

The Connecticut Poetry Society Newsletter



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Notice: Annual dues of \$25 per member were due in April. If you have not yet paid your dues, please send them to:

CPS Membership
P O Box 792
Manchester, CT 06045

**Join us for our Annual
Poetry Picnic, Saturday,
August 13, 2011, 1 – 4 pm
at the home of Vivian Shipley,
East Haven, CT**

**bring a potluck item to
share; Poetry open Mike!
RSVP to
tfusco357@comcast.net**

Directions: from I-95 North Take the WOODWARD AVE exit, EXIT 50, toward LIGHTHOUSE PT, merge on to Main Street, turn right on to Townsend Ave (RT 337) all the way to South End (3 miles) Take right on South end which becomes South Street which becomes Morgan Terrace (.5 miles). Parking on street only.
From I-95 South—Exit 51 to Forbes Ave. Turn left on to Townshend Ave (RT 337) follow above.

**Long River Run Member-only
Journal**

**Call for Poems
Submit one poem by September
30, 2011**

**80 line maximum, any topic, any
form, attach as a Word document
in 12 point type to an email to
connpoetry@comcast.net marked
“LRR Submission”**



CPS to Sponsor Poetry Lectures by Gray Jacobik

Poet Gray Jacobik, former professor at Eastern Connecticut State University, will give two lectures on poetry for CPS members. The first, “Metaphor and Poetic Genius,” will take place in Saturday, November 12, 2011 from 2-4pm at the Hamden Public Library. The second, The Poetry of Wallace Stevens, will take place in March of 2012 in Hartford, CT. and will be co-sponsored by The Friends and Enemies of Wallace Stevens. Check our website for further details.

CPS New Haven Chapter to Co-Sponsor Donald Hall Day September 16.

Poet Donald Hall, a former Poet Laureate of the U.S., was born and raised in Hamden, CT. In honor of his birthday, the Hamden Public Library will hold a celebration on Friday, September 16 at Thornton Wilder Hall, the auditorium at the library.

Mr. Hall plans to attend. Connecticut Poet Laureate Dick Allen will officiate. CPS has sponsored a Call for Poems inspired by or in response to Donald Hall’s poem “Olives.” You can read the poem online at www.poetryfoundation.org. Send your submission to connpoetry@comcast.org marked “Donald Hall poem.” We will notify you if your poem is selected to be read at the event.

On Wednesday, September 14, Dean Mark Schenker of Yale University will give a lecture on the poetry of Donald Hall at the Hamden Public Library.

Hillstead Museum to Sponsor Two Poetry

Workshops – each \$20 members; \$25 Members-to-be

Sunday, October 16, 2011
Writing Workshop: “Poems of Praise” with Gray Jacobik, 1:30-5pm, followed by potluck social and a play.

Sunday January 15, 2012
Writing Workshop: “From Album to Memoir” with Rennie McQuilken, 1:30 – 5pm, followed by Potluck Social and Riverwood Poetry Series poetry event.

To register, email poetry@hillstead.org or call 860-677-4787 ext 134.

Contest News

The Connecticut Poetry Society is pleased to announce the recipients of the **2011 Connecticut Poetry Award**. From a strong field of submissions, Judge Dennis Barone selected these poems:

1st prize: “Boundary” by Lisa Mangini

2nd prize: “Monarchs” by Harmon Leete

3rd prize: “Portals” by Melody Moore

Honorable Mention: “Playing Scrabble with My Sister” by Sara Shea

CPS Contest Chair Ginny Connors takes multiple prizes at NFSPS

At The National Federation of State Poetry Societies’ annual meeting in June, 25 poetry awards were made to 10 members of CPS.

The big winner, with 7 first, second or third prizes and honorable mentions, is Ginny Connors. Ginny won third place in Contest 1, the NFSPS Founders Award, and first place in Contest 2, the Winners’ Circle Award. Congratulations Ginny. Other members who received cash awards include Joanne Bauer, Josh Conklin, Tony Fusco, and Alvin Laster. Honorable mentions went to Constance Chambers, Melody Moore, Alice Gross, Janet Henderson and Christine Beck.

