

POETRY SOCIETY OF TEXAS
Gulf Coast Poets
September 11, 2010

FEATURED SPEAKER
FRANCHESCA ALAMO



Franchesca Alamo, a seventeen-year-old Houston native, is a high school senior at Duchesne Academy of the Sacred Heart. She wrote her first poem in second grade at age eight. She has been a member of Poets Northwest since 2004, and enjoys reading, writing, drawing, surfing the ‘net, and listening to many different genres of music; she has been published in multiple anthologies and has won several poetry awards. She was the featured poet at the First Fridays Poetry Reading Series in June of 2008 and published a chapbook titled “House of Wonder.” She and her mother, Alina Alamo, were featured poets at the Poetry Society of Texas - Poets Northwest Chapter in August of 2009.

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Houston Poetry Fest is held in October. Because of its various activities, GCP will hold no October meeting. Instead, join us in hosting the Houston Poetry Fest Out of Bounds Reading at 2pm in the Barnes & Noble in Webster, October 2, 2010, and then attend the Houston Poetry Fest in Houston at the Willow Street Pump House, October 8, 9, 10 for the opportunity to hear a wide variety of new and experienced poets read their work.

Gulf Coast Poets

Treasurer Report for Sept 11, 2010 General Meeting

Report Period: June 1 – Aug 31, 2010 -- with 2010 YTD totals

This report covers the three month period since last report.

Cash Flow: Jun 1 – Aug 31, 2010		Total for year	
Contests.....	0.00	0.00	0.00
Entry Fees	0.00		
Prizes	-0.00		
Sponsorships	0.00		
Dues.....	30.00	275.00	
Lifetime (0)	0.00		
Founding (0)	0.00		
Chapter (2)	30.00		
Speaker Expense.....	-35.81	-192.87	
Honorarium	-25.00		
Speaker Lunch	-10.81		
Donations.....	0.00	0.00	
Interest/Dividend.....	.74	2.68	
Other (Web domain thru 10/2011)	-17.00	-17.00	
Net Cash flow, Jun 1 – Aug 31	-22.07	67.81	

Account Balances: Jun 1 – Aug 31, 2010		Total for year	
Checking Ledger			
<i>Begin</i>		1918.98	1789.10
Transferred from Cash	30.00		
Checks written (1)	-25.00		
Debit card (2)	-27.81		
Dividend	.74		
Ending		1896.91	1896.81
<i>Outstanding checks (2)</i>	35.00	<i>Bank chk bal=1931.91</i>	
Cash (undeposited checks, cash)			
<i>Beginning</i>		0.00	40.00
Received	30.00		
Transferred to Checking	-30.00		
Ending		0.00	0.00
Savings (int. posted quarterly)			
<i>Beginning</i>		5.33	5.33
Ending		5.33	5.33
All accounts			
<i>Beginning</i>	6/1/2010	1924.31	1834.43
<i>Ending</i>	8/31/2010	1902.24	1902.24

Treasurer Reports will end on the last day of the month preceding the meeting.

2010 GULF COAST POETS - OFFICERS

President:	Mary Margaret Carlisle
Vice President:	Adriana Babiak Vázquez
Recording Secretary:	Laura Peña
Treasurer:	Leo F. Waltz

FOUNDER

LIFETIME MEMBER

HONORARY LIFETIME MEMBER

CHAPTER MEMBER

Ted O. Badger	Addie (Kathy) Hall
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Sybil Estess	*Lynne Streeter
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Dede Fox	William Turner
Mary Ann Goodwin	Rebecca Hatcher Travis
Sharon Goodwin	Adriana Babiak Vázquez
*John Gorman 2007	Luis Vázquez
Darla McBryde (new)	Leo Waltz
John Milkereit (new)	

Founders are those who joined before September 15, 2006. Some founders have since become Lifetime members, indicated by an * before their name.

Wanted - nominations for 2011 Honorary Lifetime Member.
Contact GulfCoastPoets@gmail.com

June Minutes - Laura Pena - Recording Secretary

10:50 Meeting began.

Announcements: No Meeting in July or August for summer vacation. Next regular meeting on Sept. 12 featuring Franchesca Alamo member of Poets Northwest.

Officers present:

Adriana Babiak Vazquez-Vice-President

Laura Pena-Recording Secretary

Mary Margaret Carlisle

October 2, 2010 Gulf Coast Poets will host Poetry Out of Bounds for Houston Poetry Fest. If you are interested in being one of ten Spotlight Poets, contact Mary Margaret Carlisle: Sol.Editor@prodigy.net

Pat Dixon will read at Heights Books Libros for Juneteeth.

Gulf Coast Literary Magazine is taking submissions for short prose.

Texas Association of Creative Writing Teachers annual conference will be held in Ft. Worth.

Laura Pena announced Conversing Through Poetry monthly meeting will be held on the second Wednesday of every month Harris County Public Library at Cy-Fair College. FMI contact Laura.

