



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

**Mike Alexander
February 9, 2019**

Mike Alexander has run poetry events in Houston, TX for the last twenty years, & in north New Jersey before that. His poetry collection, *Retrograde* (P&J Poetics), appeared in 2013. His poems have appeared in *Rattle*, *River Styx*, *Measure*, *Raintown Review*, *Abridged*, *Southword*, *The Nervous Breakdown*, & other journals.

WITCHFINDER GENERAL

We've authorized methods to tell
if you be a certified witch
or merely in thrall to a spell,
without any loophole or glitch.

It's no longer legal to pitch
the unlucky accused down a well,
but we'll prick all the places that twitch;
we have authorized methods to tell.

It is lawful for us to compel
the surrender of every last stitch
possessed in the pit where you dwell.
If you be a certified witch...

or guilty of not being rich,
you're committed to our citadel,
to suffer a seven-year hitch
or, merely in thrall to a spell,

you'll tell us the names of your cell,
so all can lie dead in one ditch.
At proceedings like these we excel,
without any loophole or glitch.

You dare, you son-of-a-bitch,
to protest this treatment? Well,

the general's throwing the switch.
& this is the circle of Hell
we've authorized.

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)

An Evening of Chamber Music and Spoken Word
February 24, 2019 at 6PM
Grace united Methodist Church
1245 Heights BLVD 77008

Mutabilis Press

Febaury 28, 2019 at Brazos Bookstore
2421 Bissonnet, Houston TX 6PM
<https://www.facebook.com/mutabilis.press/>

Poetry Fix at Fix Coffee Bar

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

Off the Page Poetry Series
March 20, 2019 at 7PM
Friendswood Public Library

Women on the Bayou Poetry Slam

Alley Theatre, \$15 a ticket
March 23, 2019 7:00pm
<https://www.goldstar.com/get-started/eventbrite/172521>

Jim Boone reading at Rosenberg Library
April 4, 2019 at 7PM
Galveston, TX

People's Poetry Festival-Corpus Christi

February 28-March 2 2019
Texas A&M University-Corpus Christi
<https://www.facebook.com/events/164857131123343/>

Austin International Poetry Festival
April 4th through April 7th 2019
<https://www.aipf.org/>

Rio Grande Valley Poetry Festival
<http://www.valleypoetryfest.org/>

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

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

Salt Hill Journal

Accepting fiction, poetry, and Nonfiction for its next print issue. Publishing emerging writers. Especially welcomes poets of color, women, queer/trans authors, non-binary authors, and all voices that have been marginalized by traditional literary institutions.

Deadline: March 31, 2019.

<https://salthilljournal.net>

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

Cherry House Press

Seeking Poetry, Short Fiction and Non-Fiction on the theme of strange, mysterious or any interesting recurring dreams. Email: cherryhousepress@gmail.com

Deadline: February 28, 2019

Houston Poetry Fest

Deadline: May 31, 2019

<http://houstonpoetryfest.info/submissions.html>

Junk Drawer

a junk drawer piece is composed of a collection of seemingly random items and experiences that come together to form an understanding of a bigger picture.

Submit to: peachvelvetmagazine@gmail.com

Deadline: February 28, 2019

Thimble Lit Mag

3-5 poems with a short bio.

<https://www.thimblelitmag.com/submissions/>

Thurston Howl Publications

Seeking full poetry collections. Accepted poets will receive royalties on profit earned from their book. THP is a liberal/progressive thinking publisher. Email: thurstonhowlpub@gmail.com

<https://www.thurstonhowlpublications.com/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/>

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 Feb 9, 2019 General Meeting

Report Period: Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2019 -- with 2019 Year-To-Date totals

This report covers the one month period since last report plus the 2019 summary **Note 2**

Cash Flow: Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2019

2019 YTD

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------|
| Contests..... | .00 | -.00 |
| Dues (all types) | 155.00 | 155.00 |
| Speaker Expense..... | -15.00 | -15.00 |
| Honorarium | -15.00 | |
| Speaker Lunch/Dinners | -0.00 | |
| Donations | .00 | 0.00 |
| Interest/Dividend..... | .07 | .07 |
| Officer Travel..... | -10.00 | -10.00 |
| | 130.07 | 130.07 |
| Net Cash flow, Jan 1 – Jan 31 | 130.07 | Jan 1-Jan 31 130.07 |

Account Activity: Jan 1 – Jan 31, 2018 –

2019 YTD

| | | Jan 1, 2019 |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------|
| Checking Ledger | | |
| <i>Beginning</i> | 1285.28 | 1285.28 |
| Checks written (0) | -0.00 | |
| Debit Card (0) | -0.00 | |
| Deposits | 145.00 | |
| Dividend | .07 | |
| Ending | 1430.35 | 1430.35 |
| Outstanding checks(9) Note1 | 180.00 Bank chk bal=1610.35 | |
| Cash (undeposited checks, cash) | | |
| <i>Beginning</i> | 40.00 | 40.00 |
| Inflow | 155.00 | |
| Outflow | -170.00 | |
| Ending | 25.00 | 25.00 |
| Savings (seldom changes) | | |
| <i>Beginning</i> | 10.33 | 10.33 |
| Ending | 10.33 | 10.33 |
| All accounts | | Jan 1/Jan 31 |
| <i>Beginning</i> | 1/1/2019 1335.61 | 1335.61 |
| <i>Ending</i> | 1/31/2019 1465.68 | 1465.68 |

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: Four of the nine outstanding checks were written in 2018.

Note 2: YTD is the same as the January column because this is the first month in the year..

Upcoming GCP Featured Readers

| Date | Reader |
|--------------------|----------------|
| February 9, 2019 | Mike Alexander |
| March 9, 2019 | Brian Kehinde |
| April 13, 2019 | Ken Jones |
| May 11, 20 | Ce Jac |
| June 8, 2019 | Jane Chance |
| July 13, 2019 | TBA |
| August 2019 | NO MEETING |
| September 14, 2019 | TBA |

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