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July 12, 2014
General Meeting
Winston Derden

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Gulf Coast Poets Proudly Presents Winston Derden

Winston Derden is a former journalist, fiction writer, and poet who resides in Houston. His poetry appears in *New Texas*, *the Texas Poetry Calendar*, two Houston Poetry Festival anthologies, *Words and Art*, *Harbinger Asylum* and its first anthology, *Pink-Eye Lemonade*, *Big River Poetry Review*, *Illya's Honey* and the *Anthology of the Poetry Society of Texas 2012*. Some of that work is collected in the chapbook "Analects." He is a lifetime member of Gulf Coast Poets. He read on the 2013 Word Around Town tour and appears as a featured reader at Houston-area poetry readings. A frequent headliner at Houston-area poetry readings, he also co-produces the reading/interview series *Speak!Poet*.

Slice

In the way children fixate
on a single feature and ignore
the essence of an artifact,
I feared my friends would

ridicule the pizza my mother made,
crust shaken from a box of biscuit mix,
rolled out on a baking sheet,
rectangular instead of round.

They hardly seemed to notice,
fixated on the warm dough, pepperoni,
cheese, tomato, returning almost begging
for slices, long after I wished
our friendships were done.

Sleep Water

If sleep were water,
I'd wade into a cool, green lake,
my toes against the muddy bottom.

If sleep were water,
I'd recline on its buoyant murk
until I sank inside its liquid.

If sleep were water,
I'd mouth slow, round bubbles
and watch them rise to the surface like laughter,

sprout rippling fins and dive down deeper,
trade my lungs for gills,
and discover dreams disguised as fishes.

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To a Poet Whose Daughter Is Dying

Yes. Write.

**Do whatever else you must
sing cry**

**love doubt
dance rage
fear surrender.**

Write.

**Poems journals
epistles blogs
emails letters**

**Write.
Accost assuage**

**deconstruct
demoralize
death.**

Write.

**Medium Small
Today,
put one medium with another
and you don't get media,
you get mediums.**

**But
the mediums
these days are
so small.**

**Cell phones
that fit the palm of your hand,
but leave you asking, “What?
What? You broke up.”
MP3’s
that play into
ear buds with one third
the range of cheap speakers.**

**Smart devices
that access
the Internet
on screens too tiny to read,**

**with WIFI access
anywhere you go
to update
the latest snippet
of nothing
large enough
to matter.**

Inprint First Fridays

August 1, 2014---Billie Duncan
September 12, 2014---Kenan Ince
October 10, 11, 12, 2014---Houston Poetry Fest

Readings begin at 8:30 pm Inprint House
1520 West Main (two blocks south of The Menil
Collection, one block east of Mandell). Admis-
sion is free

Ongoing: OPEN MIC LOCATIONS

1st Mondays: NOKtune, 17062 Saturn Ln, Houston, TX 77058,
8:30 PM free

4th Tuesday: Barnes & Noble, 1029 W Bay Area Blvd, Web-
ster, 7:30, free

Wednesdays: Notsuoh, 314 Main St, 77002, 9 PM, free

3rd Wednesday, Heights Library, 1302 Heights Blvd. 77008,
6:00 PM, free

4th Wednesdays: Teatro Bilingue Houston, 3333 Jensen Dr,
7:30-10 PM, Tintero/Inkwell – Bilingual Reading Series

Fridays: The House of Tea, 1927 Fairview, 77019, 9 PM, free

Saturdays: Secret Word Café, 2061 Dowling, 11 AM Write
Club, workshop hosted by Marcell Murphy

Sundays: Bohemeo, 708 Telephone Rd., Suite E, 77023, 8 PM,
free

Sundays: Bambou, 2540 University Blvd (in Rice Village) 7
PM. Cost: \$10

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For More July and August Poetry Events

Billie Duncan's Houston Poetry Summit Webpage — <http://billieduncan.com/Houston%20Poetry%20Summit/index.htm>

Public Poetry Calendar — <http://publicpoetry.net/community/readings-around-town/>

ArtsHound.com — http://www.artshound.com/categories/index/6/0/LITERATURE+_LECTURES

RATTLE POETRY CONTEST DEADLINE IS JULY 15

The annual Rattle Poetry Prize offers \$5,000 for a single poem to be published in the winter issue of the magazine. For details see <http://www.rattle.com/poetry/prize/guidelines/>

What to Do Until the Next Gulf Coast Poets Meeting?* *Possess The Origins of All Poetry:

*“Stop this day and night with me and you shall possess the origin of all poems,
You shall possess the good of the earth and sun, (there are millions of suns left,)
You shall no longer take things at second or third hand, nor look through the eyes of the dead, nor feed on the spectres in books,
You shall not look through my eyes either, nor take things from me,
You shall listen to all sides and filter them from your self.”*

— Walt Whitman (From Song of Myself)

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SUMMER WORKSHOP INFORMATION:

Saturday, July 12 | 12-2PM: Skill Set: Ekphrastic Poetry with Van Garrett, Contemporary Arts Museum Houston, 5216 Montrose Boulevard, Houston Texas 77006. Poet Van Garrett will lead a group of 15 participants through a series of engaging and productive literary exercises based on tours, lectures, and activities held at the Museum. Skill Set attendees will have a rare opportunity to learn and gain critical feedback from Garrett in one-on-one conference sessions. Tickets are \$15 for CAMH Members and \$20 for general admission.

