

NEXT MEETING:

Our next quarterly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 29th, in Kennesaw, Georgia, at Kennesaw State University, 900 Broadway, Kennesaw, GA 30144.

SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 29 GPS MEETING:

9:30-9:45 - Welcome and Announcements
9:45-10:15 - Members Reading I
10:15-10:30 - Break
10:30 - 10:45 - JC Reilly, Featured Member
10:45-11:15 - Featured Poet - Jenny Sadre-Orefai
11:15-12:00 - Book Signing
12:00-1:30 - Awards Luncheon / New Board Inauguration
1:30-2:00 - Members Reading II
2:00-2:30 - Ron Self—Workshop Leader
2:30-2:45 - Final Announcements
2:45-3:30 - Board Meeting

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Lunch Reservation for Quarterly Meeting

Lunch Menu: Stuffed Chicken Breast w/ Broccoli and Cheddar Cheese, Yellow Rice w/ Broccoli Florets & Almonds, Green Beans, Garden Salad, Rolls, Chocolate Cake, and Tea

Make check payable to **Georgia Poetry Society** for \$15 per person.

LUNCHEON ORDER FORM: (Please send in your order with your check and this order form to our treasurer:)
Elsie M. Austin, 7021 Mellwood Road, Columbus, GA 31904

Please include all names: _____, _____,
_____, and _____

Phone Number: _____; Email: _____

Postmark deadline: **Saturday, January 15, 2011**

Featured Poets

GEORGIA POETRY SOCIETY

Featured



Sadre-Orafai

Jenny Sadre-Orafai's chapbook *Weed Over Flower* was chosen for publication by Finishing Line Press. Her poetry has appeared in: *Wicked Alice*, *Lily*, *Verse Libre Quarterly*, *can we have our ball back?*, *FRIgg*, *Plainsongs*, *Literary Mama*, *Poetry Midwest*, *Dash*, *Boxcar Poetry Review*, *slant*, *Caesura*, *Gargoyle*, *ouroboros review*, *h_ngm_n*, *The Nepotist*, and other fine journals.

Her prose has appeared in *Rock Salt Plum*, in the Seal Press anthology *Waking Up American*, in the All Things That Matter Press anthology *Contemporary American Women: Our Defining Passages*, and in *Ships That pass*.

She holds an MFA from Georgia State University and serves as poetry editor for *JMWW*. She is an Assistant Professor of English at Kennesaw State University.

Featured Member JC Rielly

JC Reilly is a displaced Louisiana poet living in Atlanta, with two strange cats and a quirky Socialist husband. Her work has recently appeared or is forthcoming in *Southern Women's Review*, *the Arkansas Review*, *Cider Press Review* and online. Her chapbook *La Petite Mort* is published by Finishing Line Press. Read her blog at jcreilly.wordpress.com.



Mary Oliver



Free reading by Mary Oliver

January 30, 2011, at 4 P.M.

One of the country's most beloved poets, Mary Oliver, is known for her lyrical connection to nature and for evocative and precise imagery that transforms the everyday world into a place of discovery. She has received countless distinctions, including the Pulitzer Prize (for *American Primitive*), the National Book Award (for *New and Selected Poems*), the Lannan Foundation Literary Award, and the Poetry Society of America's Shelley Memorial Award. Her latest book is *Swan: Poems and Prose Poems*.

Admission is free but tickets are required and can be obtained through local bookstores: [A Cappella Books](#), [Eagle Eye Bookshop](#), and [Outwrite](#); by contacting [Emory's Creative Writing Program](#); or e-mailing the [Emory Libraries](#), or by calling 404-727-6898. Limit four tickets per person. Parking is available in the Fishburne Deck. For directions, please visit <http://arts.emory.edu/village/map.html>.

A selection of books and a limited edition broadside will be available for purchase and signing at the reading.

Venue: Glenn Memorial Auditorium (Emory campus)
1652 N. Decatur Rd.
Atlanta, GA 30307

Member Announcements

Larry Hand's poem, "Ballad of Atlanta," won First Place in the Edna St. Vincent Millay "Ballad of the Harp-Weaver Award" Poetry Contest and was published in the Summer 2010 edition of *Harp-Strings Poetry Journal*. It was Larry's fifth First-Place awarded poem published in 2010 (with two already in GPS's *The Reach of Song* and two in NFSPS's *Encore*).

New GPS Contact Information:

President: Robert S. King

Address: 313 Pan Will Road,
Mineral Bluff, GA 30559

Telephone: 706-622-4454

E-Mail:

gps@georgiapoetrysociety.org.

Member Announcements

Dear Friends,

Two of my poems, "A Day at the Beach II" and "Beauty or the Beast II," have just been published in *Panorama 2010*, the annual anthology of the Utah State Poetry Society.

