
cold as a level of Dante's hell

a father who worked
no less than three jobs
each day but found time
to teach his children
how to till the soil,
hunt, fish, ranch, and
make the best deal
for a sow at auction

all that time dissipates
in a flood of births and deaths,
marriages and divorces, and feuds
won or lost when the house
is sold by the children, its physicality
hauled away upon a trailer

the turning leeches
into this farm land soil,
feeds the grass and earth worms
in this patch of new green
born of this passing

The Diagnosis - first published in The Birmingham Arts Journal - 2010

It echoes like some great impossibility
in valleys where only the dead hear,
the sound of a curtain pulled from rings
as hands grasp at the fabric of nothing.

You feel the parachuted tears of your beloved
upon your cheek as mortality floods the room
with a staunch gray smoke of pyres and incense.

You never sleep again without facing the door,
ears perked to hear boney feet and trailing robe
on the slab-cold tiles of the dark hall floor.

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

Treasurer Report for July 14, 2012 General Meeting
 Report Period: June 1 – June 30, 2012 -- with 2012 YTD totals
This report covers the one month period since last report

	Cash Flow: June 1 – June 30, 2012	2012 Totals
Contests.....	0.00	0.00
Dues.....(1 Regular)	15.00	230.00
Speaker Expense.....	-37.77	-367.58
Honorarium	-25.00	
Speaker Lunch	-12.77	
Lodging	-.00	
Donations.....	.00	20.00
Interest/Dividend.....	.16	1.03
Other.....	.00	.00
Net Cash flow, June 1 – June 30	-22.61	-116.55

	Account Balances: June 1 – June 30, 2012 –	Total for 2012
Checking Ledger		
<i>Beginning</i>	1954.94	2038.88
Transfer from Cash	15.00	(1/1/2012)
Checks written (1)	-25.00	
Debit card (1)	-12.77	
Dividend	.16	
Ending	1932.33	1932.33
<i>Outstanding checks (3)</i>	60.00 <i>Bank chk bal=1992.33</i>	
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
All accounts		(1/1/2012)
Beginning	6/1/2012 1960.27	2054.21
Ending	6/30/2012 1937.66	1937.66

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

Poetry Works Workshops Anthology Project
2012 Call for Submissions
Due date for submission of work: Saturday, July 21, 2012.
Due date for any fees: Postmarked no later than Saturday, July 14, 2012.

Qualifications

To submit, a poet must be a current or past member of PWW. New members welcome. Contact Sol.Editor@Prodigy.net fmi.

2012 participating members (those have attended a workshop in 2012) may submit up to ten original works, of which one may be a prose piece; five of the submissions may be previously published if the writer currently owns reprint rights. No more than 10 pages may be submitted. No individual piece may be longer than 2 pages. No submission fee from 2012 members.

All non-participating and no longer current members may submit up to ten poems; up to five of the poems may be previously published if the writer currently owns reprint rights. No more than ten pages may be submitted. No individual piece may be longer than 2 pages. A \$1.00 submission fee per poem requested from those who are past members (prior to 2012) or non-participating members (have never attended a meeting).

Prepare a cover letter in the body of the e-mail that includes the following in this order, please:

Full name
Full mailing address
Preferred e-mail address
Cell phone number and/or home number
Website address if any
Yes/No on facebook

Brief third person autobiography (no more than 100 words).

Brief publishing credits (no more than 50 words).

Titles of all submitted works

NOTE: If a piece has been previously published, the following information must be included in the cover letter in this manner: Title of each piece, from title of book (or journal, magazine, or newsletter), publisher name, year published.

All submissions must be via e-mail to Sol.Editor@prodigy.net and must include a cover letter in the body of the e-mail, while all submitted works must be included within a single Word .doc attachment (as opposed to ten attached files). Do not include your name or a © copywrite in the attachment. Do not include works in the body of the e-mail.

Due date for submission of work: Saturday, July 21, 2012.

Due date for fees: postmarked no later than Saturday, July 14, 2012.

If paying a fee, send to:

Sol Magazine c/o M.M. Carlisle

P.O. Box 57418

Webster, Texas 77598-7418

When paying a fee, do include your full name and address and your e-mail address, but do not include your poems in the letter. No cash, please – check or money order only made out to Mary Carlisle.

