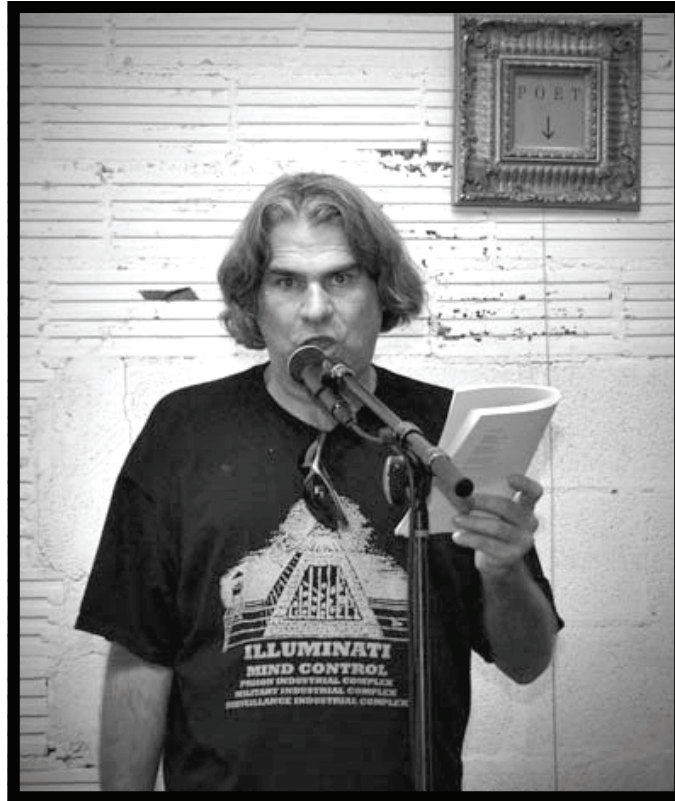


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June 14, 2014
General Meeting
Ken Jones
Featured Poet

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Gulf Coast Poets Proudly Presents Ken Jones

Ken Jones has been a published poet for over 20 years in academic and underground journals, magazines, anthologies, websites and other forums. He has given readings of his original work since college at bars, bookstores, coffeehouses, conferences, and other venues. He earned an MA in English/Creative Writing from the University of Texas at Austin and is a full-time faculty member at the Art Institute of Houston, teaching Creative Writing among other subjects. His collection [Unutterable Blunders and Palace Disasters](#) was published by PlainViewPress in 2006. [Cease-lee Greaspaint in Combat Stance](#) Published by [Slough Press](#) in 2007 and his newest book [Instant Karma](#) was published by Transcendent Press.

SLEEPING OFF THE AGONIES

**Even in your hour of darkest midnight need
On the other side of the Earth
Two lovers discover each other
Someone earns a fortune
Or finds a Spirit beyond the Material.
Pieces of our species breathe their last.
A town stagnates in its past.
A loner wanders toward the future.
Prophets seek in this realm
A unity at the helm
But impatient saviors' wounds are weeping
Flesh is seeping
Sleeping off the agonies.**

STOP SIGNS

**Among the youngish ruins, a woman's dreams
Learned that determined to lie beyond their control
Are face masks, eye holes, totem bracelets
Other adornments for a reviving tribal sense
Alive to their whys, the bounty heaven-sent.
Spirits come in gentle breezes
Feloniously asporting the philosopher's stone.**

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THE MENDICANT WHO COULDN'T MEND

These gaps in my wisdom, your warm words seal.
The universe: your orange; which your Light peels.
Bathing in the juice, its life sluice reduces
My doubt to the Light of what you reveal.

Vowing to destroy all addictive insanity
I, tasked with tacking, miss Grace disartrously.
Talking to the gulls whose full throat pulls
Me down to my knees, supplicatingly.

I am a mendicant who can't mend what I am
Please heed to this heaved sliver received
From you all-around empty everythingness
Need has fled me; I am blessed

Ken Jones

Inprint First Fridays

July 11, 2014---39th Anniversary Feature TBA
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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Gulf Coast Poets – General Meeting Minutes for 05/10/2014

10:45 meeting called to order.

Announcements:

Ken Jones will be the featured speaker and promoting his new book at the June meeting.

Weasel Patterson, an indie publisher of Vagabond Press, is filming a documentary with the theme of “Is Poetry Dead?”

