

**Gulf Coast Poets Chapter
Of The Poetry Society of Texas
May 11, 2013 – General Meeting**



**Gulf Coast Poets
Is proud to present
Jane Creighton**



Poet and writer Jane Creighton teaches literature and writing at the University of Houston--Downtown and director of its Cultural Enrichment Center. Her work has been published in such journals as *Ploughshares*, *The American Voice*, and *Gulf Coast*, as well as in the anthologies *Encountering Disgrace: Reading and Teaching Coetzee's Novel*, *We Begin Here: Poems for Palestine and Lebanon*, *Still Seeking and Attitude: Critical Reflections on the Work of June Jordan*, *Unwinding the Vietnam War* and *Close to the Bone: Memoirs of Hurt, Rage, and Desire*. She has read her work most recently in the Public Poetry reading series and at Houston Poetry Fest. She has long been associated with Writers in the Schools as a writer, teacher, and board member.

Weird Little Prairie

By the sullen gate she stands on one leg,
barefooted, one foot lifted, a calf-scratch,
an itching wind. I call her up,
her testiness, her nervous desire, the way
she watches the far-flung road
and waits one more minute for something
to happen before she dares herself
into the country, stepping
into dust and dirt
to get herself out
get away.

I sit in the chair in my office,
nearly sixty, trying
to get inside that picture,
some conjured, distant girl
running out her unknowns,
stepping it up, stepping forward,
no longer pausing
to catch her breath.

By Jane Creighton

Fancy Tools

These words are for the delicate scrollwork
involved in taming the unfurling, desperate
utterance of a satisfied woman
temporarily unhinged. You must

lift them without touching, a puff of air
for the maneuver, feathering them
weightless toward her fumbling heart
to make the repair. There you must

and will write soothing words,
for the life of you certain only
that one word curls into another
as this moment into that, and she

into you, and you into her
and this becomes the story.

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GULF COAST POETS MEMBERS

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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

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Fort Worth, TX 76104

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The Cultural Enrichment Center serves the University of Houston - Downtown through the development of programs that enrich the academic life of our community while celebrating the cultural and ethnic diversity of our students, staff, faculty, and the Houston community at large.

The Center sponsors, organizes, and supports events such as lectures, readings, performances, concerts, and exhibitions by national and international artists, writers, and public intellectuals, often partnering with academic departments and with community arts organizations such as Fotofest, Houston Poetry Fest, Inprint, Inc., and Writers in the Schools. Through our programs, we acknowledge the importance of music, art, and the written and spoken word to our academic vitality.



Inprint First Fridays

June 7, 2013 Terry Jude Miller-Gulf Coast Poets Member
July 12, 2013 27th Anniversary, Joyce Pounds Hardy

August 2, 2013 Carolyn Adams

September 6, 2013 Winston Derden

Houston Poetry Fest

Submissions are now open for the 28th annual
poetry festival, one of the oldest in Houston.

October 11, 12, and 13

Deadline is June 30th

For more information visit

www.houstonpoetryfest.info

Our Next Meeting
Will be June 8, 2013
At Barnes and Noble
1029 W. Bay Area Blvd.
Webster, Tx. 77598

Featured Reader
TBA



The Bayou Review is a literary magazine published by students of the University of Houston-Downtown. It includes poetry, fiction, essays, reviews, and visual art. The magazine is primarily a venue for the publication of works by UHD students, but faculty and staff submissions are also encouraged. The goal of the magazine is to emphasize the arts and humanities at the university and to provide a forum for students who are interested in creative writing. Selected issues also feature literary and visual arts by contributors outside the university community.

Our office is located in room 250-South in the One Main Building. Our telephone number is 713-221-8260. Stop by to meet our current editor, Kelli Robertson, and her staff and to ask any questions you might have. We accept submissions via email exclusively. Please call before sending large graphics files.

