

**Gulf Coast Poets Chapter  
Of The Poetry Society of Texas  
February 9, 2013 – General Meeting**



**Gulf Coast Poets  
Is proud to present  
Darla McBryde**



Darla McBryde is a West Texan, living in Spring, roadtripping to lands of sky and earth as often a possible.

Current credits include the Texas Poetry Calendar, 200 New Mexico Poems, Illya's Honey, Cinizo Journal, Big River Poetry Review, Gutter Eloquence and Crack the Spine. She is a member of the Gulf Coast Poets, AIPF, and the Austin Poetry Society and is a former AIPF board member. She was recently interviewed and filmed for a segment of the Texas Nafas poetry series that airs on The Austin Channel. Darla will be a featured reader at Public Poetry later this year.

She has two new chapbooks “Thorns Against the Sky” and “Querencia”.

## **A Different Path**

somewhere  
in the traffic jam  
I am lost,  
flattened  
like an empty soda can  
under an 18 wheeler  
carrying slaughter bound cattle  
talk radio  
hip hop jargon  
pop culture in my face  
late to work  
no escape  
until  
I miss my exit  
and follow the moon

A shape shifting choice  
changes hard asphalt to  
ribbon unfurling,  
gray and gritty silk  
woven from possibilities  
and alternate endings

I fall in step  
and walk along the white cliffs that  
flank the arroyo,  
spirit flying with ravens,  
limitless as the blue New Mexico sky

From *Querencia*  
Caliche Castle Press, 2012

## May Morning

It is in the still and simple times  
that the soul settles things—  
add a porch and a rocker  
and the three will form one holy trinity.

Divine quiet, rhythmic peace, summoning grace,  
the building of a thunderstorm from afar  
brings an awesome strength  
the promise of a clearing wind  
and baptismal rain against our face.

A robin's chant at dawn  
sings more truth than any poem ever written.  
When you listen in certain mystical moments,  
the pages of the earth's  
secret book fall open  
and one can know almost everything.

From *Thorns Against the Sky*  
Kindred Spirit Press, 2012  
St. John, Kansas

## **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)

## Texas Poetry Calendar 2014

### Call for submissions

Submissions are now open for the Texas Poetry Calendar for 2014

Deadline is February 20, 2013

#### Guidelines:

- Submit 1-3 poems; 35-line limit per poem, including title and spaces
- Poems with a Texas connection preferred
- Poems in Spanish are welcome but please include the English translations
- Titled poems are strongly preferred-except for haiku
- **NO** e-mail submissions will be taken; **NO** previously published poems in print or on-line. This includes poems posted on personal websites or social network sites. If the poem can be found through Google it is considered published.
- **DO NOT** put any identifying information on the poems themselves such as your name, address, etc...

**Submissions will be taken through a new on-line submissions system.**

**Please check the website [www.dosgatospress.org](http://www.dosgatospress.org) or Dos Gatos Press Facebook page for more information.**

**Twenty Anthology” - A Nationwide Call for Submissions:**

## Poetry and Art

El Zarape Press, in conjunction with Barrio Poet Productions, announces a call for submissions for a special poetry anthology: *Twenty*, in response to the tragic shootings of innocent children and educators at Newtown, Connecticut on Dec. 14, 2012.

Submit no more than three unpublished poems (40-line limit) via e-mail to [barriopoetproductions@gmail.com](mailto:barriopoetproductions@gmail.com) with a cover letter listing your poem titles and a 75-word biography. Do not place your name on the poems. Send a \$7 payment to *Twenty*: 1413 Jay Ave., McAllen, TX 78504 along with a SASE (larger than 6" by 9") with \$2 pre-paid postage if you'd like to receive a copy of the book. Make check out to Art That Heals Inc. Proceeds will be donated to the Newtown community and we will encourage concurrent readings across the country upon publication.

Deadline to submit via e-mail and pay by mail is March 2, 2013. Poems for which payment has not been received by the due date will not be considered.

