

NEWS 'N' NOTES

Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas

August 2013

Dear Poets,

I so hope you are taking advantage of the long summer days and writing some memorable poetry about life and its rhythms. I find that nature inspires me with its gigantic growth and desire to spread its wishes to the world. Sometimes, as the poet writes, the poem just begins to write itself.

“In summer the song sings itself” William Carlos Williams

At our last Board meeting we made a few minor changes to our Yearbook. When it comes out next month, take some time to read through it and notice some differences in events which will be coming up all through the year – the State Critic, the Spring Meeting contest awards, etc.

I have been the editor of News 'N' Notes for seven years and am resigning my post. The new editor will be Donna Smith, 58 Briarwood, Greenbrier AR 72058 tndsmith@live.com
So in the future send all your newsworthy items to her. She will start out with the November newsletter, and I know will do a wonderful job.

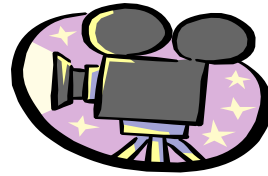
I appreciate all your contributions to this endeavor and have enjoyed bringing PRA news to you.

Cathy Moran
State President



- ❖ Check out our Arkansas website poetsroundtable.webs.com
- ❖ Check out STROPHES online www.nfsps.com
- ❖ Check out Events on our website for details about Poetry Day in Hot Springs.

SPOTLIGHT ON POETS



Lee Ann Russell – 2nd & 3rd in AR Writers' Conference; presentation to active and veteran military personnel
“Understanding Poetry and Poetry You can Understand.

Dennis Patton (Saline County) – 1st AM Christian Writers.

Betty Heidelberg (Delta Poets) – HM Tennessee; 2nd in Lilly Peter contest; published in MauMag.

Linda Scisson (River Market) – 2nd in AM Christian Writers.

Harding Stedler (River Market) – 4 published poems in *Dead Mule Journal* of Southern Lit; one poem published in *In This Place*.

Cathy Moran (River Market) – 2nd Mass; 2nd Gulf Coast Writers; 2nd and 3rd in Turner Cassidy Literary Festival, 2nd in Dancing Poetry CA; 2nd in AL.

Sara Gipson – HM in AL.

Laura Loughridge (River Market) – 3rd in AM Christian Writers.

Marie Barton Contest

1 st Pat Durmon	“Dead Tree Blossoming with Buzzards”
2 nd Janet Ryan	“Hunger on two legs”
3 rd Laura Loughridge	“Like the Kildeer”
HM Cathy Moran	“Bird in flight”
HM Betty Heidelberg	“Sparrows ride windchimes”
HM Marilyn Joyner	“Patio Panorama”

Monthly poetry winners:

June: 1st Cathy Moran; 2nd Marilyn Joyner; 3rd Betty Heidelberg; HM Cathy Parker; Dennis Patton, Faye Wise

July: 1st Geneva Emerson; 2nd Don Crowson; 3rd Lee Ann Russell; HM Betty Heidelberg; Cathy Parker, Laura Loughridge

ANNOUNCEMENTS

State Critic Our new monthly critic, Todd Sukany, has an e-mail address for those who wish to send him a poem that way. editor@upstarespress.com

Poets Northwest in Fayetteville will be holding the Spring Luncheon next spring. Details will follow as the year unfolds.

IN MEMORIAM

Neville Saylor raised five children and taught school for many years. She was a long-time member of PRA and published a collection of her own poetry, *The New Genesis*. She won several awards and had a nationally-recognized poetry pattern named in her honor "The Neville."

Jan Huntzinger, a member of the Roundtable Poets of Hot Springs, died this summer.



