

# **Gulf Coast Poets**

*Chapter of the Texas Poetry Society*



**May 10, 2014**  
**General Meeting**  
**Jonathon Moody**  
**Featured Poet**

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### **Gulf Coast Poets Proudly Presents Jonathon Moody**

**Jonathan Moody received his MFA from the University of Pittsburgh. He's a Cave Canem alum whose poetry has appeared in African American Review, Crab Orchard Review, Gathering Ground, Xavier Review, among numerous other publications, and is forthcoming in Borderlands: Texas Poetry Review, The Common and Tidal Basin Review. Moody, author of The Doomy Poems (Six Gallery Press, 2012), teaches at Pearland High School and lives in Fresno, Texas, with his wife and baby boy.**

**GIRL TALK: THE MOON  
PUTS IRINA IN CHECK**

**Her silk tunic  
dress is the business,**

**but she don't get dolled  
up like that for Tommy.**

**Had my share of celestial  
hotties who were hard**

**to keep out of view,  
so I can't judge.**

**But what makes her think  
she can fool me?**

**Can't even convince  
Gravity there's nothin'**

**goin' on because her high  
hopes of becoming**

**Doomy's girlfriend  
haven't fallen.**

*Jonathon Moody*

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### ***HEARTBREAK DONE GOT DOOMY'S WIRES CROSSED for Furry Lewis***

*My coffee tastes like tea, & my beer tastes like wine.*

*Said my coffee tastes like tea & my beer like wine.*

*Doc said, "Drink eight glasses of oil a day & you'll feel fine."*

*Jonathon Moody*



**Inprint  
First Fridays**

**June 6, 2014---Bucky Rea**

**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)

Admission is free

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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.**

#### **There are two ways to submit.**

**Everyone submitting should MAIL, via regular mail**

- **A cover letter, with name, address, phone numbers, e-mail address, and a list of the titles of your poems, plus details of previous publication, if any, of any of these poems,**
- **A brief biography, for the anthology, in case your poems are chosen,**
- **A tax-deductible donation of \$15 to Houston Poetry Fest, a 501(c)(3) tax-exempt arts organization, staffed 100% by unpaid volunteers.**

**Mail the above to Houston Poetry Fest, Attention: Submissions, P. O. Box 22595, Houston, Texas 77227-2595. Entry must be postmarked no later than MAY 31.**

**If submitting only via regular mail, also enclose:**

- **Four copies of no more than five poems, totaling no more than five typed pages, with their titles but without your name on these pages (which will be assigned a poet number and sent to the judges for "blind judging"). Retain copies, since these copies will not be returned, but shredded after judging is complete. If poems are in a language other than English, add translations. The anthology will be printed on smaller pages, measuring 5 ½ by 8 ½ inches, so poems with longer lines will have to be reformatted.**

**If you wish to submit partly via e-mail: Send an e-mail, no later than MAY 31, to [HPFest@aol.com](mailto:HPFest@aol.com) , including the following:**

- **A cover letter, with name, address, phone numbers, e-mail address, and a list of the titles of your poems, plus previous publication, if any, of any of these poems,**
- **A brief biography, for the anthology, in case your poems are chosen,**
- **A Word attachment, with your poems and their titles (no more than five poems, totaling no more than five typed pages), but without your name. If poems are in a language other than English, please add translations. The anthology will be printed on pages measuring 5 ½ by 8 ½, so poems with longer lines will have to be reformatted.**
- **Even though e-mailing your submission, you will still need to mail your \$15 donation separately.**

**To determine who was selected, go online to [www.HoustonPoetryFest.info](http://www.HoustonPoetryFest.info) , where the judges' decisions will be announced in late summer. No stamped self-addressed envelope is needed.**

**Houston Poetry Fest, an annual celebration of poetry and those who create it, is sponsored by Houston Poetry Fest, a 501(c)(3) non-profit arts organization, 100% staffed by unpaid volunteers, and is co-sponsored by the Department of English and the Cultural Enrichment Center of the University of Houston - Downtown.**

**The entire event will be free and open to the public. Invite as many guests as you wish. Donations will be accepted.**

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**Saturday, April 12, 2014 Meeting Minutes**

### **Call to Order & Welcome**

President David Cowen called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

### **Announcements & April Business**

David Cowen made the following announcements (which are also listed in the meeting handout):

April is National Poetry Month — David invited members to celebrate it by reading what some historians believe is the oldest written love poem found. This poem was recited by the annual brides of King Shu-Sisn (c. Sumaria 4000 BC). See page 7 of meeting handout for poem. David explained how National Poetry Month got started (see page 8 of meeting handout) and thanked Barnes & Noble for their support.

