



**GULF COAST POETS CHAPTER  
OF THE  
POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS  
PRESENTS**

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**Because the eyelet**

ripped clean through the fabric.

Because I slipped off my dress and tore a seam  
in my hip.

Because I unfastened my torso,  
crept into the river

and unraveled.

Because the line that bends the sun is just a myth.

Because there is no edge.

*\*first published in Wyvern Lit*

**I am**

*...there's a woman wearing an outfit with a stethoscope  
and I'm thinking, is she in a costume?*

*Joy Behar*

a sparrow  
feathering the bones of a 26-year-old  
with inoperable cancer.

Mary Magdalene  
anointing the feet of an inmate with HIV.

A black birch  
cradling an infant

flung

from a three-story window.

My costume  
pinned beneath my skin—

*\*first published in Houseboat*

## Nocturne

Evening breaks kindly, □

without bruise or blow.

The sun unpins its blue veil, □

exhales as it sets.

It is not yet spring.

Night spills softly through the owling air,

a black bowl wreathed in fireflies.

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I wash his hands and face with castile soap,

bear up

my greenstick heart,

wait for his parents who don't yet know

his new moon stare.

The reap hook—

small boy draped in soft white,

first mistaken for cord wood,

pulled from a ditch

on a dim road,

his face in the black  
water.

His eyes will not close.

*\*first published in Beloit Poetry Journal*

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Poetry at Round Top — April 21-23, 2017.  
<http://poetryatroundtop.org/> (ride in style on  
the Public Poetry Bus. Deadline to sign up —  
March 20) For info go to [http://  
www.publicpoetry.net/](http://www.publicpoetry.net/))

Inprint First Fridays — Readings begin at  
8:30 pm, Inprint House, 1520 West Main  
(two blocks south of The Menil Collection,  
one block east of Mandell):

May 5, 2017—Anis Shivani

June 2, 2017—Lauren Berry

July 7, 2017—42nd Anniversary of First Fri-  
day – Craig Butterworth

August 2, 2017—2016 Pushcart Prize Winner  
Daniel Peña

September 8, 2017—John Pluecker

November 3, 2017—Michael Sofranko

December 1, 2017—Jeremy Eugene

Slam Events — [https://www.eventbrite.com/d/  
tx--houston/poetry-slam/](https://www.eventbrite.com/d/tx--houston/poetry-slam/)

Readings and Poetry Nights — [https://  
www.eventbrite.com/d/tx--houston/poetry/](https://www.eventbrite.com/d/tx--houston/poetry/)

## CALLS FOR SUBMISSION

Rio Grande Valley International Poetry Festival —  
Boundless: The Rio Grande Valley International Poetry Festival Anthology 2017 is now accepting submissions! Deadline March 25, 2017. <http://www.valleypoetryfest.org/boundless-anthology/>

*Weasel Press* — *Degenerates*. Seeking submissions for themed volumes:

May 20, 2017 - Domestic Violence

Aug 20, 2017 - Bullying

Nov 20, 2017 - Homelessness

<http://hitchingpoets.wix.com/degenerates>

*Matador Review* - The Matador Review is an online literature and art quarterly. We publish poetry, fiction, flash fiction, creative non-fiction, and visual art. We call ourselves an "alternative" magazine; that is to say: our purpose is to promote work that is thought-provoking and unconventional; we want the controversial and the radical, the unhinged and the bizarre; we want the obsessive, the compulsive, the pervasive, the combative, and the seductive. We are currently accepting work for our third issue, the Spring 2017 publication. Deadline: February 28, 2017.

