

**Gulf Coast Poets Chapter
Of The Poetry Society of Texas
June 9, 2012 – General Meeting**



**Gulf Coast Poets
Is proud to present
Loueva Smith**



Loueva Smith reading at Archway Gallery

Loueva Smith's poetry has appeared in Mutabilis Press Anthologies; "TimeSlice," and "The Weight of Addition," and also in several journals, including; "Pearl," "Poetry Revolt," "Nerve Cowboy," "DoubleTake," "The Texas Review," and The Louisiana Review." She has also been a featured poet at Houston Poetry Fest.

Her plays "Wounded Woman Fashion Show," "Bruna Bunny and Baby Girl," and "Tenderina" have been performed at Frenetic Theater.

She played the role of a one-eyed gypsy who lives under the stage at a strip club in her play "Tenderina," and was a hippie dancer in torn jeans in Lydia Hance's film "Love Me."

Her web page is called "Loueva Smith Poetess@weebly.com" Poetess is her married name. She married Emily Dickinson when she was fourteen years old. It might not be a legal union.

Swarm

Can you see my heart from here?
How it hangs a swarm of bees
from the thin fingers of the fig tree
at your upstairs window,
and bends and trembles its leaves.
Can you hear the thrumming urgency
of what I ask of you?
With my hind legs I am knitting honey.
My heart is a naked engine of bees.
Answer me with the throats of flowers.

By Loueva Smith
Published in *The Weight of Addition*
By Mutablis Press 2007

Carnivore

You carry red seeds
in your pocket that you broke
from a dry stalk of ginger
growing in someone else's yard.

At your table you draw seeds falling
until you are certain ginger mouths
have no word for bee. Only fragrance.

The small curve of your spine
carries ringed music; a long history
of bend, and broken.

What you say to me in response
has soft fur.

I do not ask if you are a carnivore.
I offer you delicacies.

You pick up the bottom of my heart
in the round of your hand, shining,
but thin as a Christmas ornament

I do not tell you to be careful.

By Loueva Smith
Published in Houston Poetry Fest Anthology
2009

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 June 9, 2012 General Meeting
 Report Period: May 1 – May 31, 2012 -- with 2012 YTD totals
This report covers the one month period since last report

	Cash Flow: May 1 – May 31, 2012	2012 Totals
Contests.....	0.00	0.00
Dues.....(1 Lifetime, 1 Regular)	115.00	215.00
Speaker Expense.....	-36.90	-329.81
Honorarium	-25.00	
Speaker Lunch	-11.90	
Lodging	-.00	
Donations.....	.00	20.00
Interest/Dividend.....	.16	.87
Other.....	.00	.00
Net Cash flow, May 1 – May 31	78.26	-93.94

	Account Balances: May 1 – May 31, 2012 –	Total for 2012
Checking Ledger		
<i>Beginning</i>	1876.68	2038.88
Transfer from Cash	115.00	(1/1/2012)
Checks written (1)	-25.00	
Debit card (1)	-11.90	
Dividend	.16	
Ending	1954.94	1954.94
<i>Outstanding checks (2)</i>	35.00 <i>Bank chk bal=1990.10</i>	
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)		
<i>Beginning</i>	.00	10.00
Received	115.00	
Transferred to Checking	-115.00	
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	5/1/2012 1882.01	2054.21
Ending	5/31/2012 1960.27	1960.27

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 Society of Texas

The Wide Wide World of Poetry

The 43rd Annual Poetry Society of Texas Summer Conference

Thursday, Friday, Saturday – July 19, 20, 21

HOTEL INFORMATION: Hilton Garden Inn – Dallas/Allen (Make your own reservations)

Location: 705 Central Expressway S. (Bethany Exit – 33) in Allen, Texas 75013

For reservations call: 1-800-445-8667 (Ask for the PST rate of \$79/night + taxes)

Deadline for reservations: July 05, 2012 **Deadline for Conference Registration:** July 05, 2012

Check in time: 3:00 pm **Check out time:** 12:00 noon (Luggage storage is available)

Extras: Free Parking – Free Hi-Speed Internet – Full breakfast for \$5.95 (reduced rate)

Cancellations: Must be made 24 hours in advance or you will be charged.

REGISTRATION INFORMATION:

Registration form is posted at www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org for advance registration.

Advance registration is necessary for meal purchase.

Headline speakers will present at dinner session (see below).

Cost of registration without meals = \$25.00 (hear 13 speakers over 3 days)

Cost of registration with all three meals = \$100.00 (15 speakers) Meals may be purchased individually.

