



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

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Z.M. Wise is a proud Illinois native from Chicago, poet, essayist, co-editor and poetry activist, writing since his first steps as a child. He is co-owner and co-editor of Transcendent Zero Press, an independent publishing house for poetry that produces an international quarterly journal known as Harbinger Asylum. He has published four full length books of poetry, including: 'Take Me Back, Kingswood Clock!' (MavLit Press), 'The Wandering Poet' (Transcendent Zero Press), 'Wolf: An Epic & Other Poems' (Weasel Press), and 'Cuentos de Amor' (Red Ferret Press). Other than these four books, his poems and essays have been published in various journals, magazines, and anthologies, such as Feminine Collective, Occulum, The Unrest, Maudlin House, Camel Saloon, and Boston Poetry Review. Besides poetry and other forms of writing, his other passions/interests include professional voice acting, singing/lyricism/songwriting, playing a few instruments, fitness, and reading.

Wolfen Blues

Bitten by the wolfen blues.
Entrapment of the wolfen blues.

I'll never hunt in these
seasonal woods again.
I'll never escape the
loss of pain regained.

Time to throw down the gun!
Time to worship the glaring sun!

Feed all fears to the distant moon.
Let all violence play another tune.

Peace is with me.
Peace is why I'm free.
Peace made the heartbeat sing.
Peace is the union of wedding rings.

Guess I'll go back...
to the
teeth-flashing,
claw-sharpening,
jaw-snapping
wolfen blues!

Sunba

Out of mind after
twenty minute meditation span,
spent in the dim room,
the dim, carpeted room,
with one pane of
glass scenery, peering at
outside life looking in.

Pretzel-legged on the
ebony half sphere pillow.
The eldest mantra has
returned to be declared
repeatedly until awakened
from the temporary cocoon.

The astral body sways.
The physical body sways.
The heavenly body is
tempted to collapse,
but straight line posture
keeps it intact and secure.

Voices made of
celestial air conditioners
blow artificial wind.

One statement of
unrecognizable power
swallows the shaded one whole.

Relapse of fifteen laps
around the one track mind,

perfectly centered within the self.

Geometric vision,
body symmetry.
Your floating lips are art.
Kiss this canvas,
balanced on an organic easel.

For one relatively safe moment,
forget intertwining public fingers.
Forget secret stairwell lovers.
Forget inadmissible evidence of
cottonmouth pressure and maroon cheeks.

Bow to the invisible.
The eyes align.
Dispose of all asinine pauses.
Return to the time of humble beginnings.
July 20, 2011

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)

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/>

Women on the Bayou Poetry Slam

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

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

Selena Anthology 2019

Seeking Art, Poetry, Prose, and Short Stories reflecting the spirit of Selena. Send all submissions to FlowerSongBooks@gmail.com by January 31, 2019.

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>

Feel Good Weird

Taking submissions for their second issue until January 20, 2019

<https://www.feelgoodweird.com/submit>

3Elements Review is now accepting submissions for Issue 22! The elements are METRONOME, GASLIGHT, and SLIP. All three words must be used in any poetry, fiction, or creative nonfiction submissions. Art and photography submissions must represent at least one of those elements. We have published new and well-known writers and artists from all over the world. Due January 31. Issue will be released April 1.

<http://3elementsreview.com/>

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 Jan 12, 2019 General Meeting

Report Period: Nov 1 – Dec 31, 2018 -- with 2018 Year-To-Date totals

This report covers the two month period since last report plus the 2018 summary

Cash Flow: Nov 1 – Dec 31, 2018

2018 YTD

Contests.....	.00	-.00
Dues (all types)	30.00	180.00
Speaker Expense.....	-85.95	-323.82
Honorarium	-75.00	
Speaker Lunch/Dinners (Note 2)	-10.95	
Donations00	0.00
Interest/Dividend.....	.15	1.01
Officer Travel.....	-0.00	-150.00
2018 Luncheon	-178.60	-418.60
Annual Web Expense	-0.00	-22.00
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Net Cash flow, Nov 1 – Dec 31	-234.40	-733.41

Account Activity: Nov 1 – Dec 31, 2018 –

2018 YTD

Checking Ledger		<i>Jan 1, 2018</i>
<i>Beginning</i>	1559.68	2018.69
Checks written (x1)	-75.00	
Debit Card (x2)	-939.55	
Deposits	740.00	
Dividend	.15	
Ending	1285.28	1285.28
<i>Outstanding checks(9) Note1</i>	180.00	<i>Bank chk bal=1465.28</i>
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)		
<i>Beginning</i>	0.00	40.00
Inflow	840.00	
Outflow	-800.00	
Ending	40.00	40.00
Savings (seldom changes)		
<i>Beginning</i>	10.33	10.33
Ending	10.33	10.33
All accounts		<i>Jan 1/Dec 31</i>
Beginning	11/1/2018	1570.01
Ending	12/31/2018	1335.61

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 this year.

Note 2: Accounting note: Speaker's meal at the Luncheon is included with the Luncheon expenses, not as a speaker expense.

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	TBA
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