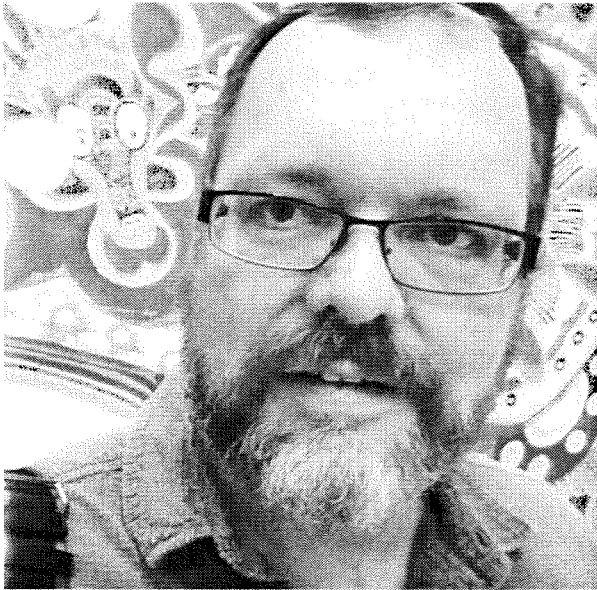


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November 14, 2015
General Meeting
Mary Wemple and Chuck
Wemple

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Gulf Coast Poets Proudly Presents

Chuck Wemple

Chuck Wemple is a scientist and poet currently living and working in Houston Texas. Chuck's interest in poetry began when he enrolled in a creative writing class at the University of Montana. An elective course at the end of his senior year, an afterthought at the time, the class has heavily influenced his life. Chuck has written poetry for over 28 years; served as co-editor of the poetry review Spiky Palm; met his wife Mary at a poetry reading; and is currently exploring the world of Executive Management. His poetry incorporates themes of mythology, magical realism, and the occasional circus bear.

His work has appeared in several anthologies including *Time Slice Houston Poetry* (2005), *Houston Poetry Fest* (2004, 2005, 2009), and *di-verse-city Austin International Poetry Festival* (2002, 2004, 2015), and *Galveston Island Poetry Roundtable Poets* (2012). His poem "Some Nights Tiny Furies" placed third in the Austin International Poetry Festival Anthology competition in 2015. Chuck has been a featured reader at First Friday in Houston and the 4th Tuesday Reading Series in Webster, Texas, and is a frequent contributor to the Words & Art reading series at Rice Gallery.

Mary Wemple

Mary Wemple is the creator and coordinator of Words & Art, a reading series of poetry and prose inspired by the installations at Rice University Art Gallery. She is also the leader of the Poets in the Loop critique group. Her poetry has been published in Austin International Poetry Fest 2015, Houston Poetry Fest Anthology in 2005, 2009 and 2015, Harbinger Asylum, Spiky Palm and she was featured in the 2014 Words Around Town! poetry tour lineup.

White Horse

He stands in the kitchen
quiet, waiting
ribs showing.

It occurs to me
that he's starving
and I should let him in the backyard.
It's my childhood home.
Everything bad began here.

He does not eat the grass.
He darts back and forth
along the fence
graceful,
despondent.

Behind him
in the distance,
cleared land,
a stable.

Mary Wemple
(*DiVerseCity*, 2015)

ANAHUAC ROUNDUP

Alligator bigger than me
Bigger than a station wagon
So green he's almost black (almost)

How quickly he's pulled from the ground
Noose around his neck
The men are all too easy about this

Too eager to take your picture for a dollar
Right next to dangling feet
Slowly spinning above the crowd

Smaller gator
Dead on ice
Kids touch it prod it

A little girl blonde ponytail
Gently places ice cubes on the gator's back
Hoping to keep him cool

She'll be fine

It's the son I worry about

The one who is crying
The one with the boozed up father
Hollering at him to put his head in the gator's mouth

Chuck Wemple

Don't Bother Coming to the Lake, the Plane Left Yesterday

Grandpa's ashes stream like smoke
Caught up in the wake behind the plane
They ride a river of wind
Mixing with the dust of five women
An intimate mingling
He never had with his wife
Who granted his dying wish
But opted for the group plan
Rather than pay for him to fly solo

Grandpa's ashes travel up the food chain
They ride the waves of the lake
Caught up in belly fat of giant trout
Grandpa stares back at me in the eyes of silver salmon
Cold mean eyes
Staring you down even when the fight is hopeless
Even when you chop off the head
Rip out the guts
And let the body sink
To the cold bottom

I tell my mother
About the raccoon I saw
Eating fish at the edge of the forest
She stops washing dishes
Picks up the rifle and walks out into the trees