Registration sign in table is in the Conference Center Foyer (parking and direct entrance on east side)

Registration time: 12:00 noon till 2:00 pm (Programming begins at 2:00 pm)

MEALS: Menu / Price / Speakers

All meals will have a vegetarian selection available. All meals can be altered to accommodate dietary needs.

Dinner on Thursday: TBA - \$25 - After dinner speaker: Naomi Shihab Nye

Lunch on Friday: TBA - \$24 - Entertainment at luncheon

Friday night Banquet: TBA - \$29 - Speaker: Scott Yarbrough

Breakfast: a made to order breakfast is available to attendees at the reduced rate of \$5.95

SPEAKERS:

Already confirmed:

Naomi Shihab Nye, Alan Birkelbach (2005 Texas Poet Laureate), Karla Morton (2010 Texas Poet Laureate),

Loretta Diane Walker, Jan Seale (2012 Texas Poet Laureate), Mike Baldwin (2011 Eakin Award Winner),

Jerry McElveen (Richland College), Qaisar Abbas, Ph.D. (UNT), R. Scott Yarbrough (Collin College),

Gene Perkins (reciting Cowboy Poetry) ... plus several speakers to be confirmed.

BOOKROOM INFORMATION:

The bookstore is located in the Plano Room. Michaud L. Lamrouex is Bookstore Manager.

If you are bringing books, please e-mail the following information to Michaud at lamrouex@sbcglobal.net by July 17th :

- Title of your book / s
- Author's name
- Price of book
- Number of copies of each book

Before arriving at the conference, please put the book price on a sticky tab and place it on the inside cover of your book.

PST TRADITIONAL CONFERENCE FEATURES:

· You Be the Judge Contest: Deadline for submission is Friday at 12:30pm. Winners will be announced at The Friday Night Banquet. The submission box will be on the registration table.

Rules for the YBTJ Contest: 28 lines or less, any subject, any form, one entry per person.

· **The Life Member Fund Raffle** on Friday evening at the Banquet. Chapters and individuals are reminded to bring donations to be raffled. Please let the Life Member Fund Chairman, Sharon Turner, know what you are bringing (email: sdmturner@aol.com).

· **Presidents and Councilors Meeting:** 9:00-9:30 am on Saturday morning.

· **Simulated Monthly Meeting:** July Monthly Contest Winners will be announced (Saturday).

OTHER CONFERENCE FEATURES:

· Entertainment at each meal

· **Additional Poetry Contest:** In addition to the You Be the Judge Contest, The Mockingbird Poetry Society is sponsoring a contest - TBA

Poetry Society of Texas Annual Contests

There is still time to submit your poetry to one
of Poetry Society of Texas'
100 annual contests

Deadline is August 15th!

Visit www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org
for guidelines, submission formats,
and fees information

Please read all guidelines carefully!
Some contests ask for specific subjects/forms



Houston Poetry Fest

Houston Poetry Fest 2012 will be held in Willow Street Pump Station, 811 N. San Jacinto Street, on the campus of the University of Houston - Downtown, on October 12, 13, and 14, 2012. The submission

deadline is June 30. There are two ways to submit.

Everyone submitting should MAIL, via regular mail

- A **cover letter**, with name, address, phone numbers, e-mail address, and a list of the titles of your poems, plus details of previous publication, if any, of any of these poems,
- A **brief biography**, for the anthology, in case your poems are chosen,
- A tax-deductible **donation of \$15** to Houston Poetry Fest, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt arts organization, staffed 100% by unpaid volunteers.

Mail the above to Houston Poetry Fest, Attention: Submissions, P. O. Box 22595, Houston, Texas 77227-2595. Entry must be postmarked no later than **JUNE 30**.

If submitting only via regular mail, also enclose:

- **Four copies** of no more than **five poems**, totaling no more than five typed pages, with their titles but without your name on these pages (which will be assigned a poet number and sent to the judges for "blind judging"). Retain copies, since these copies will not be returned, but shredded after judging is complete. If poems are in a language other than English, add translations. The anthology will be printed on pages measuring 5 ½ by 8 ½, so poems with longer lines will have to be reformatted.

Send an **e-mail**, no later than **JUNE 30**, to HPFest@aol.com, including the following:

- A **cover letter**, with name, address, phone numbers, e-mail address, and a list of the titles of your poems, plus previous publication, if any, of any of these poems,
- A **brief biography**, for the anthology, in case your poems are chosen,
- A Word attachment, with **your poems and their titles** (no more than **five poems**, totaling no more than five typed pages), but without your name. If poems are in a language other than English, please add translations. The anthology will be printed on pages measuring 5 ½ by 8 ½, so poems with longer lines will have to be reformatted.

