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CT POETRY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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\$800 over the cost to run it. Our weakest performance was the 2009 Al Savard contest costing us \$155 more than we paid out. **The Connecticut Poetry Award Contest is accepting submissions until May 31st**, guidelines are on line at: <http://ct-poetry-society.org/contests.htm> The **Al Savard Contest** which is open only to Connecticut Poets has a deadline of **April 30th**.

The 2010 Annual Meeting

The annual Spring meeting of the Connecticut Poetry society took place on April 11th at Butterworth Hall of the University of Hartford in West Hartford. There was a short business meeting followed by a program consisting of a poetry trivia audience-participation gameshow and a reading by members present. You can view photos from the reading on line at: <http://ct-poetry-society.org/> If you didn't attend, you can try your hand at the poetry trivia gameshow on line at: <http://ct-poetry-society.org/video/PoetryGameShow.pps>



Officers: The current officers will continue in the same roles: Tony Fusco, *President*, Christine Beck, *Secretary*, Ginny Lowe Connors, *Contest Chair*, Julia Paul, *Membership*, Emerson Gilmore, *Treasurer and LRR editor*, Lisa Siedlarz, *CRR editor*.

Membership: Some facts and figures: We have about 175 paid members, 57 new members with 34 non renewals for a net gain of 22. **Nice work Julia.** We are making the effort to contact those persons who have not rejoined in hopes to have them return. **Congratulations to all the chapters** who continue with their monthly meetings and activities. **We are looking for more chapter and member news for our web page and newsletter. Please send us some.**

Contests: Over the course of **1/2009 to 3/2010** The CPS contests took in \$3625 and cost us about \$2225. to run. **Thank you, Ginny for all your efforts.** The strongest contest was the CT Poetry Award bringing in

Finance: The cost of printing the CRR (\$1317) and LRR (\$860) was \$2177, together with the cost of mailing them, the newsletters and other misc related expenses of \$1872 was \$4049. Our total cost for the books works out to about \$25.79 per member, (after book sales: \$23.01 per member.) Needless to say, we need the contest income to pay the rest of our expenses and to find ways to save on expenses. Selling more books would be helpful.

Don't Miss It!
The Connecticut Poetry Award
Deadline is May 31, 2010
Check our website for guidelines.

Income from the contests was \$3625, book sales \$437 and dues from that period \$3657 for a total of \$7719. **FY 1/2009 to 3/30/2010** all the misc expenses included: **our total was \$7832 in expenses, compared to account balance \$10935.** There was about a \$3100 difference (\$1400 of which was income from the contests).

Upcoming: We plan on having *a summer picnic* again and a *fall wine and cheese event* as well as our annual *holiday meeting in December.*

The CT River Review deadline is over and the book is currently in the works for a projected late summer mailing. The summer issue of Strophes will contain the NFSPS annual contest listing.

The Long River Run members only journal will begin collecting submissions May 1st. Please see the details in another section of this newsletter.

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LONG RIVER RUN

These guidelines have changed, so please read and follow them very carefully.

Long River Run, the members' only publication of the Connecticut Poetry Society will be **accepting submissions from May 1st until August 31st** for an estimated December publication date. Please submit **one poem**, maximum of 40 lines, typed, single-spaced. **Use 10 pt Times New Roman Font.** Send poems by email to connpoetry@comcast.net as a Word document or Rich text document attachment. **Type "[your name] LLR 2010 Submission: in the subject line.** Poems pasted in the body of the email will be copied and pasted onto the page and converted to the above mentioned specs.

Include your name in upper left corner of the page, and under that, please put your town (and state if you are not a Connecticut resident). **Previously published poems are okay, but provide credits. There are no simultaneous submissions.**

Your submission will be listed on a webpage <http://ct-poetry-society.org/LRRrec.html> and **your poem will be posted to a webpage** where you can view it in the form it will appear in the hard copy. If after a week or so after submission your poem does not appear on the list or page, contact us, as we might not have received it.

On the printed page of our layout, 10pt Times New Roman, lines longer than 60 characters (including spaces) will wrap to the next line, so keep that in mind. We will not be adjusting the size of the book or layout to fit poems that do not conform. **Please, do not make the title of the poem all capital letters, or bold or italics or a different size font.**

DUES ARE DUE!

We value you as a member, please renew your membership, Annual Dues are \$25 due in April- you can also pay in advance. Send to: CPS, Membership, PO Box 792, Manchester, CT 06045

Please remember we distribute LRR to Libraries and schools. While we will not edit or censor poems, **CPS can reject a poem at the editor's prerogative.** If we do, we will notify you. **Members must be up to date with their dues** for their poem to be included. We will check the list September 1st the day after the deadline.

If you **absolutely cannot** send your poem via email or find someone to do it for you, you can US mail it to: Tony Fusco- 311 Shingle Hill Road -West Haven, CT 06516. Follow the layout guidelines as above. You will need to **send a SASE** for notification your poem was received, and will not get a proof of your poem on the page, unless you can view it or can get someone to print it off the website for you.

These guidelines will help us keep the cost and time of production of the book to a minimum, which will allow us to continue this member benefit. It will hopefully help with communication concerning your submissions as well as cut down on formatting errors. Members will receive one copy each. Additional copies can be ordered for the cover price (\$10) plus \$2 shipping unless you purchase that copy at one of our meetings.

Winners 2010

Connecticut River Review Poetry Contest

1st prize: Rosanna Young Oh for "Landscape with Monk and Sea"

2nd prize: Colette Gill for "Ballad of Tsvetaeva"
There was no 3rd prize

Honorable Mentions: JoAnne Bauer for "Mother Mine," Sharon Charde for "Get Lost," Jack Cooper for "Posturing," Pat Hale for "Table for One," Ruth Hill for "Public Inquiry," Margaret Iacobellis for "The Winner," Alvin Laster for "Blind Child at the Piano," Kolette Montague for "Dawn After a Sleepless Night," Korkut Omeran for "Sketching Instructions for Travelers," J. Stephen Rhodes for "Crows" Julia Simpson for "Learning How to Paint Light," Mark Taksa for "In Praise of Using," and Elaine Zimmerman for "Speaking Truth."

The Contest Judge was James Finnegan co-editor of Visiting Wallace: Poems Inspired by the Life and Work of Wallace Stevens and is president of the Hartford organization: Friends and Enemies of Wallace Stevens.