

NEWS 'N' NOTES

Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas

February 2013

Poets,

Spring is the livening season. Lots of contests and workshops and festivals are coming up. This newsletter is packed full of information about some upcoming events in our state and elsewhere, so read it carefully.

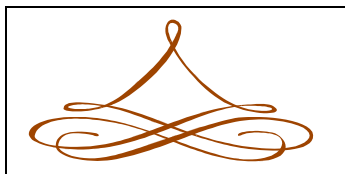
April 18-21 is the Arkansas Literary Festival in Little Rock. It will be filled with authors and speakers from all over the nation. From past experience there have been some wonderful lectures, book signings and visiting to be enjoyed. I would encourage you to attend.

We have a new web site for the Roundtable <http://poetsroundtable.webs.com/> Check out the various categories included in it. News 'N' Notes will now be published on this site. Please see the "Special Announcements" section in this edition about all the details. Included in this newsletter is also a form for sponsoring poetry contests for Poetry Day; we would like to have many sponsors, so look it over. By March we will have all these contests on our web site so you can get your entries started.

The Nominating Committee has presented its slate of officers for the next term. Send your votes in to Pat Durmon.

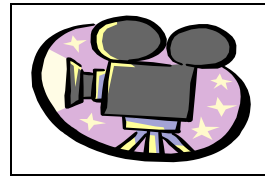
Happy writing,

Cathy Moran
State President



- ❖ Check out our Arkansas website <http://poetsroundtable.webs.com/>
- ❖ Check out STROPHES online www.nfsps.com
- ❖ Roundtable Poets of Hot Springs will host Poetry Day in October 2013.
- ❖ Deadline for entering the NFSPS poetry contests is March 15, 2013.
- ❖ This year's topic for the Sybil Nash Abrams poetry contest is: Arkansas State Parks
- ❖ Look for all our Poetry Day contests on our new website by March, 2013.

SPOTLIGHT ON POETS



John Crawford (Hot Springs Poets) – HM in KY; 1st & HM in Ohio; 1st & 2HM in Grandmother Earth, two 2nd & 1 HM in Siloam Springs Writers; National Senior Poet Laureate.

Lee Ann Russell - 2012 Golden Pen Award, published in *Golden Words*; 2nd & HM in TX; 4 HM in Writers Unlimited MPS; Keats Literary competition, HM.

Jim Barton (Poets of the Pines) – 1st, 3rd & HM in Writers Unlimited MPS; two HM in AL.

Cathy Moran (River Market) – 1st in Ill; 3rd in AZ; 1st & 2nd in Writers Unlimited MPS; three 1st & HM in AL; 3rd in Springfield Writers' Guild; 2nd in NH.

Sara Gipson – two HM in AL.

Monthly contest winners:

November: 1st Cathy Moran; 2nd Jackye Swyers; 3rd Justin Booth; HM Cindy Mabry, HM Diane Stefan

December: 1st Cathy Moran; 2nd Laura Loughridge; 3rd Betty Heidelberger, HM Cathy Parker; HM D. Stefan

January: 1st Jim Barton; 2nd Dennis Patton; 3rd Donna Henson; HM Marilyn Joyner; HM Cathy Parker; HM Don Crowson

In Memoriam:

Dr. Ed Nichols, retired John Brown University faculty member, died Nov. 26, 2012. He was very active in the Siloam Springs Writers.

Clara Willis died on Nov. 30, 2012. She was a co-founder of Siloam Springs Writers and served as the club's first president from 1973 – 1979.

New members:

Ed Madden
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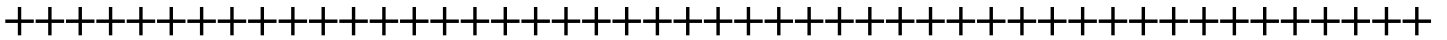
Request:

It was Verna Lee Hinegardner's wish that all her books of poetry would be collected in the reference department of the Little Rock Library (Butler Center). All have been collected except the following: *Magic Moments*; *The Ageless Heart*; *Seven Ages of Golf (for Women)*; and *Hearts of the South*. If you have a copy of any of these, please mail to Marcia Camp, 5128 B St. Little Rock AR 72205. Postage will be reimbursed.

