

CALENDAR OF POETIC EVENTS

New Mexico State Poetry Society

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July 2011

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@q.com.

Saturday, July 16: Alamosa Books, Albuquerque – Timothy B. Anderson and Carrie Cutler

Saturday, July 16, 2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. Alamosa Books, 8810 Holly Ave. NE, Ste. D, Albuquerque (505) 797-7101, alamosabooks.com

Alamosa Books will host local poet Tim Anderson, who will be reading from and signing his new collection of poetry, *Frame of Mind*. He will be joined by Carrie Cutler, recent graduate of the Creative Writing program at UNM, and nominee for the Pushcart Prize. Alamosa Books is located in Albuquerque's Northeast Heights on the northwest corner of Paseo del Norte and Ventura Street.

Tuesday, July 19: NMSPS Rio Abajo Poets, Socorro Chapter

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

Tuesday, July 19: Palacio Bar, Mesilla – Open Mic

Tuesday, July 19 at 8:00 p.m. Palacio Bar, 2600 Avenida de Mesilla, (575) 525-2910, Mesilla
Open mic, hosted by Michael Mandel. Sign in begins at 7:30.

Thursday, July 28: Fixed and Free, Albuquerque: Open Mic and Featured Reader Robert Arthur Reeves

Thursday, July 28, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Open-mic sign-up begins 6:30 p.m. The Source, 1111 Carlisle

Blvd SE (southwest corner of Carlisle and Anderson), Albuquerque

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, in Albuquerque. Free to the public—donations to help defray a \$20 fee for using The Source and to help pay the featured poet are appreciated. Billy’s cookies will be for sale – 50¢ each – and hot water is available in The Source kitchen for coffee and tea.

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

Thursday, July 28: SOMOS Summer Writers Series, Taos: Logghe, Gregorio, and Sagan

Thursday, July 28, 7:30 p.m. Harwood Museum of Art in Taos. <http://somostaos.org/>

An evening of poetry with John Logghe, Renee Gregorio, and Miriam Sagan.

August 2011

Friday, August 5: Rio Grande Theater, Las Cruces – Open Mic

Friday, August 5, 5:30 p.m. – 7:00 p.m. Rio Grande Theater, 211 N Downtown Mall, Las Cruces.

<http://www.riograndetheatre.com>

Open mic.

Saturday, August 6: NMSPS Rio Grande Valencia (RGV) Poets

First Saturday of the month at 12:15 p.m. **RIO GRANDE VALENCIA (RGV) POETS** meet at Joann’s Kitchen on HWY 47 in the Tierra del Sol Shopping Center (1/2 mile south of Reinken), in Belen. Contact Chair Annmarie Pearson at altbalance@q.com or call (505) 865-5605.

Saturday, August 6: Alamosa Books, Albuquerque – Bob Johnston

Saturday, August 6, 2:00 p.m. Alamosa Books, 8810 Holly Ave. NE, Ste. D, Albuquerque (505) 797-7101, alamosabooks.com

Alamosa Books will host poet Bob Johnston, who will be reading from and signing his book, *At the Rim: Selected Poems*. Alamosa Books is located in Albuquerque’s Northeast Heights on the northwest corner of Paseo del Norte and Ventura Street.

Thursday, August 11: SOMOS Summer Writers Series, Taos: Soldier and White

Thursday, August 11, 7:30 p.m. Harwood Museum of Art in Taos. <http://somostaos.org/>

An evening of poetry with Layli Long Soldier and Orlando White—graduates of IAIA.

Tuesday, August 16: NMSPS Rio Abajo Poets, Socorro Chapter

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September 2011 – December 2011

Sunday, September 11: Duende Poetry Series, Placitas

This reading, sponsored by the Duende Poetry Series of Placitas, will be held on Sunday, September 11, at the Anasazi Fields Winery (3:00 p.m.) in Placitas Village.

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.

Ongoing Events

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

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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, Albuquerque

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, Albuquerque – 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, Albuquerque

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, Albuquerque

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