Artists: please submit 300 d.p.i. photographs as .jpeg files of black-and-white work: simple drawings, silhouettes, photographs. These will be printed inside a 6" by 9" perfect-bound book.



Registration is now open for the Austin International Poetry Festival.

Please visit [www.aipf.org](http://www.aipf.org) for more information

21st Annual Austin International Poetry Festival (AIPF) April 11-14, 2013, is open to the public. This four-day citywide, all-inclusive celebration of poetry and poets has grown to become "the largest non-juried poetry festival in the U.S." The festival will include up to 30 live local readings, youth anthology read, 10 poetry workshops, 10 open mics, 5 music and poetry presentations, two anthology competitions and complete readings, two poetry slams, an all-night open mic and a poetry symposium. API projects over 250 registered poets from the international, national, state, and local arenas. Information on featured poets, venues, and other important festival details will be coming soon!





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/>

Our Next Meeting  
Will be March 9, 2013  
At Barnes and Noble  
1029 W. Bay Area Blvd.  
Webster, Tx. 77598

Featured Reader  
Sybil Estess





## **Inprint First Fridays**

March 1, 2013 Stephen Gros

April 5, 2013 Contributors to Dark Matter Magazine

May 3, 2013 Norma Koontz

June 7, 2013 Terry Jude Miller-Gulf Coast Poets Member

July 12, 2013 27th Anniversary, Joyce Pounds Hardy

# Gulf Coast Poets

## Treasurer Report for Feb 9, 2013 General Meeting

Report Period: Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2013 -- with 2013 YTD totals

*This report covers the one month period since last report*

Cash Flow: Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2013	2013 Totals
Contests.....	0.00      0.00
Dues.....	170.00      170.00
Speaker Expense.....	-17.31      -17.31
Honorarium	-10.00
Speaker Lunch/Dinners	-7.31
Donations.....	325.00      325.00
Interest/Dividend.....	.07      .07
Officer Travel.....	-10.00      -10.00
Other .....	.      0.00
<b>Net Cash flow, Jan 1 – Jan 31</b>	<b>467.76      467.76</b>

Account Balances: Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2013 –	Total for 2013
Checking Ledger	
<i>Beginning</i>	1752.01      1752.01
Transfer to/from Cash **	505.00      (1/1/2013)
Checks written (2)	-20.00
Debit card (1)	-7.31
Dividend	.07
Ending	2229.77      2229.77
Outstanding checks (4)	40.00      Bank chk bal=2269.77
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)	
<i>Beginning</i>	10.00      10.00
Transactions	495.00
Transfer to Checking **	-505.00
Ending	0.00      0.00
Savings (int. posted quarterly)	
<i>Beginning</i>	5.33      5.33
Ending	5.33      5.33
<b>All accounts</b>	(1/1/2013)
<i>Beginning</i>	1/1/2013      1767.34      1767.34
Ending	1/31/2013      2235.10      2235.10

NOTES:

\*\* See Cash Register report for details.

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 (GCP) Minutes – 01/12/13  
Recording Secretary: Daniel Carrington, Jr.

10:44am – Meeting called to order.

Announcements:

Current GCP members are encouraged to review the current GCP Members List in the January GCP Handout. Please notify President Laura Peña of any discrepancies or omissions.

Announcements from January's GCP Handout were recapped.

Next meeting is set for February 9<sup>TH</sup>. Dos Gatos Press is unable to be featured due to scheduling conflicts. A new Feature Poet will be announced.

Dos Gatos Press is calling for submissions for the 2014 Texas Poetry Calendar.

Current deadline for submitting is Feb. 20<sup>TH</sup>. Visit the website for details.

The next installment of Oscar Peña's 4<sup>TH</sup> Tuesdays reading series will occur at 7:30pm on 1/22/13 at the Webster/ Baybrook Barnes & Noble. Guest Poet: Daniel Carrington, Jr.

