

**Gulf Coast Poets Chapter
Of The Poetry Society of Texas
May 12, 2012 – General Meeting**



Gulf Coast Poets

**Is proud to present
Carolyn Adams**



Carolyn Adams has been active in the art and literary communities of Houston, Austin, and other parts of Texas since the 1980's. In the Flying Dutchman Writers Troupe, she coordinated and performed in numerous literary events. As a solo act, she has continued to be a part of the local scene. Her poetry, art and photography have appeared in many publications, and she has assisted in editing and publishing various poetry journals. Her poetry e-chapbook *Beautiful Strangers* was published in 2006 by Lily Press, her art e-chapbook, *What Do you See?*, published in 2007, is available free of charge from the e-zine *Right Hand Pointing*, and her current book, *An Ocean of Names* is published by Red Shoe Press.

For more information on Carolyn Adams or how to order her books please visit www.redshoepress.com or email her at redshoepress@yahoo.com



Song for Saturn

Splendid harvester

Bless your servant
with your
perfected seed.

Bless this tongue
this crude husk
this raw confession.

Dutifully,
and with grace,
bind me.

Horse-father.
Master with earthen hands.
I kiss your giving blade.

The deep music
of my body
waits.

from *An Ocean of Names*
by Carolyn Adams

Harbinger Asylum Magazine

Please come out to Coffee Oasis in Seabrook on June 4th at 7:30pm where editor Dustin Pickering will host a reading for the summer issue. Readers will include Laura Peña, Ken Jones, Winston Derden, Amanda Prather, and many others. The event is free and open to the public.

Send submissions for upcoming issues to desireofdogs@gmail.com

Visit <http://harbingerasylum.wordpress.com/> for more information on ordering past issues and events.

Flow Spoken Soul

May 29th, at Murder By Chocolate (18201 Egret Bay Blvd., Houston, TX) starting at 7 PM. We will feature Karama Sadaka, Jus Prayze, Z M Wise, Lady Emerald, with Birdman 313 hosting. Karama Sadaka is a national recording artist and poet. Jus Prayze is a gospel band. Z M Wise is an emerging poet and performer. Lady Emerald is a comedian. Contact Dustin Pickering for more details: (281)923-2754. Tickets are \$10. Please come out and show your support.

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Treasurer Report for May 12, 2012 General Meeting
 Report Period: Apr 1 – Apr 30, 2012 -- with 2012 YTD totals
This report covers the one month period since last report

	Cash Flow: Apr 1 – Apr 30, 2012	2012 Totals
Contests.....	0.00	0.00
Dues.....	0.00	100.00
Speaker Expense.....	-45.00	-292.91
Honorarium	-45.00	
Speaker Lunch	-.00	
Lodging	-.00	
Donations.....	.00	20.00
Interest/Dividend.....	.17	.71
Other.....	.00	.00
Net Cash flow, Apr 1 – Apr 30	-44.83	-172.20

	Account Balances: Apr 1 – Apr 30, 2012 –	Total for 2012
Checking Ledger		
<i>Beginning</i>	1921.51	2038.88
Transfer from Cash	.00	(1/1/2012)
Checks written (2)	-45.00	
Debit card (0)	-0.00	
Dividend	.17	
Ending	1876.68	1876.68
<i>Outstanding checks (2)</i>	35.00 <i>Bank chk bal=1911.68</i>	
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)		
<i>Beginning</i>	.00	10.00
Received	.00	
Transferred to Checking	-.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	4/1/2012	1926.84
Ending	4/30/2012	1882.01

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

Texas Poetry Calendar 2013

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.

Congratulations Poets!

Visit www.dosgatospress.org for ordering information and an upcoming schedule of readings for the calendar.

The Poetry Society of Texas Book of the Year 2012 Is now available

Congratulations to Gulf Coast Poets member Richard Peake for winning The Veterans Award for his poem *Citizen Soldiers*.

Visit www.poetrysocietyoftexas.org for more information about submitting your poetry for annual contests. Deadline is August 15, 2012.



The Writer's League of Texas

The Writer's League of Texas has many classes and workshops to available to hone those writing skills. Visit <http://www.writersleague.org> for information on membership, classes, workshops, and much more.

2012 Agents Conference will be held June 22-24 at the Hyatt Regency Austin. The Writers' League of Texas Agents Conference is THE place to meet agents and editors and to learn the latest trends in publishing.