At night I watch her build a fire
Burn the carcass
Bury the bones deep in the ground
Hoping nothing bigger
Brings him back

Chuck Wemple

Washing Machine

I seem to have
an eating disorder

I'm either stuffed
or empty
never satisfied

all these cycles
have left me
angular and pale

I'm drowning
from the inside

I miss my husband
how he'd jostle me
in his sleep

I miss
how our shoulders met
at the same level

I miss
his hot breath
every time he woke up
next to me

*Inspired by the washing machine in Ana Ser-
rano's
Salon on Beauty at Rice University Art Gallery
Mary Wemple*

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Inprint First Fridays

December 4, 2015– Michael Sofranko

January 8, 2016– Elina Petrova

February 5, 2016–Glynn Monroe Irby

March 4, 2016–Robin Davidson

April 1, 2016–Choonwha Moon

Readings begin at 8:30 pm Inprint House

1520 West Main (two blocks south of The Menil Collection, one block east of of Mandell). Admission 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, 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: 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

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

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Upcoming Poetry Events

Call for Submissions

2015 Anita McAndrews Award Poetry Contest

Submissions deadline: November 30, 2015

Prize: \$200 and publication of winning poem online.. Announcement of Winner: December 10, 2015.

Theme: Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Poem Length: Up to 96 lines, typed, any format. Fee: No fee for first poem. \$1 reading fee for additional poem submissions. No simultaneous submission or previously published poems. Submit by mail to Stazja McFadyen, 1006 Vapor Drive, Pflugerville, Tx. 78660 .Include cover sheet with name, address, telephone number, email address, short bio, poem title(s). For more information contact Stazja McFadyen by email at stazja@yahoo.com

DOS GATOS PRESS CALLS FOR SUBMISSION

Southwest Persona Poems: looking for well-crafted poems written in personae associated with the Southwest region of the United States — poems that demonstrate a strong connection to the land, history, and/or culture of the region. Deadline: November 30, 2015

Texas Poetry Calendar 2017 : Deadline: January 15, 2016

Submit to one or both at <https://dosgatospress.submittable.com/submit>

CONGRATULATIONS TO GCP MEMBER CHOON-MON WHA FOR BEING NAMED THE 2016 HOUSTON POETRY FEST FEATURED POET

Gulf Coast Poets Minutes – 09/12/2015

10:48 – Meeting called to order

Poetry Out of Bounds will be October 3rd at the Barnes and noble in Webster featured reader will be Jerry Hamby

Houston Poetry Fest will be Oct. 9th, 10th, and 11th at Willow Street Pump Station

Holiday Luncheon will be Dec. 12th at Tradicao. Special guests will be Jan Seale, 2012 Texas Poet Laureate, Robin Davidson, Houston Poet Laureate, and John Milkreit.

Upcoming GCP featured readers:

November - Chuck and Mary Wemple.

January – Elina Petrova

February – Tria Wood

Door prize drawing: Diana Dettling won John Milkreit's new book
Weasel Patterson

11:00 Featured reader – Cindy Huyser, former editor of Texas Poetry Calendar,
Houston Poetry Fest Guest Juried Poet,
editor of Poetry of the American Southwest No. 2 Persona Poems

Blowout at 3:30

Burning Number Five

Heat

Until the Outage

The Intimacy of Machines

Seeing You Again

What We Ate – a pantoum accepted for Waco Wordfest Anthology

Like a Dream

Halloween Dream

Persona poem of Scott Wiggerman

Door Prize drawing: Jeremiah Frick

11:30 – Open Mic

Ann Fogelman – Sounds of the Night

Weasel Patterson – Somewhere, written in Chicago O'Hare Airport

Kay Cox – God's Waiting Room

Laura Peña – We're Still Here, accepted for Waco Wordfest Anthology

Diana Dettling – Death in Amsterdam

Mary Margaret Carlisle – River Road Mantras

Deandra Newcomb – Braided Bond

Glynn Monroe Irby – A Gusty Fall of a Wheat Satch; Featured reader at Houston Poetry Fest

Other business:

November 30th deadline for submitting persona poems for Poetry of the American Southwest No.2 by Dos Gatos Press

BAWL critique meetings 2nd and 4th Saturdays

Weasel Patterson hosting 100,000 Poets for Change on September 26th, 6pm House of Té

Kay Cox, Laura Peña, and Cindy Huyser will be reading at Twig Bookshop in San Antonio, Oct. 24th for the Texas Poetry Calendar

12:00 – meeting adjourned

Lunch afterwards at Hibachi Grill

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UPCOMING GP FEATURED READERS