Just back from a South Carolina reading, featured poet John Milkereit read from *Home and Away*, his second chapbook by Pudding House Press. John is an engineer and his poetry reflects a fascination with ordinary objects such as a Genie garage door opener. He is from Chicago and tells how he prepared food to stay warm inspiring many food poems such as Pizza Dough Ode. He won third place in the From Our Kitchen poetry contest in 2009. His poems in *Home and Away* also deal with being away from home. If you missed this reading, it was a great one.

11:42 Read Around and Door Prizes

Erica Lehrer won Rita Dove Collection

Kathleen Funderburk won 2009 Swirl Magazine from Montgomery College

John Milkereit won *How to Undress a Cop* by Sarah Cortez

Open Mic readers and poem titles:

Other Readers

Mary Margaret Carlisle: The Thrill of that Word

Ada Fuller: Today at Work...

Darla McBryde: El Solitario

Laura Pena: Oh The Heartache! (acrostic of the word dreadful)

Pat Dixon: Incantations of Laughter

Adriana Babiak Vazquez: Cookies

Dr. John Gorman: Lantana (featured in Texas Poetry Calendar 2011)

11:56 Meeting Adjourned

Lunch afterwards at Dimassi's

2010 MEETING SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 11: Franchesca Alamo, Poets Northwest
OCTOBER 2: HPF Out of Bounds Reading
OCTOBER 9: We meet at the Houston Poetry Fest
NOVEMBER 13: Thanksgiving Open Mic at Webster B&N
NOVEMBER 20: Alvin Community College Workshop TBD
DECEMBER 11: Annual Dinner

GULF COAST POETS PRESENTS A HOUSTON POETRY FEST OUT OF BOUNDS READING

The Gulf Coast Poets will host a Houston Poetry Fest Out of Bounds Reading, October 2nd, at the Bay Area Barnes and Noble in Webster, Texas. 10 poets will be featured (5 minute readings). Open Mic (1-2 poem(s) per poet).

To register to read at Open Mic, contact Gulf Coast Poets <gulfcoastpoets@gmail.com> by September 25, 2010.

Spotlight poets and Open Mic will be announced on September 15th.

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October 8, 9, 10, 2010 - Houston Poetry Fest 2010, at UH-Downtown

Upcoming Featured Poets at First Friday in Houston:

November 5, 2010 - Mary Margaret Carlisle

December 10, 2010 - Marie Brown

January 10, 2011 - Carol Louise Munn

For more details phone Robert Clark at 713.521.3519, or e-mail HPFest@aol.com.

THE ARTS ARE EVERYWHERE! WHAT'S YOUR EVENT?

<http://www.gulfcoastmag.org/>

<http://www.wivla.org/> - WIVLA's Mission: to provide an inspiring forum for women to explore and advance their creative development, to promote their work in the marketplace, and to infuse the community with their spirit of cooperation and invention.

<http://houstonpoetryfest.info/>

<http://www.nuestrapalabra.org/> -Nuestra Palabra: Latino Writers having their say

http://www.uhd.edu/academic/colleges/humanities/cultural_enrichment_center/index.htm The Cultural Enrichment Center -The Center sponsors, organizes, and supports events such as lectures, readings, performances, concerts, and exhibitions by national and international artists, writers, and public intellectuals, often partnering with academic departments and with community arts organizations such as Fotofest, Houston Poetry Fest, Inprint, Inc., and Writers in the Schools. Through our programs, we acknowledge the importance of music, art, and the written and spoken word to our academic vitality.

Poetry Reading by Brian Turner, author of the collections Here, Bullet and Phantom Noise - Thursday, October 7, 5:30 - 6:45 p.m., Cullen Robertson Auditorium, 3rd Fl., Academic Building.

A NOTE FROM JOHN GORMAN - (Poets Roundtable - on Galveston, Island.) Dear Poets—I've arranged with Ken McManus at the Mod Coffee House for the big side room—3:30-5:30 Sunday October 17 for the Heat and Hurricane Expulsion Reading—the half hour delay is because of a group of cruise ship passengers—Best-- John. Mod: 2126 Postoffice Street in Galveston

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More Info - Call for Submissions: Sliver of Stone
www.sliverofstone.com

We're looking for submissions for our second issue!
DEADLINE: October 31st.

Sliver of Stone is a bi-annual, online literary magazine dedicated to the publication of work from both emerging and established poets, writers, and visual artists from all parts of the globe. We publish work that is surprising and inventive.

We're interested in the following:

Fiction, Creative Nonfiction, Essays (3,500 words or less).
Poetry, any form or genre (No more than 5 poems)
Visual art

Multi-authored works are not eligible.

No previously published works.

Simultaneous submissions are acceptable but we must be notified immediately should your work be accepted elsewhere for publication.

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