To submit your work or to obtain a copy of the latest issue, email Ms. Robertson: bayoureview@gator.uhd.edu



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/>

Gulf Coast Poets

Treasurer Report for May 11, 2013 General Meeting
Report Period: Apr 1 – Apr 30, 2013 -- with 2013 YTD totals
This report covers the one month period since last report

	Cash Flow: Apr 1 – Apr 30, 2013	2013 Totals
Contests.....	0.00	0.00
Dues.....	0.00	415.00
Lifetime	.00	
Regular	.00	
Speaker Expense.....	-94.15	-184.10
Honorarium	-75.00	
Speaker Lunch/Dinners	-19.15	
Donations.....	.00	325.00
Interest/Dividend.....	.10	.34
Officer Travel.....	-20.00	-50.00
Other	0.00
Net Cash flow, Apr 1 – Apr 30	-114.05	506.24

	Account Balances: Apr 1 – Apr 30, 2013 –	2013 from Jan 1
Checking Ledger		
<i>Beginning</i>	2367.30	1752.01
Transfer to/from Cash	.00	(1/1/2013)
Checks written (2)	-95.00	
Debit card	-19.15	
Dividend	.10	
Ending	2253.25	2253.25
<i>Outstanding checks (5)</i>	87.64	<i>Bank chk bal=2340.89</i>
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)		
<i>Beginning</i>	15.00	10.00
Transactions	.00	
Transfer to Checking	-.00	
Ending	15.00	15.00
Savings (int. posted quarterly)		
<i>Beginning</i>	5.33	5.33
Ending	5.33	5.33
All accounts		(1/1/2013)
Beginning	4/1/2013	2387.63
Ending	4/30/2013	2273.58

NOTES:

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 – 04/14/13
Recording Secretary: Daniel Carrington, Jr.

10:53am – Meeting called to order.

Announcements:

1. Laura Peña, Oscar Peña, Kelly Ellis, and Darla McBryde have all been selected for inclusion in the 2013 Austin International Poetry Festival anthology, *Di-verse-city*.
2. Ann Fogelman and David Cowen each have had a poem selected for publication (in *Boundless* and *Dark Matter Journal* respectively).
3. 1ST & 3RD Thursdays monthly: Bay Area Writers Group meets at the Baybrook Barnes & Noble.
4. The 4TH Tuesdays reading series at Baybrook Barnes & Noble (formerly hosted by Oscar Peña) has continued with Dustin Pickering stepping in as host.
5. 2ND Tuesday monthly: Galveston Poets Roundtable, moderated by Dr. John Gorman.
6. 1ST Monday monthly: Coffee Oasis reading series in Seabrook, TX meets at 7pm.
7. Gwendolyn Zepeda recently became the 1ST Houston Poet Laureate.

10:58am – Featured Poet: Kurt Heinzelman

After a brief intro and bio by GCP Vice President David Cowen, Kurt opened with a translation of the Jorge Borges poem “Texas”. He then proceeded selections of his own, including poems from his chapbook *The Halfway Tree* and his most recent book *The Names They Found There*. Subjects varied from Texas-based works to a memory poem about Kurt’s birthplace in Aurora, Wisconsin to poems inspired by his family.

11:18am – Open Mic Readings:

1. Mary Margaret Carlisle – “It Would Be Otherwise” by Jane Kenyon, “Wild Geese” by Mary Oliver
2. Luran Perry English – “The Whisper of Morning Clouds”, “Today is the Day”
3. Jean Mahavier – “Restless Dream”, “Victory”
4. Yong-Ae Kim – “Palimpsest, a Footnote”
5. Alison Henderson – “Respectfully Yours”, “What the Hymnal Would Say”
6. David Cowen – “Twelve Months”, “Dwellers of the Grey Stone”
7. Daniel Carrington, Jr. – “Last Day”, “Climbing Trees”
8. Kurt Heinzelman – “Her Childhood”

11:42am – Meeting adjourned. Lunch afterwards at King Food.

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 (Lifetime)
Robert Clark (2009 Honorary Lifetime)
David Cowen -Vice-President (Lifetime)
Kay Cox
Winston Derden (Lifetime)
Pat Dixon (Lifetime)
Susan Ellis (Lifetime)
Lauran Perry English
Dr. 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)

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Richard Peake (Lifetime)
Laura Peña-President (Lifetime)
Oscar Peña
Lynne Streeter (Lifetime)
Sandi Stromberg
Anne Taylor
Larry Thomas (2008 Honorary Lifetime)
Leo F. Waltz-Treasurer and Webmaster
Germaine Welch
Yong-Ae Kim

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)