

CALENDAR OF POETIC EVENTS

New Mexico State Poetry Society

March 2011

Saturday, March 5: NMSPS Pot Luck Luncheon and Fund-raiser

The New Mexico State Poetry Society at its last Board Meeting voted to organize a fundraising luncheon with entertainment on Saturday, March 5. The event is open to all NMSPS members, and we hope that poets from all four NMSPS chapters will attend and participate. The luncheon will be a potluck with poetry readings and live music at the Los Lunas home of poet Shirley Blackwell. Admission is \$5.00 per adult, with children attending for free. The event will begin at noon and lunch will be served at 1:00 p.m. We hope to have the entertainment concluded so that all attendees can be on the road well before sunset. Please see the newsletter (<http://www.nmsps.org/PDFs/nmsps-newsletter.pdf>) for directions to Shirley Blackwell's home, or e-mail Shirley at sonneteer@earthlink.net.

Saturday, March 12: NMSPS Albuquerque Chapter

Jeanne Shannon will present a workshop on cinquain and tanka poetry forms at the Albuquerque Chapter March meeting. The chapter meets from 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at Manzano del Sol Good Samaritan Village, 5201 Roma Ave. NE (one block south of Lomas and one block west of San Mateo).

Sunday, March 13: Albuquerque Poets against War, Featured Speaker Margaret Randall

Albuquerque Poets against War presents featured speaker Margaret Randall and an open mic on Sunday, March 13 from 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. This fund-raiser for the ABQ Center for Peace & Justice will take place at the Albuquerque Center for Peace & Justice at 202 Harvard SE. Sign-up for the Open Mic begins at 2:45 p.m. \$5 donation suggested but no one will be turned away for lack of funds.

Sunday, March 13: Duende Poetry Series

The first reading of 2011 sponsored by the Duende Poetry Series of Placitas will be held on Sunday, March 13, at the Anasazi Fields Winery (3:00 p.m.) in Placitas Village. Two Albuquerque poets will share the podium, Lisa Gill and Don McIver, both well known for their poetry and their poetry-activist activities in the area. Each has organized numerous events over the years, giving many poets an opportunity to read their work and to hear other local poets. There will be a short open mic period after the two featured poets have read.

For all Duende Poetry Series readings, wine, free snacks, and non-alcoholic drinks, are available to the audience. The event is free, though we encourage donations for the poets. For more information about the event, contact Jim Fish at the winery at 867-3062, on-line at www.anasazifieldswinery.com, or by e-mail at anasazifieldswinery@att.net.

To reach the winery, turn onto Camino de los Pueblitos from Highway 165 in the old village of Placitas, across from the Presbyterian Church, for two stop signs, and then turn left into the winery parking lot. From outside Placitas, take I-25 to Exit 242, drive six miles to the Old Village, and follow Camino de los Pueblitos through two stop signs to the winery.

Tuesday, March 15: NFSPS Annual Poetry Contest Submission Deadline

The NFSPS Annual Poetry Contest will accept entries through March 15, 2011. See contest rules, dates,

fees, etc. at the NFSPS Web site, www.nfsps.com, or the NMSPS Web site at www.nmpoetry.org. Scroll down to the NFSPS link and download the contest rules for each contest entry.

Contest: Artists Embassy International, Dancing Poetry Festival

Natica Angilly, a member of the NFSPS California State Poetry Society and President of Artists Embassy, announces the 18th Annual Dancing Poetry Festival, presented by their non-profit arts organization. Deadline for submissions: May 15, 2011.

All who are poets, writers, dancers, and artists might be interested in our search to discover new poetry, which will be awarded at the California Palace of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco, on September 24th of this year. Each winning poet is asked to read at the event, and the three Grand Prize winners will have their poems choreographed and presented on stage in a poetic dance performance.

The search is now open for poetry on any subject suitable for a general audience. The deadline for submission is May 15. For more information please go to our Web site at www.dancingpoetry.com.

April 2011

Saturday, April 2: Adobe Walls #2 Inaugural Reading

Editor Kenneth Gurney will present *Adobe Walls #2* in a reception/publication reading on Saturday, April 2, 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m. at the Harwood Art Center cafeteria reading space. The Harwood Art Center is located at 1114 7th St NW (southeast corner of 7th and Mountain), Albuquerque. See <http://www.kpgurney.me/AdobeWalls/Reading.html> for more information.

May 2011

Saturday, May 21: NMSPS Annual Meeting

The annual meeting will be at the Cooperage Restaurant at 7220 Lomas Boulevard NE in Albuquerque, from noon to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, May 21. Joan Logghe, Santa Fe's Poet Laureate, will be our guest reader. We have not entertained a guest poet at our annual meeting for several years, and Logghe's reading promises to be an inspiring event. Please e-mail Bonnie Rucobo at mechistle@gmail.com to make your reservations. We encourage poets from around the state to attend.

