



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

**Sharon O  
July 14, 2018**



**Sharon** has spent her life pushed and pulled in and out of the mutually exclusive exotic nature of being part of a “mixed” race. Through her work, we watch Sharon as she depicts her quest to love and understand the many facets of life’s interactions. Using her unique perspective, she is able to diffuse the “dirtier” side of humanity by creating a curiosity towards interpersonal, social, and environmental issues where instead there would be malice. Through curiosity, Sharon believes, comes understanding, kindness, solution, and, ultimately, truth and love.

How do I go up when I don't know which way is down?

Practical magic  
My favorite force is centripetal  
Because it brings me closer  
To what it feels like to be a planet

Because it brings me closer  
To gravity

I enjoy the feeling of  
being pulled in one direction

You could say it gets me off.

It really "does" it for me.

The feeling of being free to fly  
In a direction of my choosing  
And feel the weightlessness  
Of leaving it all behind me,

That which doesn't serve me,  
Doesn't matter, anymore.

I feel every mask lifting  
Every thin veil falling from  
My mouth.

It still is troublesome to  
My mind.  
I'm so used to putting one  
foot down.

But I'm ready.  
I'm ready to plant  
Both feet, firmly...

On your higher ground.

I'm sick on thoughts  
That take me farther away

And I'm sick on thoughts  
That put me underneath  
Your water.

I'm not looking to drown.

I'm sick on thoughts that  
I'm not brave enough  
To stand in front of you

And tell you,

Tell you,

That maybe I got it all wrong,  
But I'm being pulled into you.

I'm attracted to you.

You are becoming my sun.

And, I want, to be, your Earth.

## Upcoming Events

**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):

**August 3, 2018**—John Gorman

**Write About Now** - Every Wednesday at 7:30pm

Avante Garden

411 Westheimer Rd, Houston, TX 77006

**NOKturne Poetry Reading Series** - Every 1st Monday of the month at 7:30pm, Hosted by Z.M. Wise

NOKturne

17062 Saturn Ln, Houston, TX 77058

**Coast2Soul Open Mic ft. Write About Now Slam Team**

July 17 2018, The Proletariat at 8:30pm - 11:00pm

2221 Market St. Galveston, TX 77550

<https://www.facebook.com/events/563299100697941/>

**Thursday, July 19, 2018 Poetry Reading at Friendswood Library**

Feat. Robin Davidson and Chuck Wemple

7:00p.m. - 8:00p.m.

416 S Friendswood Dr, Friendswood, TX 77546

**Houston Poetry Fest**

October 12-14, 2018

<https://www.facebook.com/HoustonPoetryFest/>

**Poetry FIX**

Fix Coffeebar

415 Westheimer Rd, Houston, Texas 77006

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/115591455775073/>

**Barnes & Noble Poetry Reading Series** - Every 4th Tuesday of the month at 7:30pm, Hosted by Z.M. Wise

Barnes & Noble

1029 Bay Area Blvd, Webster, TX 77598

## Call for Poetry Submissions

### **Speculative Poetry (Paying) Market List:**

<http://fiendlover.blogspot.com/p/pro-paying-speculative-fiction-poetry.html>

### **More Calls for Submission Daily at**

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/156020074604805/>

### **Inflectionism**

Inflectionist Review has a strong preference for non-linear work that carefully constructs ambiguity so that the reader can play an active role in the poem. In general, we commend the experimental, the worldly and universal, and eschew the inane, trendy, and overly personal. This journal reads year round. 3-7 poems at a time, in a single document.

<https://theinflectionistreview.submittable.com/submit>

### **Philosophical Idiot**

Likes to publish writing that's easy on the eyes but hard on the emotions. Weird stuff is good. Angry stuff is good. No specific guidelines. Email: [aksdgsghskgiddfv@gmail.com](mailto:aksdgsghskgiddfv@gmail.com)

### **Wolf Warriors V**

Theme: Wolves Across Time

Publisher: Thurston Howl Publications

Accepting poetry and fiction submissions related to wolves throughout history. Wants wolves in the Classical Period, the Renaissance, The Middle Ages, Enlightenment, and across different cultures and countries. All proceeds of this anthology will go to the non-profit organization National Wolfwatcher Coalition. Authors and artists will be contacted after the deadline regarding their acceptance into the anthology.

Send submissions to: [sendo.thurstonhowlpub@gmail.com](mailto:sendo.thurstonhowlpub@gmail.com)

DEADLINE: August 1, 2018

## **Five2One Magazine**

Seeking weird, dank, unnatural, and unexplored depths of the sea. All forms of experimental welcome, including but not limited to visual, erasure, asemic, L=A=N=G=U=A-G=E, etc.