Date	Speaker
December 12, 2015	Jan Seale, 2012 Texas Poet Laureate; John Milkereit as second featured. Houston Poet Laureate Robin Davidson will also be attending as a guest.
January 9, 2016	Elina Petrova
February 13, 2016	Tria Wood
March 12, 2016	Eloisa Perez-Lozano
April 9, 2016	Lone Star College Student Poets
May 14, 2016	TBD
June 11, 2016	Gerald Cedillo
July 9, 2016	Word About Town Poets
August	No Meeting
September 10, 2016	Mutablis Press Presents
October 8, 2016	Poetry Out of Bounds
November 12, 2016	Vanessa Zimmer-Powell
December 10, 2016	Holiday Luncheon

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Treasurer Report for Nov 14, 2015 General Meeting
Report Period: Sept 1 – Oct 31, 2015 -- with 2015 YTD totals
This report covers the two month period since last report

	Cash Flow: Sept 1 – Oct 31, 2015	2015 Totals.
Contests.....	.00	-.00
Dues.....	30.00	165.00
Speaker Expense.....	-60.00	-216.72
Honorarium	-60.00	
Speaker Lunch/Dinners	-.00	
Lodging	-.00	
Donations.....	.00	30.00
Interest/Dividend.....	.17	.88
Officer Travel.....	-10.00	-70.00
PST Summer Conf. Regis. (2) ..	-0.00	-50.00
Luncheon (see detailed report)	715.00	715.00
Other (Web Expenses).....	-19.00	-19.00
Net Cash flow, Sept 1 – Oct 31	656.17	Jan 1-Oct 31 555.16

	Account Activity: Sept 1 – Oct 31, 2015 –	2015 YTD
Checking Ledger		<i>Jan 1, 2015</i>
<i>Beginning</i>	1995.26	2056.27
Checks written (2)	-70.00	
Debit Card	-19.00	
Deposits	730.00	
Dividend	.17	
Ending	2636.43	2636.43
<i>Outstanding checks (3)</i>	60.00 <i>Bank chk bal=2696.43</i>	
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)		
<i>Beginning</i>	0.00	40.00
Inflow	745.00	
Outflow	-730.00	
Ending	15.00	15.00
Savings (seldom changes)		
<i>Beginning</i>	10.33	10.33
Ending	10.33	10.33
All accounts		<i>Jan 1/Oct 31</i>
Beginning	9/1/2015 2005.59	2106.60
Ending	10/31/2015 2661.76	2661.76

Treasurer Reports will normally end on the last day of the month preceding the meeting and cover the month(s) since the previous report.

Notes: 1. Bank statement covering October will not show a \$25 deposit made on Oct 30 because deposit was not posted until Nov. 2.

2. Advance Luncheon payments shown here as of 10/31 will show a spike in Net Cash Flow. Since there is no business meeting in December, the final Luncheon report will be part of the end of year report.

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2015 Gulf Coast Poets Chapter Membership

<i>Honorary lifetime members</i>	<i>2015 Chapter Members</i>
Ted O. Badger	Carmen Erna Jacobsen
Alan Lee Birkelbach	C. Lynn ("Happy Daze") Carden
Robert Clark	Yong-Ae Kim
John Gorman	Jean Mahavier
Erica Lehrer	John Milkereit
Karla Morton	Deandra Newcomb
Dave Parsons	Jonathan Peckham
Larry D. Thomas	Eloisa Perez-Lozano
	Sandi Stromberg
<i>Lifetime members</i>	William Turner
Nancy Bertoncej	Vanessa Zimmer-Powell
Diana Dettling Buckley	Weasel (Larry Patterson)"
Mary Margaret Carlisle – Member Chair	Kay L. Cox
Daniel Carrington -- Correspondence Secretary	Amy L. Sasser — Anthology Chair
Jane Chance	Jane Wenninger
David Cowen -- President	Dory Williams
Winston Derden	Charles Williams
Susan Ellis	Billie Hill
Ann Fogelman -- Greeter	Terry Jude Miller
Fulton Fry	Lauren English
Mary Ann Goodwin	Adriana Vazquez
Susan Musch -- Vice President	Luis Vazquez
Bernard Patten	Gary Rosin
Richard Peake	Taylor Lane Jones
Oscar Peña	Peter Hyland
Laura Peña -- Recording Secretary	Chris Wise
Lynne Streeter	Robin Davidson
Martha M Tamez	Cindy Huyser
Glynn Monroe Irby	Jerry Frick
Leo Waltz – Treasurer	Matt Riley
Penny Clark	Emily Seay
Sybil Pittman Estess	Mary Wemple
Dede Fox	Chuck Wemple
	<i>2015 Student Chapter Member</i>
	Katherine Sanger