A number of members made it into the Austin International Poetry Festival.

### **Upcoming events include:**

Public Poetry and UH-Downtown Cultural Enrichment Center will present a Conversational Workshop with Texas State Poet Laureate Rosemary Catacalos on Wednesday, April 16 at 4:30 p.m at UH-Downtown.

On April 17, Public Poetry will be featured at the Museum of Fine Art, Houston's ("MFAH's") Artful Thursday program, and everyone is invited to a free reading beginning at 6:30 p.m. in the MFAH's Brown Auditorium featuring Texas State Poet Laureate Rosemary Catacalos, followed by a book signing.

On Monday, April 28, Inprint Margaret Root Brown Reading Series will host Anne Carson at 7:30 p.m. at the Zilkha Hall at the Hobby Center for the Performing Arts.

The ARTlines competition will be showcased at the MFAH on Saturday, April 21 at 3 p.m. Winners are noted on page 9 of the meeting handout.

There will be a "Poetry Works Workshop" on Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. There is limited seating so please register to ensure a spot.

Houston Poetry Festival 2014 Submission Guidelines are on page 6 of the meeting handout.

Gulf Coast Poets Anthology Project – Mary Margaret Carlisle recommended setting up committees to plan for the Anthology project. A committee chair will be needed for this project.

Singer-songwriter Steven Fromholz, who was named poet laureate of Texas in 2007 and who rose to fame writing songs for artists such as Willie Nelson, died in January 2014 from a freak hog hunting accident. He died at a ranch near Eldorado, after the rifle he was carrying slipped out of its case, hit the ground and accidentally discharged.

Sandi Stromberg announced that she is on the board of the Mutabilis Press and will be an editor of its forthcoming anthology. Sandi advised that submissions will probably be from September 2014 to March 2015 and will be themed.

## Featured Poet Sandi Stromberg

### Introduction:

Sandi Stromberg has had work nominated for a Pushcart Prize and has been a juried poet 7 times with poetry in 7 Houston Poetry Fest anthologies. Sandi Stromberg has had work nominated for a Pushcart Prize and been a juried poet seven times with poetry in seven Houston Poetry Fest anthologies. Her work has also appeared in *Borderlands*, *Improbable Worlds: An Anthology of Texas and Louisiana Poets*, *The Weight of Addition: An Anthology of Texas Poets*, *TimeSlice: Houston Poetry 2005*, *Texas Poetry Calendars*, *Colere: A Journal of Cultural Exploration*, *Illya's Honey*, *Curbside Review* and others, including online in *Sol Magazine* and *Ampersand Poetry Journal*. She's received several awards from Dallas Poets Community and the San Antonio Poetry Fair. During her career at MD Anderson Cancer Center, she won multiple awards from the Public Relations Society of America, the League of Communications Professionals, and the Lone Star Awards as both a writer and editor of magazines and annual reports. She was named PR Communicator of the Year at the Lone Star Awards (for print, broadcast and online journalists in the state of Texas) in 2010, 2011, 2012 and 2013. And on that, she retired to write more poetry. See page 2 of the meeting handout.

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### Poetry Readings:

**"Nomads"** – Sandi was born in the Panhandle and her Dad was from Nebraska and stationed at a military base in the Panhandle where he met Sandi's mother. The poem stems from this beginning.

**Travel Poems** – Sandi read the following 2 travel poems:

*"Langkaw Archipelago"*  
*"Crossing France by Train"*  
**"Implosion"**  
**"Leaving the Great Mother"**  
**"A Surrealist Praises Freedom"**  
**"Edging the Storm"**

### Open Mic

Bill Turner: **"The Great Blueness"**  
Yang-Ae Kim: **"Dear Possum"** & **"Descending Through Difficult Rain"**  
Lynn Streeter: **"Dusk on Morgan's Point"** & **"Ice Cream"**  
David Cowen: **"26 Days from Elizabeth"** & **"The Doppler Child"**  
Lauran Perry English: **"Unframed"**  
Mary Margaret Carlisle: **"Re-write the Day"**  
Margo Toombs: **"Texas Drawl"**

Meeting Adjourned at 11:50 a.m.