<https://five2onemagazine.submittable.com/submit>

## **Helpful Resources**

<https://trishhopkinson.com/>

<http://www.duotrope.com>

<http://www.newpages.com>

<https://www.pw.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/35517751475/>

# Gulf Coast Poets

## Treasurer Report for July 14, 2018 General Meeting

**Report Period: June 1 – June 30, 2018 -- with 2018 Year-To-Date totals**

*This report covers the one month period since last report plus the 2018 summary*

### Cash Flow: June 1 – June 30, 2018

**2018 YTD**

Contests.....	.00	.00	-0.00
Dues (all types) .....	100.00	150.00	150.00
Speaker Expense.....	-15.00	-15.00	-148.92
Honorarium	-15.00		
Speaker Lunch/Dinners	-.00		
Donations .....	.00	.00	0.00
Interest/Dividend.....	.09	.09	.54
Officer Travel.....	-10.00	-10.00	-90.00
	75.09	75.09	-88.38
<b>Net Cash flow, June 1 – June 30</b>		<b>75.09</b>	<b>-88.38</b>

### Account Activity: June 1 – June 30, 2018 –

**2018 YTD**

Checking Ledger			<i>Jan 1, 2018</i>
<i>Beginning</i>		1895.22	2018.69
Checks written (2)	-25.00		
Debit Card	-.00		
Deposits	100.00		
Dividend	.09		
Ending		1970.31	1970.31
<i>Outstanding checks(10) Note1</i>	205.00	<i>Bank chk bal=2175.31</i>	
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)			
<i>Beginning</i>		0.00	40.00
Inflow	.00		
Outflow	-.00		
Ending		0.00	0.00
Savings (seldom changes)			
<i>Beginning</i>		10.33	10.33
Ending		10.33	10.33
<b>All accounts</b>			<i>Jan 1/June 30</i>
<b><i>Beginning</i></b>	<b>6/1/2018</b>	<b>1905.55</b>	<b>2069.02</b>
<b><i>Ending</i></b>	<b>6/30/2018</b>	<b>1980.64</b>	<b>1980.64</b>

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

Note 1: 8 of the 10 outstanding checks were written to poets, 2 were to GCP officers.



## Upcoming GCP Featured Readers

Date	Reader
July 12, 2018	Sharon O.
August	NO MEETING
September 8, 2018	Jonathan Moody
October 6, 2018	Poetry Out of Bounds
November 10, 2018	Jasper Kerkau
December 8, 2018	TBA
January 12, 2019	TBA
February 9, 2019	TBA

## **GCP Meeting Minutes 06/9/218**

10:50am Meeting called to order

### **Announcements**

Houston Poetry Fest

Chris Wise Colliding with Orion Release

Poetry Fix with Weasel

Poetry Society of Texas Conference

11:00am - Open Mic

Ann Fogelman - I Remember it Well

Mary Margaret Carlisle

Weasel

Choonwa Moon

11:15am - Feature Xach Blunt

Meeting Closed at 11:45pm

Lunch afterwards at Cafe Express



## Honorary lifetime members

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  
2018 Robin Davidson

## Lifetime members

Nancy Bertoncelli  
Gary Borkowski  
Stella Brice  
Diana Dettling  
Mary M. Carlisle  
Daniel Carrington  
Jane Chance  
David Cowen  
Kay Cox  
Jane Creighton  
Winston Derden  
Billie Duncan  
Susan Ellis  
Lauran P. English  
Pat Dixon  
Ann Fogelman  
Jerry D. Frick  
Fulton Fry  
Mary Ann Goodwin  
Carmen Jacobsen  
Susan Musch  
Bernard Patten  
Richard Peake  
Laura Pena  
Oscan Pena  
Gary Rosin  
Sharman Speed  
Lynne Streeter  
Sandi Stromberg  
Martha M. Tomez  
Adriana Babiack Vazquez  
Luis Vazquez  
Leo Waltz  
Weasel  
Joyce Zongrone

## Chapter Members

Chris Cantu  
Kelly Ellis  
Jeremy Eugene  
Billie Hill  
Jean Mahavier  
Leila Merrill  
John Milkereit  
Choonwha Moon  
Sarah Frances Moran  
Deandra Newcomb  
Johathan Peckham  
Matthew Riley  
Amir Safi  
Emily Seay  
Tria Wood  
June Zaner  
Richard Zaner  
Vanessa Zimmer-Powell

**PLEASE RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!!!**

## In Memoriam

2006 Peggy Z. Lynch - 1st Member - Honorary Lifetime Member  
David Hicks - 2nd Member - Lifetime Member