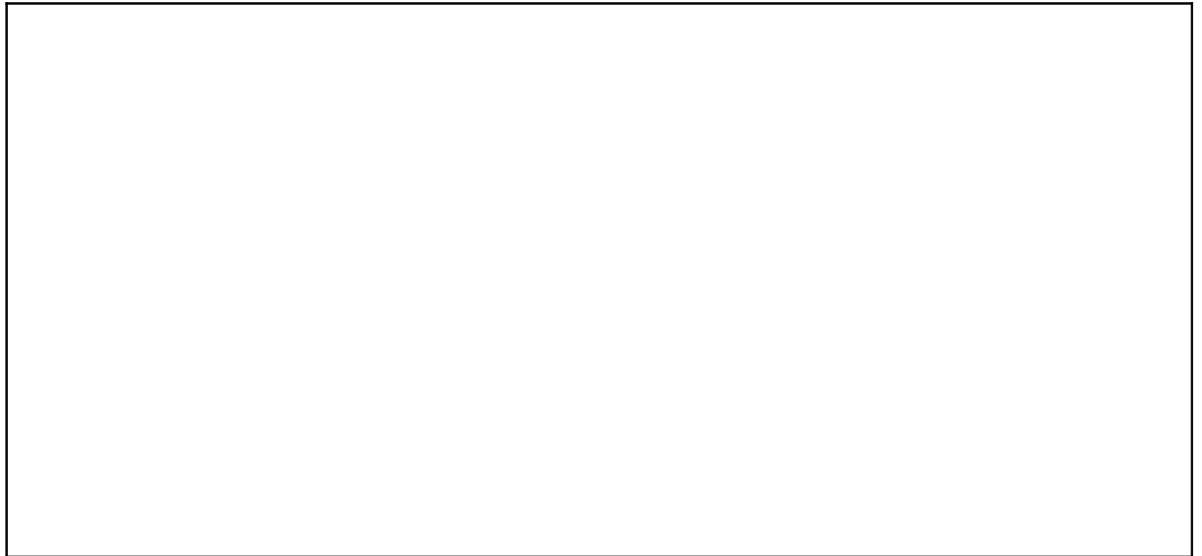
Dr. Lily Peter Spring Luncheon

- Date, time and place:** Friday, May 17 – supper and open mic downtown at PJs
Saturday, May 18, 2013; 9:00 – 2:00 (place to be announced)
- Speaker/Poem Critic:** Justin Booth
Poems for critique: Each member is entitled to send 2 poems for Saturday’s critique by the speaker. Send to: Jim Barton, P.O. Box 263, Huttig AR 71747 or jbob214@yahoo.com by April 1.
- Contest poems:** April 1, 2013 is the deadline for all Spring Luncheon contest poems. Check your yearbook for more information (pages 9-10).
- Lunch:** On your own at a nearby restaurant.
- Business meeting:** Induction of new officers and short meeting.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS



1. The Yearbook will be printed in July. All members are urged to pay their dues to be entered in this publication. Regular membership - \$20; over 65 (or student) - \$15. Send money to: Cathy Moran, 401 Auburn Dr. Little Rock AR 72205.
2. We have a new web site <http://poetsroundtable.webs.com/> It will be easier to find information and keep up with the events in the state.
2. Mailing and printing of News ‘N’ Notes costs PRA about \$400 per year. We are going to put our newsletter on our new web site which will reach more people and save some money. So, this edition of our newsletter will be the last one to be “mass produced.” From now on, if you want a printed, mailed newsletter, you must let me know, otherwise you can access it online. You may write me: Cathy Moran, 401 Auburn Dr. Little Rock AR 72205; or e-mail me: cmoran@arml.org; or call me: 501-663-3095.
4. Harding Stedler will take up the job of State Critic until June. You may send one poem a month to him at Harding Stedler, 100 Park Dr., Apt. 522, Maumelle AR 72113 or balconyvue@sbcglobal.net.



Welcome to a new branch – River Poets of Batesville

Our new branch has eight members who are strong in the desire to spread the love of poetry. Four of them are English teachers, one is a retired teacher, and several others just love poetry and are limping along.

Meetings are held at UACCB on the first Monday of each month from 7 to 9 p.m. in the conference room in the library. Each member will get a turn to have a workshop and work on a particular form of poetry. We are hoping to include some contests for our school to stimulate interest in poetry in our youth.

We are glad to be a part of a larger group.

PRA Slate of Officers for 2013 - 2015 as provided by the Nominating Committee

<input type="checkbox"/> President Cathy Moran	<input type="checkbox"/> Treasurer Jim Barton
<input type="checkbox"/> First Vice-President Dennis Patton	<input type="checkbox"/> Parliamentarian Cindy Mabry
<input type="checkbox"/> Second Vice-President Diane Stefan	<input type="checkbox"/> Historian Betty Heidelberger
<input type="checkbox"/> Secretary Laura Loughridge	<input type="checkbox"/> Counselor Pat Durmon

Board members at-large: Robin Burrows, Mary Griffith, Marcia Camp, Charlie Southerland

Write-in votes _____

Send ballots to: Pat Durmon, 2663 Shipps Dr., Norfolk AR 72658 or e-mail jdurmon@centurytel.net by February 28, 2013.

POETS' ROUNDTABLE OF ARKANSAS

Contest Form for October Poetry Day 2013

Sponsoring a contest: You must contribute a minimum of \$30.00 to sponsor a contest, and the first place winnings must be no less than \$25.00.

Form: You must fill out this form and return it with your payment to assure that your contest is listed. The deadline is February 28, 2013.

Address: Send this form and check to: Marcia Camp, Treasurer
5128 B Street
Little Rock AR 72205

Name of award: _____

Subject: _____ **Form:** _____

Line limit: _____ **Other requirements may be noted here or on reverse:** _____

Awards: First place \$ _____ Second place \$ _____ Third place \$ _____

First HM _____ **Second HM** _____ **Third HM** _____

Award open to all poets everywhere () **PRA members only** () **Arkansas residents** ()

I will be responsible for judging this contest () **Please get a judge for me** ()

Donor's name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ **Zip code** _____ **Phone:** _____