Connecticut River Review Poetry Contest

Deadline: September 30, 2011
prizes: \$400, \$200, \$100 and publication in Connecticut River Review

Send: \$15 (make check out to CPS), up to three unpublished poems, up to 80 lines each Multiple and simultaneous submissions acceptable. Submit two copies of each poem, one with contact information and one without. Include SASE. Mail to CRR Contest, CPS, POB 270554, West Hartford, CT 06127.

P O E T R Y E V E N T S

September 11

The Connecticut Science Center is organizing a program for September 11 and invites poets to respond to the question “Where were you then, and where are you now?” Contact Amy Sailor, Community Programs Coordinator, Ct Science Center, 860-520-2163.

October 11

Sunken Garden benefit reading at St. Joseph College with Taylor Mali and Lisa Starr, 7:30pm. \$75 for Reception and Event; general admission \$25/\$15 students. sjc.universitytickets.com

CPS Member News

Sherri Bedingfield will read:

Oct. 2, 4pm, Millrace Books, 40 Mill Ln, Farmington, 860-677-9662;

Oct 23, 2 pm, Sunday at Windsor Art Center, 40 Mechanic St., Windsor,
www.windsorartcenter.org.

Nov. 17, 7pm, Wintonbury Library, Farmington, CT

Polly Brody will read:

August 17, 2011 Wednesday Night Poetry Series from her latest book “Stirring Shadows.”
open mike: 7:45; Featured Reading: 8:45pm.
The Garage, 53 Church Hill Rd., Newtown, CT;

Monday, Nov. 14, The
Studio@Billings Forge, 563 Broad
St., Hartford, 7pm.
JforJames@aol.com; 860-508-
2810.

Lorence Gutterman will read:
September 14, 2011 at the Yale
BookStore, 6pm;

October 4, Broad Street Books, 45
Broad St Middletown, 7pm

October 9, Millrace Books, 40
Mill Lane, Farmington, CT 4pm.

Joan Kantor will read Sunday, March 18,
2012, Windsor Art Center, 40 Mechanic
St., Windsor, 2pm. 860-217-0023.

Alexandrina Sergio will read Tuesday,
September 6 at Broad Street Books, 45
Broad St., Middletown. 7pm.

Lorna Cyr will again co-sponsor the
Ekphrasis Poetry Event for the Open
Studio Artspace in Hartford, November
5. CPS members Polly Brody, Christine
Beck, Ginny Connors, and Maria Sassi
will write poems based on submitted art.
There will be 12 poets matched with
artworks. All poet spots have been filled.

For news of many other poetry events, you
can find links to both The Ct. Poet News and
the Connecticut Poetry Calendar on our CPS
website. Please contact Terri Klein at
ctpoetnews@yahoo.com and John Jeffrey at
Connecticut@poetz.com to publish your
event.

Member Publications:

Polly Brody, expanded version of *At the
Flower's Lip*, \$12; available at
berylline33@yahoo.com

Gray Jacobik, *Little Boy Blue: A Memoir
in Verse*, CavanKerry Press,
www.cavankerrypress.com.

Lorence Gutterman, "Small Circles of
Time," 2011, Antrim House Books.
<http://antrimhousebooks.com/catalog.htm>

Donna Marie Merritt has published "Job
Loss: A Journey in Poetry" Nov. 2010 and
"Cancer: A Caregiver's View," April
2011, both from Avalon Press
<http://avalonpress.co.uk>

Contest Opportunities

Theme: Waters Edge. Write a poem
based on photographs online.
Deadline for submissions: October 20,
2011

fee: \$10 per entry

Results announced: Nov. 19, 2011

judge: Anastasia Faunce

<http://open2interpretation.com>.

Submit to "Theodate," an online
poetry journal sponsored by the
Hillstead Museum and Sunken
Garden Poetry Festival. Details:
www.theodate.org.

Lisa Mangini, winner of the CPS
Poetry Award and a student in the
MFA program at Southern
Connecticut State University has
announced that her new online
journal, *Paper Nautilus*, is sponsoring
a poetry contest. Deadline of August
15. To submit, go to [http://
papernautilus.submishmash.com](http://papernautilus.submishmash.com).
There is a \$5 fee to submit.