Emery Campbell

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Within the next few days, Emery Campbell anticipates the publication of her new book of translations from the French of verse fables and poems by Jean de La Fontaine, Charles Baudelaire, Paul Verlaine, and Arthur Rimbaud.

Lawrence Holden has been extremely poetically busy!

August - Poetry "WE ARE ALL," with six panel painting "Six Days in Iraq, Six hands for Iraq," included in the nationally traveling exhibit, "The Hand to Hand Project."

September 22, Poetry reading at the opening of his exhibit "Within Reach of a River: Poems & Paintings 2001-2010" at Westminster Schools in Atlanta.

October 15 - Multi-media Poetry Reading at Sycamore Gallery in Decatur Ga., in collaboration with artist/writer Honor Woodard.

October 15 - Essay "The Poet and the Power of the Land," published in Georgia ForestWatch's Fall Newsletter.

October 18-21 - Artist-in-residence at Westminster Schools, Atlanta. Talks & conversations about poetry and painting, our sense of place in nature, and guided explorations of writing in nature with students.

November 26 - Multi-media poetry reading at Crescent Moon Bakery, Clayton, Ga., in collaboration with artist/writer Honor Woodard.

The Artist's Path: On The Trail Between Art & Nature; Laurence Holden: Portfolio: *TAKE ME TO THE RIVER: A BOOK OF POEMS & PAINTINGS FOR COMING HOME;* Contact information: laurenceholdenart@gmail.com

Robert Simon, current Vice-President of the GPS, has just published his first full-length volume of poetry titled *The Traveler/el Viajero /O Viajante* with Cyberwit, out of Allahabad, India. You can see more information about the book and the author, as well as purchase a copy for \$14.00, at www.cyberwit.net/simon.htm. Shipping is free for purchase in the US.

Karen Paul Holmes was a featured reader in *Atlanta* at Callanwolde Fine Art Center's poetry night on Nov 10. She also read at Coffee with the Poets in *Sylva, NC*, at the invitation of former *NC Poet Laureate* Kathryn Stripling Byer.

Karen has a poem, "Lost in the Louvre" in the latest issue of *Atlanta Review* (Winter, 2010) and another, "Fruitful Hearts" in the *Wild Goose Poetry Review* at wildgoosepoetryreview.com.

Karen Paul Holmes will teach a writing class at John C. Campbell Folk School in Brasstown, North Carolina. This camp for adults features fun classes in the fine arts as well as crafts, cooking, blacksmithing, writing, folk dancing and nature studies. Stay on campus for the full experience.

Sing and Paint with Words

January 30-February 5

Tuition \$546

Come and get inspired. Through music and other arts, we'll stir the creative juices. We might listen to Beethoven or Elvis, look at paintings by Monet or Finster, read literary masters or contemporary writers -- all to generate ideas for our poems, fiction, or essays. You'll receive editing tips and one-on-one critiques to make your work stronger and more readable. Open to anyone who needs inspiration and help perfecting the art of writing.

Karen Paul Holmes is an award-winning writer whose work has been published in business magazines, literary journals, and anthologies. Her enthusiasm for teaching has given her top ratings for her writing workshops at international conferences. She also taught poetry to students through the Georgia Poetry Society's "Poets in the Schools" program. Karen is a writing coach, poet, freelance writer, and the editor of the North Carolina Writers' Network's *Netwest News*.

For more information, see www.folkschool.org.

Georgia Poetry Society—DUES RENEWAL

313 Pan Will Road, Mineral Bluff, GA 30559/706-622-4454/ gps@georgiapoetrysociety.org

Please return this form with your dues payment, checks payable to 'Georgia Poetry Society.'

Check option chosen:

_____ **Regular** membership renewal through December 31, 2011. **\$30.00.**

_____ **Student or military** membership renewal through Dec. 31, 2011. **\$15.00.**

_____ **Family** membership (renewal through Dec. 31, 2011. **\$400.** The family members included in this membership are:

_____ **Life Member** or Other: Please explain.

_____ I want to support the activities of GPS. Enclosed is my **voluntary contribution** in the amount of \$ _____: GPS is a 501(c)(3) corporation and contributions are tax deductible.

Name: _____

Preferred Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: (Please print carefully and explain any letters, numbers, etc. that may cause confusion)

Telephone: _____

Name and Address of local paper: _____

The above information may be included in a member's-only Membership Brochure.

If you have any questions about the status of your membership or dues, please contact Robert King.

Thanks for being a member of GPS, and thanks for renewing your membership now.

For anyone who still needs to renew and might like to do so online, please note that (due to processing fees) the online dues renewals are priced slightly higher than the standard fees.

Individual \$31.25

Family \$41.50

Student \$15.75

Military \$15.75

Life \$515.00

Call for Submissions

The Reach of Song 2011

For the 2011 edition of *The Reach of Song*, Editor Sandy Hokanson will accept submissions beginning January 1, 2011, through Tuesday, February 16, 2011, from members in good standing of the Georgia Poetry Society. The Society encourages all current members to submit works for *The Reach of Song 2011*, although membership does not guarantee inclusion.