*More Calls for Submission Daily at [https://www.facebook.com/groups/156020074604805/?multi\\_permlinks=642553865951421&notif\\_t=group\\_activity&notif\\_id=1484029471219249](https://www.facebook.com/groups/156020074604805/?multi_permlinks=642553865951421&notif_t=group_activity&notif_id=1484029471219249)*

**Gulf Coast Poets Website — A Useful Tool for Members**  
(Crafted by GCP Webmaster Leo Waltz)

**OR — WHY YOU NEED TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP (SEE  
LAST PAGE)**

URL: <http://gulfcoastpoets.info/>

Membership Application -- <http://gulfcoastpoets.info/membership.html>

Past Programs, Minutes and Meeting Handouts from March 2009 to  
Present -- <http://gulfcoastpoets.info/documents.html> —

Archives Including Meeting Newsletters Back to November 2007 --  
<http://gulfcoastpoets.info/archives.html>

Proposed Bylaws and Constitution (never adopted) -- [http://sol-  
magazine-projects.org/gcp/2008JuneProposedBylaws.pdf](http://sol-magazine-projects.org/gcp/2008JuneProposedBylaws.pdf) **Links to Call  
for Submissions:**

**Useful Links**

**Pro-Paying Speculative Fiction Poetry Markets** -- [http://  
fiendlover.blogspot.com/p/pro-paying-speculative-fiction-  
poetry.html](http://fiendlover.blogspot.com/p/pro-paying-speculative-fiction-poetry.html)

**New Pages – Calls for Submission** -- [http://www.newpages.com/  
classifieds/calls-for-submissions?referer=artdeadlineslist.com](http://www.newpages.com/classifieds/calls-for-submissions?referer=artdeadlineslist.com)

**Texas Book Lover** -- <http://www.texasbooklover.com/>

**Submittable Blog for September** -- [http://  
blog.submittable.com/2016/07/submission-opportunities-july-29-  
august-5/](http://blog.submittable.com/2016/07/submission-opportunities-july-29-august-5/)

As always be sure to check Billie Duncan's roll-  
ing calendar at <http://billieduncan.com/Houston%>



## Gulf Coast Poets-Meeting Minutes

Gulf Coast Poets-Minutes

02/11/2017

10:55 Meeting called to order

Mark Jodon is the newest member of GCP

GCP is a member of Poetry Society of Texas reminder to pay dues

Dealines: AIPF is 02/15

VIPF 03/25

Calls for submissions from Weasel Press

Poetry at Round Top 04/21-04/23

Mardi Gras Reading on 02/26 at Mod Coffee House

Soul Poetica features poetry and music at Khon's Wine Bar

Tria Wood, GCP member, has one of her Godzilla poems published in Painted Bride Quarterly

Laura Peña, GCP member, was interviewed by Tony Diaz for Nuestra Palabra aired on KPFT 90.1 on 01/31; program can be found archived on KPFT's website

Kelly Ann Ellis is now hosting a new internet radio program the last Sundays of every month at Rock Star Gallery for <http://stilettobroadcasting.com/> Next show will be 02/26, an all teacher edition featuring Laura Peña, Carrie Kornacki, Dom Zuconne, and Susan Beall Summers

Valentine's Day index card love poems were read

Emily Seay announces the next BAWL meeting will be 02/23 at the Clear Lake Meeting Room and will feature Zachary Caballero

11:20 Featured reader – Stephen Gros, spoken word performer, poet, and readings event organizer

Lola's Without You

I heard Muffled Voices

The Conquistador's Fedora

On a Corner

A Thin Framed Beauty

Walking to the Store for Smokes

Acadian Blues

Room Inside

11:45 Open Mic

Laura Peña – Poetry Pilferer

Ann Fogelman – Don't Bug Me

Mary Margaret Carlisle – Spontaneity

Jean Mahavier – Afternoon in January

Mark Jodon – Keepsakes

Weasel – Ordinary Madness

Mary Ann Goodwin – Reclamation

Jonathan Peckham – A Pox of Lips Now

Matthew Riley – Rio Frio After the Storm

Dave Cowen – Modern Wars of the Ancient Gods

Tria Wood – Aubade

John Gorman – Exhaustion

Carmen Jacobsen – Lovism

Deandra Newcomb – Traveler's Song

12:15 Meeting adjourned

Lunch at Café Express

# Gulf Coast Poets

Treasurer Report for Mar 11, 2017 General Meeting

Report Period: Feb 1 – Feb 28, 2017 -- with 2017 totals

*This report covers the one month period since last report plus the 2017 summary*