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## **OTHER HAPPENINGS:**

**Thu May 15 -- 7:00 PM — Bay Area Writers League (BAWL) — Critique Group Meeting**

**Clear Lake Park Meeting Room 5001 NASA Road One, Seabrook, TX**

**This Meetup repeats on the 1st Thursday of every month**

**RSVP to Elaine McCain [elaine.mccain@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.mccain@gmail.com) or at <http://>**

**[www.meetup.com/bayareawritersleague/?](http://www.meetup.com/bayareawritersleague/)**

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**Thu May 22 -- 7:00 PM**

**Bay Area Writers League (BAWL) Monthly Meetup**

**Clear Lake Park Meeting Room 5001 NASA Road One, Seabrook, TX**

**RSVP to Elaine McCain [elaine.mccain@gmail.com](mailto:elaine.mccain@gmail.com) or at <http://>**

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## **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, Webster, 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: Te 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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### **UPCOMING GCP FEATURED READERS**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Speaker</b>
<b>June 14, 2014</b>	<b>Ken Jones</b>
<b>July 12, 2014</b>	<b>Winston Derden</b>
<b>August 2014</b>	<b>No Meeting</b>
<b>September 13, 2014</b>	<b>Carolyn Tourney Florek (co-editor Mutabilis Press) with Carolyn Dahl</b>
<b>October 11, 2014 (Tentative)</b>	<b>Houston Poetry Fest — Out of Bounds</b>
<b>November 8, 2014</b>	<b>Karla Morton (2010 Tex- as Poet Lauret)</b>
<b>December 2014</b>	<b>Holiday Luncheon – TBD</b>
<b>January 10, 2015</b>	<b>Terry Miller</b>
<b>February 14, 2015</b>	<b>Yong-Ae Kim</b>
<b>March 14, 2015</b>	<b>TBA</b>

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## Treasurer Report for May 10, 2014 General Meeting

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

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

	Cash Flow: Apr 1 – 30, 2014		2014 Totals
Contests.....	.00		.00
Dues.....	0.00		90.00
Lifetime	.00		
Regular	.00		
Speaker Expense.....	-22.40		-68.35
Honorarium	-0.00		
Speaker Lunch/Dinners	-22.40		
Donations.....	.00	.00	.00
Interest/Dividend.....		.10	.39
Officer Travel.....		-0.00	-10.00
Other .....		.00	-.00
<b>Net Cash flow, Apr 1 – Apr 30</b>		<b>-22.30</b>	<b>12.04</b>

	Account Balances: Apr 1 – Apr 30, 2014 –		2014 year
Checking Ledger			
<i>Beginning</i>		2172.28	2152.94
Transfer to/from Cash	.00		(1/1/2014)
Checks written (0)	-0.00		
Debit card (1)	-22.40		
Dividend	.10		
Ending		2149.98	2149.98
Outstanding checks (6)	105.00	Bank chk bal=2254.98	
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)			
<i>Beginning</i>		15.00	.00
Inflow	.00		
Outflow	-0.00		
Ending		15.00	15.00
Savings (seldom changes)			
<i>Beginning</i>		5.33	5.33
Ending		5.33	5.33
<b>All accounts</b>			(1/1/2014)
<i>Beginning</i>	4/1/2014	<b>2192.61</b>	<b>2158.27</b>
<i>Ending</i>	4/30/2014	<b>2170.31</b>	<b>2170.31</b>

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.

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## ***Poetry Society of Texas-Gulf Coast Poets Chapter***

### **2014 Members**

Carolyn Adams  
Kay Beggs  
Diana Buckley - Lifetime Member  
Mary Carlisle - 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  
MaryAnn Goodwin  
Glynn Irby  
Carmen Jacobsen  
Yong-Ae Kim  
Jean Mahavier  
John Milkereit  
Terry Miller  
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  
Lynne Streeter - Lifetime Member  
Sandi Stromberg  
William Turner  
Leo Waltz—Treasurer  
Jane Wenniger  
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