In addition to member poems, the collection will contain the winning poems of the 2010 youth and adult contests, as well as the recipients of The Awards for Excellence among member poems. The anthology will be available at the July 2011 quarterly GPS meeting.

Please submit **two poems** for consideration. Include two carefully typed copies of each work, one copy with your name and address. Entries

- (1) must be 40 lines or fewer,
- (2) must not have been previously published in *The Reach of Song*, and
- (3) must not have won a cash prize in any state-wide poetry competition.

Submissions may be on any subject and may follow any form. Two nonmember judges will rank the works. Those receiving highest marks will qualify for First-, Second-, and Third-Place Awards of Excellence. The poems receiving these awards will be published in *The Reach of Song 2011* and the award recipients will receive free copies of the anthology. No more than one poem per poet will be included in the Member Section. Each poet will receive a proof of the poem chosen for publication, with a request for a prompt response.

Submissions

To reduce typing, email submissions are encouraged and must be received by February 16, 2011. Send all online submissions to hokansonGA@comcast.net.

Entries sent by the U.S. postal service must be postmarked no later than February 16, 2011. Send them to

The Reach of Song, 2011
Sandy Hokanson, Editor
Georgia Poetry Society
640 Sweet Gum Forest Lane
Alpharetta, GA 30005
hokansonGA@comcast.net

Copies of 2010, 2009, 2008, 2006-07, 2003-04, and 2001-02 editions of *The Reach of Song*, as well as advance copies of 2011, may be ordered **by mail only** on the accompanying form (next page). Payment by check or money order made payable to Georgia Poetry Society must be included.

On the accompanying form as well, members may order prepaid copies of the 2011 anthology to donate to the library(ies) or school(s) of their choice. These copies will be mailed with a donation letter to the library the donor designates. (Please include **full** address). At last count, 12 copies of the 2010 edition were given to Georgia libraries by GPS members. Member questions may be posed by email or by telephone call to 678-242-0153.

GPS ORDER FORM

		QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
Advance copy	<i>The Reach of Song 2011</i>	_____ x	\$15.00 =	_____
	(Delivery at July quarterly meeting or by mail)			
	Copy for local library/school	_____ x	\$15.00 =	_____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2010</i>	_____ x	\$13.00 =	_____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2009</i>	_____ x	\$10.00 =	_____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2008</i>	_____ x	\$ 8.00 =	_____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2006-07</i>	_____ x	\$ 5.00 =	_____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2003-04</i>	_____ x	\$ 3.00 =	_____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2001-02</i>	_____ x	\$ 2.00 =	_____
	<i>More Than Atoms</i>	_____ x	\$ 6.00 =	_____
	Chapbook by Kandice A. Cook, 2010			
	<i>To 'Talk in That Book' of Nature</i>	_____ x	\$ 3.00 =	_____
	Chapbook by Lynn Veach Sadler, 2005			
TOTALS		_____		_____
				(Includes Shipping)

Complete information below, include check or money order (these constitute your receipt) made out to Georgia Poetry Society, and mail to:

Elizabeth Garcia, *The Reach of Song*

3292 Crossfield Lane

Duluth, GA 30096

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PICKED UP BOOKS AT JULY MEETING

Signature: _____

OBITUARY



We regret to inform all GPS members of death of one of our poetry enthusiasts. Dorothy Janis Williamson Worth passed peacefully on December 23, 2010. She was a long time member of Atlanta Writers Club, Southeastern Writers Association, and Georgia Poetry Society and served as president of each. Also, she was active in The Village Writers.

From age ten, she was a poet and winner of awards, nationally, internationally, and locally, including the 1996 Dickson award of the Georgia Poetry Society for her chapbook *Desert Places*. She was widely published, and she frequently taught at writers' conferences.

Her careers included reporter, legal secretary, and then teacher of languages, French, Spanish, and English. She retired from Georgia State University in 1997. She is survived by husband Gene Worth, son John Worth, his wife Concha, and grandsons Christopher and Henry Worth.

Memorial service was at Oak Grove United Methodist Church on Tuesday, December 28, 2010 at 11am with her family receiving guests at 10am.

DIRECTIONS TO KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Kennesaw State University, located at 1000 Chastain Road, is located in Cobb County, 20 minutes north of Atlanta on I-75 one exit north of Town Center Mall. Take the Chastain Road Exit (No. 271) and turn west across the interstate. Take the third street to your right, Kennesaw State University Drive, at the ball fields. Continue straight for about one tenth of a mile and park in the Welcome Center lot on the left. Our meeting will be in the nearby Student Center (Building 5 on the map provided - Insert). Follow the GPS signs from that point on.