July 10-12: Texas Poetry Society of Texas Summer Conference: On the Wings of Poetry. At the Hyatt North Houston, 425 North Sam Houston Parkway East, Houston, Texas 77060. Information at <http://dpapst.files.wordpress.com/2012/09/2014-summer-conference-information-sheet.pdf>. Registration form at <http://dpapst.files.wordpress.com/2012/09/2014-summer-conference-registration-form.pdf>. Deadline for entry is June 30, 2014. [NOTE: GCP member Terry Jude Miller will be hosting a workshop.]

Texas Writer's League 2014 Summer Writing Retreat —August 2-7, 2014 —Sul Ross State University in Alpine, Texas — This includes the poetry workshop "One-Week Exercise Program: Wingbeats II Workshop" with Scott Wiggerman. Information at <http://www.writersleague.org/37/Summer-Writing-Retreat>

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Houston Poetry Fest 2014 Submission Guidelines

Houston Poetry Fest 2014 will be held in Willow Street Pump Station, 811 N. San Jacinto Street, on the campus of the University of Houston - Downtown, on October 10, 11, and 12, 2014. The submission deadline is July 15, 2014.

Submission guidelines and online submissions can be made at <https://houstonpoetryfest.submittable.com/submit>. A tax deductible donation of \$18.00 is required.

The Permian Basin Chapter, Poetry Society of Texas' Anthology

Call for electronic submissions. All ages welcome. DEADLINE JUNE 15 2014.

An Anthology including POETRY, PROSE, VISUAL ART.
Up to three works for consideration.
Theme: Worldwide positive change.

SEND TO permianbasinpoetrysociety@gmail.com
Editors — Kat & Jennifer — 432 697 4205, 806 317 7059

2014 Poetry Out of Bounds

This event is scheduled for Oct 4, 2014
1 pm at the Webster Barnes & Noble
IH-45 at Bay Area Blvd (SE quadrant)
Hosted by the Gulf Coast Poets. More information will
be posted at <http://houstonpoetryfest.info/>

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UPCOMING GCP FEATURED READERS

Date	Speaker
August 2014	No Meeting
September 13, 2014	Carolyn Tourney Florek (co-editor Mutabilis Press) with Carolyn Dahl
October 11, 2014 (Tentative)	Houston Poetry Fest — Out of Bounds
November 8, 2014	Karla Morton (2010 Texas Poet Laureate)
December 2014	Holiday Luncheon – TBD
January 10, 2015	Terry Miller
February 14, 2015	Yong-Ae Kim
March 14, 2015	TBA
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GCP Treasurer's Report

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Treasurer Report for July 12, 2014 General Meeting

Report Period: June 1 – 30, 2014 -- with 2014 totals

This report covers the one month period since last report

Cash Flow: June 1 – 30, 2014		2014 Totals
Contests.....	.00	.00
Dues.....	15.00	120.00
Lifetime	.00	
Regular	15.00	
Speaker Expense.....	-0.00	-68.35
Honorarium	-0.00	
Speaker Lunch/Dinners	-0.00	
Donations.....	.00	.00
Interest/Dividend.....	.10	.58
Officer Travel.....	-0.00	-10.00
Other Check Printing.....	16.00	-16.00
Net Cash flow, June 1 – June 30	-0.90	26.23

Account Balances: June 1 – June 30, 2014 –		2014 year
Checking Ledger		
<i>Beginning</i>	2165.07	2152.94
Transfer to/from Cash	.00	(1/1/2014)
Checks written (0)	-0.00	
Check Printing	-16.00	
Dividend	.10	
Ending	2149.17	2149.17
Outstanding checks (6)	105.00	Bank chk bal=2254.17
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)		
<i>Beginning</i>	15.00	.00
Inflow	15.00	
Outflow	-0.00	
Ending	30.00	30.00
Savings (seldom changes)		
<i>Beginning</i>	5.33	5.33
Ending	5.33	5.33
All accounts		
<i>Beginning</i>	6/1/2014	2185.40
Ending	6/30/2014	2184.50
		(1/1/2014) 2158.27
		2184.50

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Poetry Society of Texas-Gulf Coast Poets Chapter

2014 Members

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Daniel Carrington - Lifetime Member
Jane Chance - Lifetime Member
David Cowen - President and Lifetime Member
Kay Cox
Winston Derden - Lifetime Member
Pat Dixon - Lifetime member
Susan Ellis - Lifetime Member
Lauran English
Ann Fogelman - Lifetime Member
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Mary Ann Goodwin
Glynn Irby
Carmen Jacobsen
Yong-Ae Kim
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John Milkereit
Terry Miller
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Leo Waltz—Treasurer
Dory Williams

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Ted Badger - Honorary Lifetime Member - 2011
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John Gorman - Honorary Lifetime Member – 2007
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