

**Gulf Coast Poets Chapter
Of The Poetry Society of Texas
September 14, 2013 – General Meeting**



**Gulf Coast Poets
Is proud to present
Z. M. Wise**



Z.M. Wise is a poet and poetry activist who has been writing since his first steps as a child. He has been a written word poet for over almost two decades and a spoken word poet for three years. He is also an Assistant Editor of Harbinger Asylum, a Houston-based, but internationally known poetry magazine. This past August Z.M. Wise was featured in the new line-up of poets at the Word Around Town poetry tour.

Z. M. Wise and his co-editor at Harbinger Asylum Magazine, Dustin Pickering, both led a workshop on Anthology and Self-Publishing at Austin International Poetry Festival in April 2013. In addition to that, he hosts a weekly reading at San Jacinto College, as well as hosting at Coffee Oasis. The motto that keeps him going consists of two simple, but powerful words: POETRY LIVES! Mr. Wise will make sure to spread that message and the love of poetry, making sure it remains vibrant for the rest of his days and beyond."

Oh, Celadon...

How hints of clay are careful for the consumers
who plant pots and watch the eyes stop.
Collide to provide the gentler means of brain sex.

How spiritual Buddhists must feel
when they water their
Mother Earth plants
in a nurturing motion.

How delightfully, positively queer!
The grass blades do not greet
the virgin poinsettias.
An insult and severe stem blow!

How bashful one must feel
when they look upon dearest heart leaves
and kiss the spotlight rainbow.
Kiss the green middle and away you materialize!

How morbid it must feel
for the victim flowers,
pulled by the root and yet not
a single sound emanates.

How raw the petal's experiences!
Amateur water growers
are no match for
the gradual blossoming arm growth.

How sensual doth the stamen work
while visiting on pleasure. The earth speaks,
but the validity of the flowers' grasp takes precedence.

How much reflection
does a punished pollinator
need to endure?
The winter's reluctant sun agrees.

Do you see an aura, child?
Consciousness conversion.
Do you feel an aura, child?
Devotion spirit.
Can you breathe an aura, child?
Balance overruled.
Can you measure up to an aura, child?
Celadon lightning!

Echoing voices
expand faces into surreal shapes.
Deafening silhouettes
are but a shadow of mystery.

Change for me.
Meditate the tantric key.
Celibate necks are a delicacy.
American Beauty:
a phrase served with a side dish of controversy.
Try to evade inevitable green-eyed jealousy.

Oh, momentum.

One cannot change the laws
Of hopeless romantic desires.
Sway, trees of the gods, sway.
Wax portrayal? Golden opportunity.
Wax betrayal? Sickening irony.

Excerpt from Oh Celadon November 2012
A version of this poem was published
in Harbinger Asylum Magazine

Love Defined

The one that popped eyes
The one that dropped jaws
The one that stopped hearts

Love, like poetry
flows, my spoken love soul
The great romantic dance
of Spandau Ballet's 'True'
plays in the breeze

Love like a plastic rose
among a dozen genuine fragrant flowers
Once the last one wilts,
that is when my love shall fade away
Love like moral fiber
in good nature,
in good standing,
good Goddess heart's treasure trove

Love the parallel personality
Love the terrorizing temptation
Love the saccharine solution
Love the agreeable side effects

Perspiration
drip-drip

Love, caged nervous eyes,
release forward
word vomit confessions
Pause
Cricket chirp-cricket chirp
Recovery, darling
Speak of irrelevant weather topics

blushing face
human tomato
on the first meeting
She thinks it is adorable
until anxious gibberish
prolongs a decent conversation
one demands subtitles for the
broken record language

Why couldn't we create
a diversion or Plan B?

Oh, Crikey!
Electrifying kiss!

Intertwining lips
tongues amalgamate
Uncommon smile
I see Heaven through the keyhole

She is actually fond of me
Feelings of carpe diem arise from within
She actually chose me
Inhale fresh oxygen
exhale ambition

Love experienced
Love felt
Not analyzed
Nor documented

To love!
Undying
Undefined
Universal power!

*Excerpt from Love Defined August 8, 2012
A version of this poem was published
in Harbinger Asylum Magazine*



Illya's Honey was founded by Stephen Brodie of Coppell, TX early in 1995. By spring of 1998, the journal had grown so large that Stephen turned it over to Dallas Poets Community who has been publishing it ever since, under managing editor Tracey Mahan (1998-99), then under managing editor Ann Howells (2000-present). In 2006, *Illya's Honey* doubled the number of pages per issue, changed to perfect bound, and began publishing twice yearly, with target release dates of May 1 and November 1. Now, once again, *Illya's Honey* is evolving. It is going digital in order to simplify the submissions process, make the journal available to a larger audience—particularly those outside the United States, and to take greater advantage of available technology. We hope those who have enjoyed our print issues enjoy our new format and that new readers and contributors who discover us on-line also become fans. The new on-line *Illya's Honey* will be released twice a year, May and November, alternating between two co-editors: Ann Howells, who has been managing editor for fourteen years, and Melanie Pruitt-Helsem, who has been primary poetry editor for the last seven years.