Visit <http://www.writersleague.org/38/Agents-Conference> for registration

The 2012 WLT Summer Writing Retreat will be held July 22-27 at Sul Ross State University in Alpine, the perfect summer escape. There's something about the stunning landscape of mountainous West Texas — not to mention the refreshing afternoon showers and cool summer evenings — that inspires writers to simply write.

The following classes are now open for registration:

Flex and Stretch: A one-week exercise program with Scott Wiggerman

Shaping your Book to Sell: Intensive Workshop on the Art and Skill of Self-Editing and Revision with Carol Dawson

Writing with a Sense of Place with Joe Nick Patoski

Visit <http://www.writersleague.org/37/Summer-Writing-Retreat> for registration

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



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/>

<http://gulfcoastpoets.info/>

Poetry helps us acknowledge and notice our own places with more care.
What does San Antonio smell like? Jasmine drift. Honeysuckle, mountain laurel.
When we have houseguests, they say, 'My God! Your birds are so loud!' Or, 'Oh those
trains at 2:00 a.m. How do you sleep?' After all these years they have become our
lullabies
-Naomi Shihab Nye

Chancellor of The Academy of American Poets

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

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

Gulf Coast Poets Minutes – 04/14/12
Recording Secretary: Daniel Carrington, Jr.

10:46am – Meeting called to attention

Announcements:

National Poetry Month (April) is underway. A list of related websites is in GCP's April pamphlet.

Houston Indie Book Festival @ Menil Museum on April 14TH

Bayousphere is accepting submissions. Details in GCP's April pamphlet.

ARTLines Ekphrastic Poetry Competition, winners are reading at MoFA Houston on April 21ST, 3-4:40pm.

Terry Jude Miller has an upcoming featured reading at Katy Mills Mall on April 28TH. Details in GCP's April pamphlet.

10:51am – Featured Reader:

Juan Manuel Perez – After a brief intro by Laura Peña, Mr. Perez showcased his work, an eclectic blend of speculative fiction, horror, and contemporary verse (often with Latino, Chicano and Native American themes). He read selections from *Harbinger's Asylum* (Spring 2012 issue) and sang from his forthcoming Christmas CD. He is currently putting together a chapbook on the topic of field work/ manual labor.

11:22am – Open Mic Readers (interspersed with Door Prizes):

Ann Fogelman (Lifetime) – Some Days Are Tough

Mary Margaret Carlisle (Lifetime) – Your Poetry (by Peggy Lynch), Those Things We Do Not See

Laura Peña – Alcove (by John Ashbery, from GCP's April pamphlet)

Oscar Peña – A Word For Marquez

John Gorman (H. Lifetime) – Cucumbers

Laura Streeter – Innocence

Kay Cox – Bad Juju, At 3am

11:38am – Additional Announcements:

Dave Cowen (Lifetime) has an essay in *This I Believe*, a new book available in hardcover or as an ebook. (ISBN #978-1-118-07453-4)

Barbara Carle & Kay Cox are reading at Poetry @ Roundtop on May 24TH – www.festivalhill.org.

4TH Monday Critique Group meets monthly. Speak with Laura Peña for additional info.

Upcoming Poetry Works workshop on Sunday, May 4TH. Speak with Mary Margaret Carlisle for additional info or visit: www.poetryworkshops.org.

Webster Barnes & Noble Poetry Reading Series, 4TH Tuesday every month, hosted by Oscar Peña. Dustin Pickering is featured in April; Juan Manuel Perez will be featured in June.

Ann Fogelman: Monday, April 2ND@ Coffee Oasis in Seabrook: Zach Wise was featured.

Kay Cox: Also at Coffee Oasis on Monday, Sept. 3RD: Detrick Hughes will be featured.

11:44am – Meeting adjourned. Lunch afterwards at Café Express.

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

Carolyn Adams, Chapter Member
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
Peggy Lynch, Honorary Lifetime Member—In Memoriam
Glynn Monroe Irby, Chapter Member
Nancy Johnson, Chapter Member
Jean Mahavier, Chapter Member
Cherie McBride, Chapter Member
Glenn Nelson McBride, Chapter Member
David Meischen, Chapter Member
Terry Jude Miller, Chapter Member
Dave Parsons
Richard Peake, Lifetime Member
Laura Peña, Chapter Member - President - PST Liason
Oscar C. Peña, Chapter Member
Juan Manuel Perez, Chapter Member

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

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 - Treasurer - Web Master
Scott Wiggerman, Chapter Member