June 2011 – December 2011

Sunday, June 12: Duende Poetry Series

The second reading of 2011 sponsored by the Duende Poetry Series of Placitas will be held on Sunday, June 12, at the Anasazi Fields Winery (3:00 p.m.) in Placitas Village. It will feature poets Bill Pearlman and Marilyn Stablein, who won the 2010 New Mexico Book Award for Poetry for her book *Splitting Hard Ground*. There will be a short open mic period after the two featured poets have read.

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Friday, July 15: NMSPS Poetry Contest Submission Deadline

Categories: #1 Rhymed, #2 Free Verse, #3 Southwest (theme, reference, or setting), #4 Humor, #5 Youth (poets 18 and under). 1st Prize: \$40, 2nd Prize: \$25, 3rd Prize: \$15, prizes in every category. Any form, 40-line limit (no exceptions). Poems must be original work of the entrant (please, no poems that have won in the past in any NMSPS Contests only); previously published accepted, including electronic; typed or computer generated (not hand-written or printed), and single-spaced; without illustrations; written in English; and titled, unless a haiku. No more than six (6) poems per entrant.

Send two (2) clear copies of each poem on 8 1/2" by 11" white paper in black ink. On **BOTH** copies, place category # and description at upper left corner. For poems over 1 page, put page number on upper left, just below category designation. On second copy **ONLY**, add poet's name, address, telephone number, and e-mail address (if any) at upper right. Flat entry fee: \$20.00 covers 1 to 6 poems. Check or money order payable to NMSPS. Include an SASE on a white legal sized envelope. Mail to: NMSPS 2011 Annual Poetry Contest, c/o Annmarie Pearson, 454 Diana Dr. NE, Los Lunas, NM 87031. First Class or Priority Mail only — no delivery requiring a signature. See the newsletter (<http://www.nmsps.org/PDFs/nmsps-newsletter.pdf>) for information, or e-mail Annmarie Pearson, Contest Chair, at altbalance@msn.com.

Ongoing Events

First Saturday of Every Month: Rio Grande Valencia (RGV) Poets

The **RIO GRANDE VALENCIA (RGV) POETS** meet on the first Saturday of every month at 12:15 p.m. at Mike's (SQ) Square Diner on HWY 47 in the Tierra del Sol Shopping Center (1/2 mile south of Reinken), in Belen. Contact Chair Annmarie Pearson at altbalance@msn.com or call (505) 865-5605.

Second Saturday of September – April: Albuquerque Chapter

The **ALBUQUERQUE CHAPTER** meets on the second Saturday of every month, from September through April only, at 1:00 p.m. at the Manzano del Sol Good Samaritan Village, 5201 Roma Ave. NE (one block south of Lomas and one block west of San Mateo), in Albuquerque. Contact Chair Elaine Schwartz at delschwartz@juno.com or call (505) 255-1742.

Third Tuesday of Every Month: Rio Abajo Poets, Socorro Chapter

The **RIO ABAJO POETS, SOCORRO CHAPTER** meets on the third Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m. in the library at the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, 801 Leroy Place, in Socorro. Contact Chair Barbara DuBois at brdubois@sdc.org or call (575) 835-3437.

Third Saturday of September – April: High Prairie Poets, Roswell Chapter

The **HIGH PRAIRIE POETS, ROSWELL CHAPTER** meet on the third Saturday of every month, from September through April only, at 2:00 p.m. at the Roswell Museum and Arts Center (11th and North Main), in Roswell. Contact Chair Ann H. Applegarth at aapple@plateautel.net or call (575) 627-6014.

Sundays: Church of Beethoven

The Church of Beethoven, at The Kosmos, 1715 Fifth Street NW, in Albuquerque, every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. performs classical music and poetry. For more information, see www.churchofbeethoven.org.

First Wednesday of Every Month: Poetry and Beer – Slam Poetry

Poetry and Beer is a gathering on the first Wednesday of every month, with Slam Poetry and beer at the Blackbird Buvette, 509 Central Avenue in Albuquerque. For more information, see www.abqslams.org.

Second Wednesday of Every Month: NM Poetry Alliance

The NM Poetry Alliance meets on the second Wednesday of every month, from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Central United Methodist Church on 201 University Blvd. NE. (between Central and Martin Luther King Blvd, on the 2nd floor) in Albuquerque. Some NMSPS members read at this meeting.

Fourth Thursday of Every Month: Fixed and Free Poetry Reading

Fixed and Free poetry readings feature an invited poet and an open mic period. Billy Brown hosts Fixed and Free on the fourth Thursday of the month, from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. in the Garden Room at The Source, 1111 Carlisle Blvd SE (southwest corner of Carlisle and Anderson), in Albuquerque. Donations to help defray a \$20 fee for using The Source and to help pay the featured poet are appreciated.

Rules: Open Mic sign-up begins at 6:30 p.m.; 5-minute limit on the open “mic” (there is no mic).