## Cash Flow: Feb 1 – Feb 28, 2017

2017

Contests.....		.00	- .00
Dues.....		.00	55.00
Speaker Expense.....		-15.00	-45.00
Honorarium	- .00		
Speaker Lunch/Dinners	-15.00		
Donations.....		.00	30.00
Interest/Dividend.....		.11	.24
Officer Travel.....		-10.00	-10.00
PST Sponsor Contest.....		-	
<b>Net Cash flow, Feb 1 – Feb 28</b>		<b>-24.89</b>	<b>30.24</b>
			Jan 1-Feb 28

## Account Activity: Feb 1 – Feb 28, 2017 –

2017

Checking Ledger			Jan 1, 2017
<i>Beginning</i>		2303.27	2298.14
Checks written (0)	- .00		
Debit Card	- .00		
Deposits	.00		
Dividend	.11		
<i>Ending</i>		2303.38	2303.38
Outstanding checks (6)	150.00	Bank chk bal=2453.38	
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)			
<i>Beginning</i>		135.00	85.00
Inflow	.00		
Outflow	-25.00		
<i>Ending</i>		110.00	110.00
Savings (seldom changes)			
<i>Beginning</i>		10.33	10.33
<i>Ending</i>		10.33	10.33
All accounts			Jan 1/feb 28
<i>Beginning</i>	2/1/2017	2448.60	2393.47
<i>Ending</i>	2/28/2017	2423.71	2423.71

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

## UPCOMING GCP FEATURED READERS

Date	Speaker
April 8, 2017	Cedric Avery
May 14, 2017	Carrie Kornacki
June 11, 2017	Bucky Rea
July 8, 2017	Mike Alexander
August 2017	NO MEETING
September 9, 2017	Weasel Press Presents
October 7, 2017	Poetry Out of Bounds
November 11, 2017	TBD
December 9, 2017	Annual Holiday Luncheon – Featured Poet to be Announced

*2017 Gulf Coast Poets Chapter Membership*

<i>Honorary lifetime members</i>	<i>2017 Chapter Members</i>
2007 John Gorman 2008 Larry D. Thomas 2009 Robert Clark 2010 Alan Lee Birkelbach 2011 Ted O. Badger 2012 Erica Lehrer 2013 Dave Parsons 2014 Glynn Monroe Irby 2015 Leo Waltz 2015 Karla Morton 2016 Jan Seale 2017 Gwendolyn Zepeda	Anya Ezhevskaya Dede Fox Priscilla Frake Deandra Newcomb Leila Merrill John Milkereit Jonathan Peckham Emily Seay Sandi Stromberg William Turner Richard Gamez Michael Galko Gabrielle Langley Matthew Riley Choonwa Moon Jean Mahavier Stephen Gros Stacey Nigliazzo
<i>Lifetime members</i>	PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!!
Ann Fogelman Nancy Bertoncelj Diana Dettling Buckley Mary Margaret Carlisle Daniel Carrington Jane Chance David Cowen Kay L. Cox Jane Creighton Winston Derden Susan Ellis Lauran Perry English Jerry Dean Frick Fulton Fry Mary Ann Goodwin Susan K. Musch Bernard Patten Richard Peake Oscar Peña Laura Peña Gary Rosin Lynne Streeter Martha M Tamez Sharman Speed Joyce Zongrone Luis Vázquez Adriana Babiak-Vázquez Carmen Erna Jacobsen Stella Brice Gary Borkowski	<i>In Memoriam</i> 2006 Peggy Z. Lynch - 1st Member - Honorary Lifetime Member David Hicks - 2nd Member - Lifetime Member