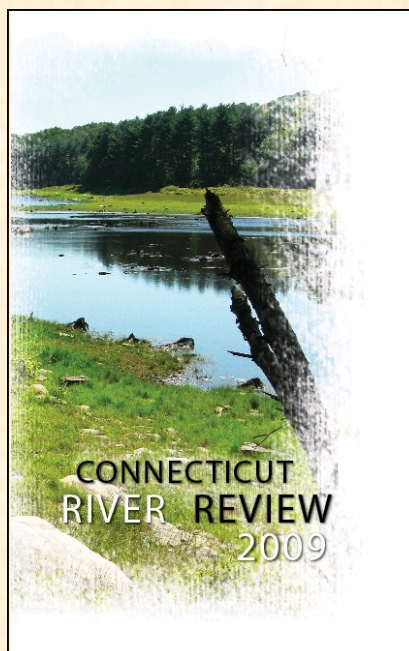


# CONNECTICUT POETRY CPS SOCIETY

## The 2009 Connecticut River Review

I am happy to present you with this copy of the 2009 Connecticut River Review. I thank Editor Lisa Siedlarz and her assistant editor Erik Mortenson who have put together a quality journal that we members of the Connecticut Poetry Society have a right to be proud of. The cover photo by Heidi Richards



and design by David Holub is stunning. We thank them for donating their time and creative talent. I urge you to read Lisa's forward and the contributor's notes, as well as the poems, to see what an outstanding collection of writers and work she has put together. CRR has been improving annually. I look forward to seeing her 2010 issue as well.

This publication is yet another example of the value of membership in CPS. Not only do you receive this \$12 book along with the members' only publication Long River Run in which all them members of CPS can showcase their poetry but that, as a member, your dues contribute to the possibility and existence of these journals. You can enjoy them and take pride

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in the fact that you are contributing and promoting the art form. Remember also, all the CPS contests whose winners are published in these books and you can see your \$25 membership goes a long way. Thanks also to our executive board who, among all their other labors, spent time packing the books and newsletters into envelopes, addressing and mailing them. In these tough economic times, we continue to find ways to be frugal and efficient.

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Save the Date!  
Sunday OCT. 18<sup>th</sup>  
CPS Wine and  
Cheese Meeting

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## Strophes Newsletter

As a member of CPS each of us also enjoys a membership in the National Federation of State Poetry Societies and receives its newsletter *Strophes*, which you'll find included with your mailing of the Connecticut River Review. *Strophes* is also available on line. This issue includes the list of winners in the Fifty State contests run by NFSPS. Check it out and congratulate those of our members who won. The online URL is [http://www.nfsp.com/poetry\\_contests1.htm](http://www.nfsp.com/poetry_contests1.htm)

Our own Christine Beck performed a giant's task of receiving sorting, checking and re-mailing contest entries to their respective addresses and will do that again this coming year. The list of the 2010 contests and guidelines are also included in this *Strophes*

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Please take advantage of this excellent opportunity to enter up to fifty contests for one small entry fee, and one stamp. It is quite the bargain and as the commercial for the lottery says, “you can’t win if you don’t enter,” or something like that. Don’t wait until the last minute to enter. I know from personal experience the time and effort involved in assembling poems to enter into several contests let alone fifty. Start early, and give yourself the time you need. I am positive members of CPS will do well in competition with the members of other societies and the public as we have done so often in the past.

### **Norman Kraeft**

CPS honors the memory of Past President Norman Kraeft. It seems like every month brings news of the passing or illness of another member of the poetry community and CPS. Please don’t assume we know of the status of health of all our membership. When in doubt please pass that information on to us, so we can pass it along.

### **CPS Members Winners in 2009 NFSPS Contests**

Ginny Connors took three prizes and two honorable mentions, Elaine Zimmerman, Roberta Marrgraff, Dane Sorens, Josh Conklin and Al Laster won honorable mention awards.

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

### **Long River Run Submissions**

Long River Run, the members only publication of the Connecticut Poetry Society will be accepting submissions until **September 30** for an estimated December publication date. Please submit one poem, maximum of 40 lines, typed, single-spaced. Include your name in upper left corner, underneath please put your town (and state if you are not a Connecticut resident). Previously published okay, provide credits. Simultaneous submission okay. Send to Emerson Gilmore at: [emgil3@yahoo.com](mailto:emgil3@yahoo.com) and mail hard copies only if necessary to our PO box.

## **Wine Cheese and Crackers Meeting/reading**



There will be a Connecticut Poetry Society Wine and Cheese Meeting / Reading on Sunday October 18th in Middletown, 2 pm to 4pm at the Buttonwood Tree located at 605 Main Street. CPS will provide the wine, cheese and crackers. Additional snacks can be purchased from The Buttonwood. This event is free for members of CPS, \$5 for non members. If you are not a member, you can join at this event for the remainder of this year at a reduced rate. Donations will also be accepted for the CT Food Bank. There will be a special guest on the program and open microphone reading.

Come join us and celebrate poetry and the publication of the 2009 Connecticut River Review . For directions and more information on the Buttonwood Tree Performing Arts and Cultural Center go to: <http://www.buttonwood.org/>

### **CPS 35 Years Old**

The Connecticut Poetry Society is 35 years old this year. CPS was founded on October 4, 1974, at the Hartford Public Library. The meeting was called to order by Cheryl J. King of Hartford and called itself the Connecticut State Poetry Association, with approximately 15 members. Meetings were held monthly at the Asylum Hill Congregational Church in Hartford and dues were \$5 per year.