The judges will see only the pages of poetry and, scoring each set of poems as a whole, will select approximately 20 to 25 poets to be Houston Poetry Fest 2012 "**Juried Poets**." These juried poets will receive

- Five minutes each onstage to read their own original poetry,
- Their names listed in the official printed program and on the website,
- Inclusion of one of their poems in the Houston Poetry Fest 2012 Anthology, and
- One complimentary copy to each juried poet of the Anthology. Additional copies of the Anthology may be purchased at the event or by mail.

To determine whether you were selected, go online to www.HoustonPoetryFest.info, where the judges' decisions will be announced in late August. No stamped self-addressed envelope is needed.

Houston Poetry Fest, an annual celebration of poetry and those who create it, is sponsored by Houston Poetry Fest, a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts organization, 100% staffed by unpaid volunteers, and is co-sponsored by the Department of English and the Cultural Enrichment Center of the University of Houston - Downtown.

The entire event will be **free and open to the public**. Invite as many guests as you wish.

FMI e-mail hpfest@aol.com. Web site HoustonPoetryFest.info

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THE LORENE PONCEY MEMORIAL AWARD

All women poets submitting entries to Houston Poetry Fest 2012 will automatically be considered for a new \$200 cash prize established by Sandi Glorfield in honor of the late Lorene Pouncey, who passed away December 4, 2011.

Lorene Pouncey, one of the founders of Houston Poetry Fest in 1985, was a life-long lover of poetry. She began seriously writing it in 1963. When Houston Poetry Fest was organized by her, Patricia Roberts, and Prof. George Williams, she became its most enthusiastic volunteer, and remained active on the Steering Committee for many years. She continued writing poetry until her health started to decline in the middle 2000s. A well-recognized scholar, Lorene spoke several languages, and loved learning and reading about everything. For instance, she was a scholar on Hildegard von Bingen. She served in the United States Air Force as a First Lieutenant, worked at the Library of Congress, and served as a librarian at the University of Houston for many years. This award is established in honor of her love of poetry and to ensure that she will be remembered by other poets. The award will be a check for \$200 to be given each year at the Friday night session of Houston Poetry Fest to an outstanding woman poet chosen by the Houston Poetry Fest judges on the basis of the quality of the poems in her submission.

Skulkers

Perhaps escaping
From the giggling
Children's storyhour

An influx of skulkers
Pretend An interest
In finding particular books

As they slowly weave
Around the edges
Of the poetry reading

Backs to the speaker
Noses poking into History
And True Crime

They wander past Biography
Take nothing from the shelves
Yet take away more than expected

The mesmerizing voice
Of the featured poet
Holds them in place

As he reveals the universal
Truths of all our lives
As he shares his own

By Mary Margaret Carlisle
From *heart of a word*
Published by Sol Magazine Projects 2012

Archway Gallery

2305 Dunlavy, Houston, Texas 77006

713-522-2409

www.archwaygallery.com

In August of 1997 two writers, Sandra Sherrod, who was then a gallery artist, and Donna E Perkins started monthly readings at Archway Gallery. These readings continue to this day and have developed quite a following.

These readings consist of Houston area writers sharing their own words. All genres of writing are welcomed. The only constraint is time. Readers are asked to keep their presentations from 3 to 5 minutes.

The readings usually fall on the 2nd Thursday of each month from 6:30 - 8:30.

For more information contact [donna e perkins](mailto:donna.e.perkins@archwaygallery.com)

We love an audience!

Next reading will be June 14th!

Austin International Poetry Festival

The website is now up and running

Visit <http://aipf.org/>

Deadline July 1st!

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

Borderlands

Texas Poetry Review

Call for Entries

Submit your work for publication in the upcoming issue. Since its debut in 1992, *Borderlands* continues to receive wide critical acclaim and garners a national readership.

Submission deadline for the Winter 2013 issue is June 15, 2012.

Visit <http://www.borderlands.org/> for more information

Southwest Review

It is hard to describe the **SOUTHWEST REVIEW**'s preference in poetry in a few words. We always suggest that potential contributors read several issues of the magazine to see for themselves what we like. But some things may be said: We demand very high quality in our poems; we accept both traditional and experimental writing; we place no arbitrary limits on length; we have no specific limitations as to theme. Please limit your submission to six poems.

Visit <http://smu.edu/southwestreview/GuidelinesforSubmissions.asp>
for more information on submissions and guidelines



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/>

July Featured Reader



Gulf Coast Poets Member
Terry Jude Miller
will be reading
poems from his new book
What if I Find Only Moonlight
and other selected poetry
from previous publications



I hope everyone has a good summer!

**Write some summer poems
Get inspired by all the blooming flowers
Visit www.poets.org
For some great summer poems**

Gulf Coast Poets (GCP) Minutes – 05/12/12
Recording Secretary: Daniel Carrington, Jr.