NFSPS CONTEST WINNERS FROM ARKANSAS

Jim Barton	2HM, 1HM, 1HM, 2 nd , 1 st , Invocation Poem winner
Pat Durmon	7HM, 3HM, 3HM, 1 st .
Sara Gipson	3HM
Rita Goodgame	1 st
Laura Loughridge	1HM
Cathy Moran	7HM, 5HM, 1HM, 1HM, 2 nd
Barbara Mulkey	5HM, 3HM
Dennis Patton	3HM
Russell Strauss	6 HM, 3 rd , 1 st
Kitty Yeager	6 HM, 3HM, 1HM, 1HM, 3 rd

A Big Thanks to our Members:

Contributions to tornado victims: Drinks left over from the Spring Meeting in El Dorado were put on a truck going to Oklahoma to give aid to the tornado victims. Thanks to the Poets of the Pines for that generous offer.

Scholarship award: Free Verse Poetry Group of Mountain Home used the proceeds from the sale of their first CD – Expressions - to award the first annual FVPG Scholarship Award. Colleen Queary wrote the winning poem from the Mountain Home High School graduating seniors and won \$250. The group's second CD – Driftwood – is in production. Sixteen poets will be reading their thirty-two poems and two instrumentals will be part of the production. All proceeds will go towards another scholarship award.

Corrections and additions to membership:

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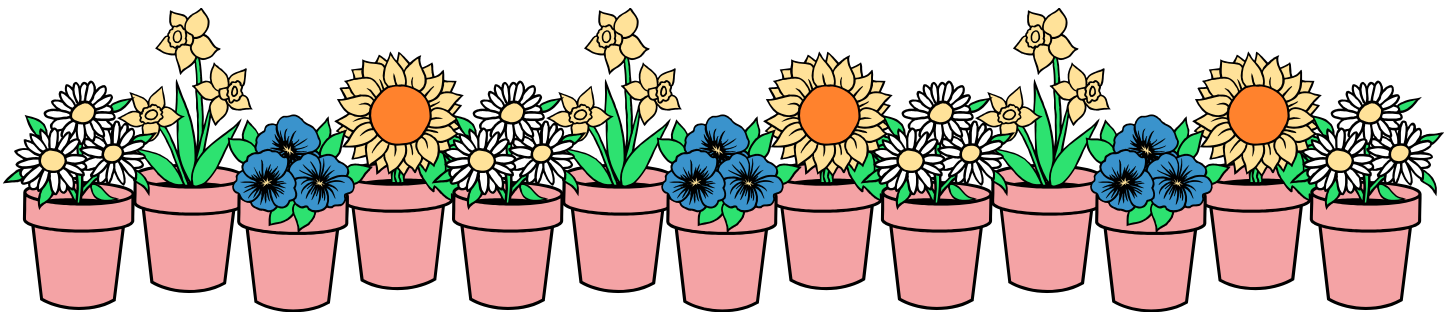
POETRY DAY

Hot Springs will host this year's Poetry Day on October 26, 2013.

John Crawford will be the featured speaker and his topic is "Voices of the Past."

This year there will be no poems entered for critique.

Consult **Events** on our website for more current details.



Grand Prairie Festival of Arts

Categories:

Poetry – Adult and Grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-9, 10-12.

Short Story – Adult and Grades 3-4, 5-6, 7-9, 10-12

Rules:

All entries must be original works and unpublished.

Any subject or theme; must be typed.

Poems may not exceed one page.

Short stories – (2500 words or less) fiction or non-fiction
written in literary narrative format.

Awards:

Adults: Best of Show by Juror \$100

1. Irene Smith Memorial Award by Juror \$50 (poetry or short story)

2. Adult poetry contest 1st - \$50; 2nd - \$35; 3rd - \$20 in each category.

Students: All categories – 1st - \$25; 2nd - \$15; 3rd - \$10.

Entry fees:

Adults - \$5 per entry (multiple entries accepted)

Students – no fee (entries limited to 3 per category)

Submission requirements:

Cover sheet required for each entry – include name,
address, phone number, e-mail and category.

Name must not appear on work.

Do not staple cover sheet to entry

Submit only copies – works will not be returned.

Entry deadline: September 6, 2013.

Send entries to:

Creative Writing Competition

Grand Prairie Festival of Arts

P.O. Box 65

Stuttgart AR 72160

Questions: e-mail arts001@centurytel.net