Illyia's Honey is now accepting submissions for its Fall/Winter 2013 issue. Visit <http://www.illyashoney.com/> for submission guidelines



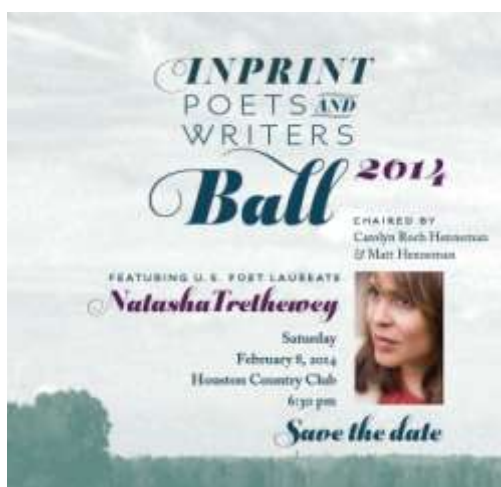
Inprint First Fridays

September 6 - Winston Derden

October 11, 12, 13 - Houston Poetry Fest

November 1 - Sean Johnson

December 6 - Joseph Campana





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/>

<http://houstonpoetryfest.info/>

Poetry Out of Bounds
Will be held
On October 5, 2013

Call out for Spotlight Poets
And Open Mic Poets

If interested please send
A brief bio, a recent photo, and two poems
to Laura Peña
iselapena@hotmail.com

Gulf Coast Poets

Treasurer Report for September 14, 2013 General Meeting

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

This report covers the two month period since last report

	Cash Flow: July 1 – Aug 31, 2013	2013 Totals
Contests.....	-5.00	-5.00
Dues.....	0.00	430.00
Lifetime	.00	
Regular	.00	
Speaker Expense.....	-39.35	-273.90
Honorarium	-25.00	
Speaker Lunch/Dinners	-14.35	
Donations.....	.00	325.00
Interest/Dividend.....	.19	.73
Officer Travel.....	-10.00	-80.00
Other (Web Domain)	-17.00	-17.00
Net Cash flow, July 1 – Aug 31	-71.16	379.83

	Account Balances: July 1 – Aug 31, 2013 –	2013 from Jan 1
Checking Ledger		
<i>Beginning</i>	2213.00	1752.01
Transfer to/from Cash	0.00	(1/1/2013)
Checks written (3)	-40.00	
Debit card (2)	-31.35	
Dividend	.19	
Ending	2141.84	2141.84
<i>Outstanding checks (4)</i>	45.00	<i>Bank chk bal=2186.84</i>
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)		
<i>Beginning</i>	.00	10.00
Transactions	.00	
Transfer to Checking	-.00	
Ending	.00	.00
Savings (int. posted quarterly)		
<i>Beginning</i>	5.33	5.33
Ending	5.33	5.33
All accounts		(1/1/2013)
<i>Beginning</i>	7/1/2013	2218.33
<i>Ending</i>	8/31/2013	2147.17

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 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 (GCP) Minutes – 07/13/13
Recording Secretary: Daniel Carrington, Jr.

10:36am – Meeting called to order.

Announcements:

Deadline for Houston Poetry Fest extended to July 31ST. Visit <http://houstonpoetryfest.info> for details.

Rattle magazine's submission deadline for its yearly \$5K poetry prize: July 22ND. Visit www.rattle.com for more info.

Naugatuck River Review journal currently has a narrative poem contest. Visit www.naugatuckriverreview.com for details.

Houston's Public Poetry's Summer Series is currently being held at Clayton Library through September. First Saturday of each month, typ. Visit <http://publicpoetry.net> for details.

Kay Cox will be featured at 7:00pm on August 13TH at the Divas of Writing event at the Friendswood Public Library. Visit www.friendswood.lib.tx.us for more info.

John Milkereit also has an upcoming featured reading at the Friendswood Public Library, Re: GCP July Handout or see the website for details.

Houston's 8TH annual Word Around Town reading series will be held from August 4TH thru 10TH. Details can be found at the website: www.wordaroundtown.org.

GCP will not have a monthly meeting in August. An optional ekphrastic poetry field trip will be held instead at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston. For those wishing to participate, please contact Laura Peña to RSVP.

10:49am – Mary Margaret Carlisle led the group in a four minute writing exercise based on various black and white photographs.

10:55am – Featured Poet: Jeremy Windham

After a brief intro and bio by GCP President Laura Peña, Jeremy read a selection of his poems. His work included pieces recounting travels to New Mexico, childhood illness, and family relationships. He noted the separation from family due to his undergraduate studies as a strong source of inspiration in his poetry.

11:08am – Mary Margaret Carlisle and Laura Peña selected the winner of the earlier writing exercise. In addition, a raffle was held for a signed copy of Larry D. Thomas' poetry collection *A Murder of Crows*.

11:14am – Open Mic Readings:

Ann Fogelman – “Cookies for Christmas”

Ginger Walker – “The Lighthouse”, “Dancing in the Rain”

Deandra Newcomb – “A Dark Choir” by Larry D. Thomas

Kay Cox – “Night, My Lover”, “Texas War on Women’s Choices”

Denise Cox – “Freckles”

Mary Margaret Carlisle – “Galveston Tide”, “Traveling Days”

Laura Peña – “Love Is”

Daniel Carrington, Jr. – “On the Passing of a Painter”

Yong-Ae Kim – “When the Vacation Is Over For God”, “The Tree Sermon: Vincent Van Gogh, 1887”

Lynn Streeter – “Diego and Me”

Barbara Carl – “Cave Drawings”

Jean Mahavier – “Moving to Texas”

11:47am – 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 Birkebach (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
Deandra Newcomb (New Member)
Dave Parsons (2013 Honorary Lifetime)
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
Jeremy Windham
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)