10:46am – Meeting called to attention

Announcements:

1. The Webster, TX Barnes & Noble (on W. Bay Area Blvd.) is having a book fair May 11TH – 13TH. Proceeds go to the Lutheran South Academy
2. A number of GCP poets' submissions have been accepted for the 2013 Texas Poetry Calendar. See the GCP May bulletin for the full list of names.
3. Poetry Society of Texas (PST) currently has 100 contests on offer for active due-paid members. A PDF list is available under the "PST Adult Contests" section of the PST website; click on "2012 Annual Contests". Deadline: Aug. 15TH, 2012.
4. Writers' League of Texas (WLT) 2012 Agents Conference is June 22ND – 24TH. See WLT website for details.
5. Scott Wiggerman is hosting a "Flex & Stretch" class at the WLT 2012 Summer Writing Retreat. See WLT website for details.
6. On June 4TH, Coffee Oasis in Seabrook, TX hosts the release of *Harbinger Asylum*, summer issue. Selections by Laura Peña will be featured. See Coffee Oasis website for details.
7. Flow Spoken Soul event will be at 7PM on May 29TH at Murder by Chocolate in Houston, TX. Check out the Harbinger Asylum Blog online for details.
8. *Heart of a Word*, the new poetry collection by Mary M. Carlisle (Lifetime) is now available. Speak with Mary to purchase your copy.
9. Registration for the 2012 Austin Int'l Poetry Festival in September began April 1ST. See AIPF website for details.
10. *Bayosphere* and *Red River Review* are both currently accepting submissions.

10:55am – Featured Reader: Carolyn Adams

After a brief intro, Carolyn Adams read selections from her new book, *An Ocean of Names*, a poetry collection showcasing reinterpretations of Roman mythology. She also interspersed past works including poems inspired by nature and her family.

11:36am – Open Mic Readers:

1. Ann Fogelman (Lifetime) – "Backyard Romance"
2. Mary Margaret Carlisle (Lifetime) – "Beyond Your Mother's Voice"
3. Kay Cox – "The Gym Again", "To Chris"
4. Daniel Carrington – "Pens for Plowshares"
5. Oscar Peña – "Matianna's Rice"
6. Becky Travis – "Singing Down the Sun"
7. Laura Peña – "Collier Street Notebook", "The Last Promise"

11:38am – Additional Announcements:

1. Kay Cox, Barbara Carle & Diana Buckley (Lifetime) will be reading at the Round Top Library in Round Top, TX on May 24TH. Contact Kay for details.
2. The Webster, TX Barnes & Noble Poetry Reading Series is the 4TH Tuesday every month, hosted by Oscar Peña. Carmen Erna Jacobsen will be featured in May.

11:48am – Meeting adjourned. Lunch afterwards at Café Express.

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

Carolyn Lee Adams
Thomas Bridges
Diana D. Buckley LIFETIME
Barbara Carle
Mary M. Carlisle – Membership Chair - LIFETIME
Daniel Carrington, Jr – Recording Secretary
David Cowen – Vice-President - LIFETIME
Kay Cox
Meloni Davis
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Sybil Estess
Ann Fogelman – Hospitality/Greeter - LIFETIME
Dede Fox
Ada Fuller
Mary Ann Goodwin
Sharon Goodwin
Jerry Hamby
Glynn Monroe Irby
Nancy Johnson
Jean Mahavier
Cherie McBride
Glenn Nelson McBride
Darla McBryde
David Meischen
John Milkereit
Terry J. Miller
Richard Peake LIFETIME
Johnathan Peckham
Laura Peña - President
Oscar Peña
Juan Manuel Perez

**Poetry Society of Texas-Gulf Coast Chapter-2012 Members
Continued**

Sharman Speed
Lynne Streeter LIFETIME
Sandy Stromberg
Carolyn Thorman (new)
Rebecca Hatcher Travis
Bill Turner
Adriana Babiak Vázquez
Luis Vázquez
Leo F. Waltz – Treasurer/Webmaster
Scott Wiggerman

HONORARY LIFETIME

Peggy Z. Lynch (2006)*
John Gorman (2007)
Larry Thomas (2008)
Robert Clark (2009)
Alan Birkelbach (2010)
Ted Badger (2011)
Erica Lehrer (2012)

*deceased

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Chapter of the Poetry Society of Texas

Meets the second Saturday of each month

Location: Barnes and Noble

1029 W Bay Area Blvd

Webster, TX 77598

281-554-8224

Meetings start at 10:30am

**For more information on upcoming readers, special events,
and workshops please visit**

www.gulfcoastpoets.info