Submission gives no guarantee of acceptance. Please: No works about particular religious or political organizations, or those that include graphic imagery or language. Narrative, lyric, spiritual, questioning, and/or personal experience works encouraged. Excessive rhyme and writing in caps discouraged.

Questions: Sol.Editor@Prodigy.net



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://nfsp.com/index.htm>

<http://publicpoetry.net/>

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

<http://aipf.org/>

<http://festivalhill.org/>

<http://gulfcoastpoets.info/>

<http://houstonpoetryfest.info/>

Texas Poetry Calendar 2013

Texas Poetry Calendar Fall reading schedule:

Blue Willow Book Shop, Houston — August 25, 4 p.m.

Benbrook Public Library, Benbrook — September 14, 3:45 p.m.

Georgetown Poetry Festival, Georgetown — October 6, 1 p.m.

The Twig Book Shop, San Antonio — October 27, 3 p.m.

BookPeople, Austin — December 1, 4 p.m.

Coffee Oasis, Seabrook — December 3, 7:00 p.m.

Dallas Poets Community, Dallas — December 7, 7 p.m.

For more information on the readings and ordering please visit www.dosgatospress.org

Gulf Coast Poets in the new Texas Poetry Calendar: Darla McBryde, Barbara Ann Carle, Laura Peña, Thomas Ames, Kay L. Cox, Dede Fox, Alan Birkelbach, Rebecca Hatcher Travis, Sandi Stromberg, Jean Mahavier and Jerry Hamby.

There will be no meeting in August.

Our next regular meeting will

be September 8th

Featured reader will be

Stella Brice

All meetings of the Gulf Coast Poets

are held at Barnes & Noble

in Webster, Tx.

10:30am

Free and open to the public

Gulf Coast Poets (GCP) Minutes – 06/10/12
Recording Secretary: Daniel Carrington, Jr.

10:46am – Meeting called to attention

Announcements:

1. GCP monthly handouts and the Treasurer's Report are available at the GCP website.
2. The Poetry Society of Texas (PST) summer conference will be held from July 19TH – 21ST. July 5TH is the registration deadline. Check the PST website for details.
3. Houston Poetry Fest (HPF) submission deadline is June 30TH. (Note from Secretary: Per the website, the deadline has been extended to July 15TH.)
 - a. HPF now includes the Lorene Pouncey Memorial Award for women poets entering HPF submissions. Check the website for details.
4. Austin International Poetry Fest (AIPF) online registration and poetry submission deadline has been extended to July 15TH. Check the AIPF website for details.
5. Congratulations to Barbara Carle. She has had a poem accepted by *Rattle* magazine. She will be reading in Los Angeles and New York in support of this achievement.

10:55am – Featured Reader: Loueva Smith

After a brief intro, Loueva Smith read an eclectic series on short poems on practicing levitation. In addition, she presented copies of her poetry collection *Book of Wool and Fur* for door prizes.

11:16am – Additional Announcements:

1. Archway Gallery (in Houston, TX) will host a reading on Thursday, June 14TH at 6:30pm.
2. First Monday Reading Series at Coffee Oasis (in Seabrook, TX) will feature Mary Kimmel on July 2ND at 7:30pm.
3. Friendswood Public Library (FPL) Poetry Series will be held on July 18TH at 7pm, hosted by Oscar Peña.

11:20am – Open Mic Readers (interspersed with door prizes):

1. Terry Jude Miller – “Wounded Buddha”, “Do Over”
2. Ann Fogelman (Lifetime) – “My Melody”
3. Daniel Carrington – “The Security Gate, Opening and Closing”, “In Defense of the Button”
4. Thomas Ames – “Hiding Place”, “In the Sand”
5. Barbara Carle – “I Wish I Could Write a Poem”
6. Jonathan Peckham – “The Masterpiece”, “Wrecking Ball”
7. Kay Cox – “Privilege Comes With Age”
8. Mary Margaret Carlisle (Lifetime) – “Ice Cream Bar”, “Wind”, “Congenital Defect”
9. David Cowen (Lifetime) – “On Seeing a Photograph of Papa”, “Revelations in the Dark of Rebecca”
10. Laura Peña – “Eyes Shady Night Shut”

11:58am – Meeting adjourned. Lunch afterwards at Lupe Tortilla.

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