



Long River Run is Out!

The Long River Run is out, mailed in mid-January. The Long River Run is the members only publication of the CT Poetry Society. As a member you receive the LLR at no charge and can order more copies for only \$10 each plus \$2 to offset postage. If you order more than one copy, you only pay the \$2 once. You can also buy the books at one of meetings or events and save on postage.

Special thanks to Emerson Gilmore who compiled the poems and edited the book. You will find the assortment of works in the book very enjoyable which is a testament to the quality of writers that the CT Poetry Society has in its membership. Please let us know what you think of the book, email us at: connpoetry@comcast.net.

We decided last year to have our two publications, the *CT River Review* and the *Long River Run* to come out at about six months apart, for administrative reasons, and to fit better with printing the winning poems from our various contests. We also have spread out the reading and submission dates for the books and contests to keep them from overlapping as much as possible.

Contests are underway!

Several Contests of the CT Poetry Society are currently under way. You can check the guidelines in the back of your copy of Long River Run or on line at our website at: <http://ct-poetry-society.org/contests.htm> You will find on line, last year's contest winners and judges and the judges for this year's contests. Here are the contests listed along with their beginning and ending dates for accepting submissions:

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CPS, PO Box 270554, West Hartford, CT 06127

Save the Date!
Sunday April 11
CPS Spring Reading
& Business meeting
Butterworth Hall

The Connecticut River Review Contest
DEC 1, 2009 to FEB 28, 2010

The Lynn DeCaro Poetry Contest
DEC 1, 2010 to MARCH 15, 2010

The CT Poetry Award
April 1, 2010 to May 31, 2010

The Al Savard Memorial Poetry Contest
March 1, 2010 to April 30, 2010

The Connecticut River Review is still looking for submissions!

According to CRR Editor Lisa Siedlarz submissions to the CT River Review are slightly down from last year. Send something, spread the word.

The deadline for submissions is April 15th.

The CRR is published once annually, in a July/August edition. It is distributed to all Connecticut Poetry Society (CPS) members, as a membership benefit, as well as selected universities, schools, and libraries. Guidelines are also available on line and in the Long River Run.

Send submissions (no more than 5 poems or pages) to:

Lisa Siedlarz, Editor
Connecticut River Review
53 Pearl Street
New Haven, CT 06511

Connecticut Searching for New Poet Laureate

The state of Connecticut is looking for a poet laureate, to replace John Hollander who resigned in October. According to the state's **Commission on Culture & Tourism**, the poet laureate serves as an advocate for poetry and promotes the appreciation for the art and for all literary activities among fellow citizens.

The deadline for nominations is March 31. For information go to <http://www.cultureandtourism.org/cct/cwp/view.asp?a=2162&q=300692>

Unfortunately, like last time, the Commission has already selected the panel of judges without any input from the Connecticut poetry community including CPS. However well qualified these persons may be, I feel the entire selection process, and criteria for this important position should be more transparent and open to public input, not just the nomination part. I hope members of CPS and the general poetry loving community will make their voices heard regarding this. Email, call and write the commission and or your government representatives. Open up the lines of communication.

Tony Fusco, President CT Poetry Society

We value you as a member, renew your membership please. Annual Dues are \$25, due in April—you can also pay in advance. Send to: CPS, Membership, PO Box 792, Manchester, CT 06045—**Thanks to all of you that have already done so and to all our new members as well.**

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NFSPS Contests on Now!

As a member of the CT Poetry Society you are also a member of **The National Federation of State Poetry Societies** which annually runs 50 contests from the State Societies. We are sponsoring one like we did last year. **The Postmark Deadline for these contests is March 15th** you can find them listed on line, as well as the guidelines at their web page: http://www.nfsp.com/poetry_contests1.htm

The State contests have different themes and criteria and there are fees to enter, but as a member, there is a maximum amount for the fee of \$10. **You can enter almost all the contests for that one entry fee of only \$10.**

You also save on postage as you send one envelope packet to one address where your poems are sorted and sent to the proper contests you have designated. It is a lot of hard work and a great undertaking to run a massive contest that this effort is. The NFSPS is lucky, and we are proud to have CT Poetry Society Officer Christine Beck as the Contest Chair again this year.

The Connecticut Poetry Society has been well represented with the winners laurels over the years, including last year. Let's do it again. Get organized and send your poems in. One word of advice, follow the guidelines and the requirements carefully, to be sure your poems are sent to the correct contests, meet the number of line requirements and are in the forms requested.

The address for submissions as well as the list and guidelines are on their web page. If you were a member as of last October, you received a hard copy listing from NFSPS along with your newsletter.