



Dear CPS Member,

**I am writing to inform you as a valued member of the Connecticut Poetry Society of changes that will have a direct impact on the future of CPS.** We all know that we are dealing with unprecedented and difficult economic times. It is extremely important that we continue the mission to support the art form of poetry with interactive chapter meetings, publications, contests, and poetry events;—**to provide an environment where members of all ages will have the opportunity to learn as well as to educate. The CPS represents more than an opportunity to educate oneself; it offers a place to be oneself.**

CPS is proud of its more than thirty-five year tradition of excellence in publishing the work of poets, not only from Connecticut, but also from across the nation, and of promoting the appreciation of poetry. Without your financial support, this tradition, as well as our mission, will be much harder to achieve. I appeal to you to please consider contributing to the Society **by renewing your membership and supporting this Appeal Program.** Your support, and the support of all our members, will ultimately decide whether we will have the necessary funds to continue as an active force in the promotion of poetry in Connecticut.

Dues have been increased to \$30.00 for 2012 memberships. This is necessary in order for CPS to cover its basic costs, such as publications and the cost of postage. These costs currently exceed the \$25 per member, an amount we have not changed for years.

At this time, we are also introducing an Appeal Program, which has three levels of support; Bronze, Silver and Gold as outlined below. All contributors will be recognized and listed in a special Donor Section of the next issue of the Connecticut River Review and on the CPS website.

- Bronze Level: \$30.00 to \$150.00 (any donation beyond your dues up to \$150)
- Silver Level: \$151.00 to \$250.00 (any donation beyond your dues up to \$250)
- Gold Level: \$251.00 and above (any donation beyond your dues over \$250)

Your contribution will be tax deductible for the amount, not including dues. Please, during this busy time of year, take a minute to write a check to CPS and send it to: **CPS, PO Box 792, Manchester, CT 06045.**

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention to this most important matter.

Yours, in the interest of the CPS,

Tony Fusco  
President, CPS

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**My Membership Renewal for 2012 (\$30). . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**My Contribution to the Appeal Program . . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Total Enclosed. . . . . \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

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