Dave Cowen wants to get a Gulf Coast Poets anthology started/ Mary Margaret Carlisle will chair the committee and will need committee members. The anthology will be self-published and POD

Happenings around Houston; First Fridays at Inprint June 6th
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June 4th Friendswood Public Library Terry Jude Miller and Dede Fox

Houston Poetry Fest deadline has been extended to June 30th

Several Gulf Coast Poets members were accepted in *Boundless* the anthology of the Rio Grande Valley International Poetry Festival

First door prize won by Ann Fogelman/she received *The Doomy Poems* by Jonathon Moody

11:00 Jonathon Moody featured poet

He begins by answering the question “Is Poetry Dead?” Jonathon says it starts at home and shares that his mother used to read poetry to him and that is how he learned to love it.

He reads the following poems:

The Poem returning as an Indie Video Game

From *The Doomy Poems*/A connected narrative: Doomy's
Dream

Doomy's Dream Lover

Irina's Idea About How Doomy Approaches Poetry

Girl Talk

While Watching Matador

My Coffee Tastes like Tea, My Beer Tastes like Wine

Doomy Admonishes an Admirer

Childhood Express

11:15 Door Prize winner Weasel Patterson/*Amazing Grace*

Open Mic

Laura Peña – I Arrive Home

I Don't Know Why I Want You

Billie Hill – A Misuse of Power

Minor League Training Camp

Lynne Streeter – Desert Lament

The Sixth Extinction

Dave Cowan – Haggis Maids

Yong-Ae Kim – First Essay on Doubt

Translation Machine

Jonathon Peckham – What Dreams May Come

Winston Derden – Recycling

Slice

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SUMMER WORKSHOP INFORMATION:

Saturday, Jun 28 — Houston Poetry Fest Summer Workshop — [Aurora Studios](#) Houston, TX: 11:30-1:20 with Billie Duncan - "The Nuts and Bolts of Poetry Submissions"; 1:30-3:20 with Scott Chalupa - "Refining Your Poetry Submissions for an Editor's Eye". A walkthrough for submitting poetry online for this year's Houston Poetry Fest will be available to all participants. Light snacks provided. Each workshop is \$15 (\$25 for both) and \$5 for students (please bring student IDs). FOR MORE INFO OR ORDERING TICKETS SEE <http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/733954>

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 June 30, 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
July 12, 2014	Winston Derden
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

Cash Flow: May 1 – 31, 2014		2014 Totals
Contests.....	.00	.00
Dues.....	15.00	105.00
Lifetime	.00	
Regular	15.00	
Speaker Expense.....	-0.00	-68.35
Honorarium	-0.00	
Speaker Lunch/Dinners	-0.00	
Donations.....	.00	.00
Interest/Dividend.....	.09	.48
Officer Travel.....	-0.00	-10.00
Other00	-0.00
Net Cash flow, May 1 – May 31	15.09	27.13

Account Balances: May 1 – May 31, 2014 –		2014 year
Checking Ledger		
<i>Beginning</i>		2149.98
Transfer to/from Cash	15.00	
Checks written (0)	-0.00	
Debit card (0)	-0.00	
Dividend	.09	
Ending		2165.07
Outstanding checks (6)	105.00	Bank chk bal=2270.07
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)		
<i>Beginning</i>		15.00
Inflow	15.00	
Outflow	-15.00	
Ending		15.00
Savings (seldom changes)		
<i>Beginning</i>		5.33
Ending		5.33
All accounts		
<i>Beginning</i>		
Beginning	5/1/2014	2170.31
Ending	5/31/2014	2185.40
		(1/1/2014)
		2158.27
		2185.40

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.

Beginning

Transfer to/from Cash

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Poetry Society of Texas-Gulf Coast Poets Chapter

2014 Members

Carolyn Adams
Kay Beggs
Diana Buckley - Lifetime Member
Mary Carlisle - Membership Chair and Lifetime Member
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
Richard Gamez
Mary Ann Goodwin
Glynn Irby
Carmen Jacobsen
Yong-Ae Kim
Jean Mahavier
John Milkereit
Terry Miller
Jonathon Moody
Susan Musch — Vice President and Lifetime Member
Deandra Newcomb
Richard Peake - Lifetime Member
Jonathon Peckham
Oscar Peña - Lifetime Member
Laura Peña - Secretary and Lifetime Member
Dustin Pickering
Amy Leigh Sasser
Lynne Streeter - Lifetime Member
Sandi Stromberg
William Turner
Leo Waltz—Treasurer
Dory Williams

Honorary Lifetime Members

Ted Badger - Honorary Lifetime Member - 2011
Alan Birkelbach - Honorary Lifetime Member – 2010
Robert Clark - Honorary Lifetime Member – 2009
John Gorman - Honorary Lifetime Member – 2007
Erica Lehrer - Honorary Lifetime Member - 2012
Dave Parsons - Honorary Lifetime Member – 2013
Larry Thomas - Honorary Lifetime Member - 2008