Mary Margaret Carlisle (Lifetime) nominated 2011 Texas Poet Laureate Dave Parsons as the 2013 GCP Honorary Lifetime Member. Attending GCP members cast a vote by a show of hands, and the nomination was confirmed.

Richard Peake (Lifetime) will be featured at Coffee Oasis' monthly Reading Series & Open Mic. Time/place: 7-9:30pm/ Seabrook, TX.

The Galveston Poets' Roundtable takes place on the 2<sup>ND</sup> Tuesday of each month, moderated by Dr. John Gorman (H. Lifetime). Contact John for details.

Both Richard Peake and Dr. John Gorman will be featured at the Friendswood Public Library's monthly poetry series on January 30<sup>TH</sup> from 7-8pm.

Mary Margaret Carlisle will host a poetry workshop on Sunday, Jan. 13<sup>TH</sup>. Contact Mary for information on this or future workshops.

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Minutes continued

10:52am – Featured Reader: Dr. John Gorman

After a brief intro and bio by Vice President David Cowen, Dr. Gorman presented a lesson in ekphrastic poetry (i.e. a poem stimulated by a work in another art form). He read three of his original ekphrastic poems and one by John Hollander. Prior to each, he displayed the work of art that served as the creative springboard. Afterwards, he provided commentary on process and insightful analysis of the poems' structures. And along the way, he engaged with the audience in a lively discussion on key points and on ekphrasis in general.

11:20am – Open Mic Readers:

Ann Fogelman (Lifetime) – “Word Pursuit”

David Cowen (Lifetime) – “Nature Abhors”

Sandi Stromberg – “Fall of a Water Oak”

Bill Turner – “The End of the Range”

Oscar Peña – “Autumn Leaves: A Jazz Ballad”

Daniel Carrington, Jr. – “Hinterlands”

Yong-Ae Kim – “Spoiled Last Supper”, “Grenville, 1949”

Kay Cox - “Soulful River”, “Missing: One Fairy Godmother”

Richard Peake (Lifetime) – “In Afghan Fields”, “What’s Left”

11:41pm – Meeting adjourned. Lunch afterwards at Hibachi Grill & Supreme Buffet.

## Poetry Society of Texas-Gulf Coast Poets Chapter-2013 Members

Carolyn Lee Adams  
Ted O. Badger (2011 Honorary Lifetime)  
Kay Beggs  
Alan Birkelbach (2012 Honorary Lifetime)  
Diana D. Buckley LIFETIME  
Max Burns (Student)  
Mary M. Carlisle -Membership Chair-Co-Founder (Lifetime)  
Daniel Carrington Jr.—Recording Secretary  
Robert Clark (2009 Honorary Lifetime)  
David Cowen -Vice-President (Lifetime)  
Kay Cox  
Winston Derden (Lifetime)  
Pat Dixon (Lifetime)  
Susan Ellis (Lifetime)  
Lauran Perry English  
Sybil Estess  
Debi Fairchild  
Ann Fogelman (Lifetime)  
Mary Ann Goodwin  
Sharon Goodwin  
Dr. John Gorman (2007 Honorary Lifetime)  
Glynn Monroe Irby  
Carmen Erna Jacobsen  
Erica Lehrer (2012 Honorary Lifetime)  
Jean Mahavier  
Lee Mahavier-Peterman  
Darla McBryde  
John Milkereit  
Terry J. Miller  
Dave Parsons (2013 Honorary Lifetime)  
Richard Peake (Lifetime)  
Laura Peña-President  
Oscar Peña  
Lynne Streeter (Lifetime)  
Sandi Stromberg  
Anne Taylor  
Larry Thomas (2008 Honorary Lifetime)  
Leo F. Waltz-Treasurer and Webmaster  
Germaine Welch  
Ae-Kim Young

## HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBERS

Peggy Z. Lynch (2006)\*

John Gorman (2007)

Larry Thomas (2008)

Robert Clark (2009)

Alan Birkelbach (2010)

Ted Badger (2011)

Erica Lehrer (2012)