

Language of Enchantment

New Mexico State Poetry Society Newsletter, February 2019

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A grain of poetry suffices to season a century. —Cuban poet José Martí



Yes, this is our newsletter...

NMSPS has been lacking a Newsletter chair for over two years. For the past several months, NMSPS President Bernadette Perez has filled that gap by sending out NMSPS news via email. Beginning with the next issue, newsletter emails will be sent out with the "Language of Enchantment" masthead above. We welcome questions and comments sent to Iris Gersh, vicepresident@nmpoetry.com. Members who have requested paper copies of newsletters will receive them by mail.

Membership

Terri Klein, Treasurer has updated the membership lists. If you have questions about your membership status, please contact her, treasurer@nmpoetry.com. Dues Receipts (for those who have joined or renewed) and Renewal Reminders (for those who have not yet renewed) are included with this newsletter.

Poets in the Classroom 2019

From Bonnie Rucobo, chair: We still have some possible openings at Cochiti. If you can teach at Cochiti on April 12, contact Jacqueline Loring at jmljake@capecod.net. Thank you, members, for stepping up and volunteering at the three elementary schools: Alvarado, Cochiti, and Reginald Chavez. Questions about the program? Please contact Bonnie, mechistle@gmail.com.

Santa Fe Poetry Trails Chapter adds downtown poetry reading

In addition to their regular meetings on the first Monday of each month (at Teatro Paraguas, 3205 Calle Marie), Santa Fe Poetry Trails has added a third-Monday open mike downtown.

From The Santa Fe Poetry Trails Facebook page, Debbi Brody, chapter Chair: We will be using the Community Gallery as a venue to give opportunities to the city's poets for additional readings. As a result, beginning Monday, February 18, 5:00 to 7:00, the first of a series of monthly readings and open mic events on the third Monday of each month at the Community Gallery (part of the Convention Center on Marcy Street).

Sign-ups for the open mic readings will begin sharply at 5:00. A featured poet will begin the evening with a reading and will host the open mic session. As a trial-period for the series, readings are scheduled through May. Depending, in part, on turn out and interest, this series may become a permanent activity. Poets of all ages and appropriate writing styles are welcome.

Albuquerque Chapter welcomes Lauren Camp to Albuquerque on the second Saturday of March (March 9th) from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m.

Scott Wiggerman, chapter Chair invited the remarkable Lauren Camp to join us for her depth and breadth of the written word!

NMSPS sponsors return of poetry readings at Juan Tabo Library in Albuquerque

The Albuquerque Public Library and the NM State Poetry Society will once again sponsor an afternoon of poetry April 13th, 2019 from 2:30-3:30, at the Juan Tabo Library in Albuquerque in commemoration of poetry month. This will be the first installment of a series to be sponsored by the NMSPS with a slate of guest and youth poets in honor of Elizabeth Galligan, the original sponsor of this event. Juan Tabo Branch Library is located at 3407 Juan Tabo NE, Albuquerque, NM 87111, located between Comanche and Candelaria on the West side of the street. Please join us.

NMSPS members to feature and host at Fixed & Free

Many NMSPS members are slated to feature and/or host at this year's Fixed & Free readings in Albuquerque. Readings are on the fourth Thursday of the month at The Source, 1111 Carlisle Blvd SE, Albuquerque, NM 87106, 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. (Open mike sign up begins at 6:30.)

Poets' Picnic, Saturday, May 25, 2019

The annual Poets' Picnic at the Open Space Visitor Center on the west side of Albuquerque, Saturday, May 25, 2019 is a free event, open to the public. The day will include poetry readings, workshops, music and more in a beautiful location. NMSPS will have a table there – Members are welcome to sell their books, and of course, volunteer at the table. Poets with haiku published are welcome to get a calligraphic haiku of their own for a small payment. All haikus are “tied” to trees at the Visitor Center throughout the year, weathering with the changes in weather!

Albuquerque's calligraphy society Escribiente, the New Mexico Book Arts Guild Libros, the New Mexico State Poetry Society (NMSPS), the Open Space Alliance, and dozens of local poets come together for this unique art exhibit and day of spoken word poetry.

National Convention June 23-26, 2019, in Santa Fe!

NMSPS is proud to be hosting the the 2019 NATIONAL CONVENTION IN SANTA FE!! This will be NFSPS' 60th Anniversary annual convention. Details are on our website, www.nmpoetry.com. Hotel registration is already open. The Convention schedule will be posted by February 25. If you want to VOLUNTEER PRE- OR AT THE CONVENTION, please contact our Chair for the National Convention, Ginnie Gaskill, at ggaskill46@comcast.net.

Want more info? Check the NMSPS website and follow New Mexico State Poetry Society on Facebook!

All NMSPS events and chapter meetings are free and open to the public. Please attend and bring friends! Many of our members are also participating in poetry readings and other events throughout the state. NMSPS maintains a calendar on our website, www.nmpoetry.com. Click on “Calendar” in the sidebar on any website page. To submit a poetry event for listing, email NMSPSCalendar@nmpoetry.com. Our membership Chair and Calendar poet, Jules Nyquist, welcomes any information about what's going on in our state. While you're on the website, visit the “Contact Us” page for more info about NMSPS officers and project chairs.