

NEWS 'N' NOTES

Poets' Roundtable of Arkansas

May 2013

Dear Poets,

Thanks for all the hard work the past Board members have done. We appreciate all their enthusiasm. And welcome to our new Board for the next two years. Bring lots of creativity and ideas to the meetings.

Thanks to South Arkansas Poets of the Pines for a wonderful Spring Luncheon. We had a great mix of poets from all over and shared lots of insights into the world of poetry. I enjoyed hearing about the way poetry is appreciated in other venues.

I would like to share with you a few quotes from some famous, and not-so-famous poets. Perhaps they will inspire you to do some summer writing. There are lots of contests coming up, and the time to get started writing is now.

“Poetry is truth in its Sunday clothes” Joseph Roux

“Well, write poetry, for God’s sake, it’s the only thing that matters” e.e. cummings

“I have never started a poem yet whose end I know. Writing a poem is discovering.” Robert Frost

“Most people ignore most poetry because most poetry ignores most people.” Adrian Mitchell

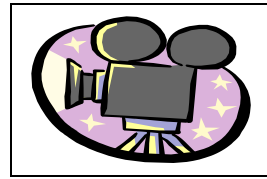
Happy writing,

Cathy Moran
State President



- ❖ Check out our Arkansas website <http://poetsroundtable.webs.com/>
- ❖ Check out STROPHES online www.nfsps.com
- ❖ All branch presidents must send in their lists of officers by June 30 to Cathy Moran to be printed in the Yearbook. All officers must be members of PRA.
- ❖ Check out Events on our website for details about Poetry Day in Hot Springs.

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 – Two 1st, 2nd and three HM in MS; 1st, 2nd & 3rd in MO Winter contest

Jim Barton (So. AR. Poets of the Pines) - 2nd in Memories For Life;

Cathy Moran (River Market) – Two HM in OK; one 1st & two HM in Utah, 1st in PA.

Betty Heidelberger (River Market) – 2nd Vimaglo sonnet

Sara Gipson – 1st, two 2nd & HM in OK; four HM in Utah, 1st in PA.

Monthly poetry winners:

February: 1st Jim Barton; 2nd Cathy Moran; 3rd Freeda Baker Nichols; HM Pat Durmon; Betty Heidelberger, Doreen Bailey

March: 1st Donna Henson; 2nd Kitty Smith; 3rd Marilyn Joyner; HM Mark Barton, Sara Gibson, Pat Durmon

April: 1st Dennis Patton; 2nd Jim Barton; 3rd Pat Durmon; HM Freeda Nichols, Diane Stefan, Lee Ann Russell



“A poet reaches for the stars with one foot on the ground.”

Spring Luncheon

Miss Lily Peter Spring Luncheon was held in El Dorado on May 18.

Several met at PJ's on Friday night and had fun and eats at a read-around for all interested parties. This got the group ready for Saturday's meeting. Justin Booth gave a rousing interpretation of poetry from his point of view. His eclectic ideas and poetry critiques were clever and give us insights into a modern interpretation of verse.

Poets of the Pines held forth with wonderful snacks and genuine southern hospitality. They guided us to great places to eat, unique stores, and wonderful fudge. We enjoyed several young students - winners of the SNA award who came with their families to receive checks and recite their poems to the group. Nina Tillery's winning SNA poem was read to the members.

The group voted to have two instead of three special groups in our Poetry Day contests starting next year - Arkansas residents and open to everyone. We thanked the former board for its work, and welcomed the new board to serve for the next two years. Our next state meeting will be in October in Hot Springs.

Serious verse winner - Dennis Patton

Light verse winner - Cindy Mabry

SPRING LUNCHEON CONTEST WINNERS

Dr. Lily Peter Memorial Award **1st Dennis Patton; 2nd Betty Heidelberger; 3rd Lee Ann Russell**
HM - Rita Goodgame, John McBride, Kathy Helmer

Verna Lee Hinegardner Award **1st Freeda Nichols; 2nd Don Crowson; 3rd Dennis Patton**
HM - Sara Gipson, Barbara Mulkey, Marilyn Joyner

Mary Harper Sowell Award **1st Pat Durmon; 2nd Jim Barton; 3rd Sara Gipson**
HM - Lee Ann Russell, Laura Loughridge, John McBride

MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

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 Drive, Little Rock AR 72205

National Poetry Month Activities

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In conjunction with the Central Arkansas Library System, PRA sponsored student contests with Junior and Senior Divisions. The winning students were invited to read their poems and receive their awards at the Literary Festival in Little Rock. CALS has a new Children's Library and some of the winners who attended read their poems in the theater/performance room.

Free Verse Poetry Group of Mountain Home

The Group read the six poems submitted by Seniors for winning a scholarship sponsored by the branch and a winner was chosen. The branch has also made a CD entitled **Driftwood** containing poems and bios of the members. This will be ready for distribution.

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In Memoriam:

Joyce Holland had been a resident of Greers Ferry for the past twenty years and was a long-standing member of PRA. She enjoyed gardening, cooking camping, poetry and Greers Ferry Lake. She died on April 14, 2013.