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NEXT MEETING:
October 29, 2011,
8:30 a.m.

LOCATION: Young
Harris, Goolsby
Center

IMPORTANT

**To ensure that you receive a lunch at the meeting, please reserve
beforehand (see page 4)**

Featured Poet: Nancy Simpson



At the October meeting of GPS, poet Nancy Simpson will present a workshop and read from her poetry. She will also be available to sign her books.

Nancy Simpson is the author of three poetry collections: *Across Water*, *Night Student* and most recently *Living Above the Frost Line*, *New and Selected Poems* (Carolina Wren Press, 2010). She also edited *Echoes Across the Blue Ridge* (anthology 2010). She holds an MFA from Warren Wilson College and a B.S. in Education from Western Carolina University. She received a N.C. Arts Fellowship and cofounded NC Writers Network West, a

nonprofit, professional writing organization serving writers from the mountains west of Asheville and the Georgia mountains. For more than 30 years, young writers have known her as "beloved teacher."

Simpson's poems have been published in *The Georgia Review*, *Southern Poetry Review*, *Seneca Review*, *New Virginia Review*, *Prairie Schooner* and others. Her poem, "Night Student," was reprinted in the anthology, *Word and Wisdom, 100 Years of N.C. Poetry*, and in *Literary Trails of N.C.* (2008). Seven of her poems are featured in *Southern Appalachian Poetry*, a textbook anthology published at McFarland Press. *The Southern Poetry Review* included one of her poems in their 50th Anniversary issue, *Don't Leave Hungry*. "Carolina Bluebirds" was included in *The Poets Guide to Birds* (Anhinga 2009), an anthology edited by Judith Kitchen and Ted Kooser.

Nancy lives in Hayesville, NC. Through 2010 she served as Resident Writer

at the John C. Campbell Folk School. Presently she teaches Poetry Writing at the Institute for Continued Learning at Young Harris College.

Featured Member: Janice Townley Moore



A native of Atlanta, Janice Townley Moore has lived in Hayesville, North Carolina, for many years. Her poems have appeared in such journals as *The Georgia Review*, *Prairie Schooner*, *Shenandoah*, *Connecticut Review*, *Southern Poetry Review*, *The Journal of the American Medical Association*, and numerous others.

Among the anthologies that include her poetry are *The Bedford Introduction to Literature*, *Echoes Across the Blue Ridge*, and *The Southern Poetry Anthology: Contemporary Appalachia*. In 2009 she won first place in poetry in the Press 53 Open Awards, an international contest. Last year she won first place in the Georgia Poetry Society competition.

Moore serves as the facilitator of a poetry critique group, meeting monthly at Tri-County Community College and sponsored by the North Carolina Writers' Network.

Directions to Young Harris College

The GPS meeting will be held in the lecture hall of the Goolsby Center (the first red brick building on the left as you enter the campus main entrance). The lecture hall is the first room on the left if you enter the building at the front (main lobby).

Parking is available on either the front of the building or the back. See the campus map on the next page.

From Atlanta:

Take I-75 North to exit 268. Follow I-575 N (Hwy 5/US 76/Hwy 515) through Jasper, Ellijay, Blue Ridge, and Blairsville to Young Harris. YHC will be on the right. (easiest way)

From I-85 North:

Take I-985/Hwy 365, left on Hwy 52 to US 129 North to Cleveland, Hwy 75 North through Helen, US 76 West through Hiawassee to Young Harris. YHC will be on the left.

From GA 400 N:

Continue to the end, go straight ahead on two-lane county road (Longbranch Rd.) and right on Hwy 52/115 to Cleveland, Hwy 75 North through Helen, US 76 West through Hiawassee to Young Harris. YHC will be on the left.

For more information about the Young Harris College campus, visit <http://www.yhc.edu>.

Young Harris College Campus Map



Program

(times and order of program segments subject to change)

8:30 – 9:30	Social Hour: Coffee and Donuts
9:30 – 9:45	Welcome and Announcements
9:45 – 10:15	Featured GPS member reading: Janice Townley Moore
10:15 – 10:30	Break
10:30 – 10:45	Book Raffle
10:45 - 11:15	Group open discussion
11:15 – 11:45	Member readings
11:45 – 12:45	Lunch in Dining Hall
12:45 - 2:15	Featured presenter: Nancy Simpson. A workshop (“Poetry Here and Now”)
2:15 – 2:25	Break
2:25 – 2:55	Member readings
2:55 – 3:00	Final Announcements
3:00	Board Meeting

Contest Deadlines

Reminder: contest deadlines are approaching (October 31). Please visit the GPS website (www.georgiapoetrysociety.org) for submission guidelines.

Consider Bringing a Guest to This Meeting

If you will bring a guest with you for the October 29 gathering of poets, that person will love the program but will also learn much about GPS, and perhaps join us. This is a special opportunity to expand our ranks. Membership information will be available at the welcome table as people arrive.

Lunch

Lunch will be served in the dining hall, buffet-style. Some lunches may be reserved at the meeting (\$8.75 per person) but are subject to availability. The best option is to reserve ahead of time by sending your check and form to our Treasurer, Elsie Austin. Use the form on the next page.

Lunch Reservation Form

for GPS Quarterly meeting, October 29, 2011
Young Harris College, Young Harris, GA



Menu:

For this meeting it's a package deal at a very low price. Price includes morning coffee, juice, and pastries in the lobby near our meeting room, plus buffet lunch in the Young Harris Cafeteria (meats, vegetables, salads, etc.)

\$8.75 per person. Make *checks payable to Georgia Poetry Society*. Mail order form and check to our Treasurer:

Elsie M. Austin, 7021 Mellwood Road, Columbus, GA 31904

Please list all names for the reservation:

Contact:

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Reservation form must be received before the meeting to ensure reservation. Limited numbers of lunches may be purchased at the meeting.

Member News

Roseanna Almaee of Albany won a place in the *Writer's Digest* national writing competition with her non-rhyming poem entry "Absence."

Emery Campbell received the following awards for his poems submitted to the Ohio Poetry Days 2011 contest series: second prize in category 10 Political Poems, and honorable mentions in categories 4 Creme de la Creme and 14 Literary Personas. Emery also writes:

My gripping tale of faithless friendship and murderous Olympian retribution titled "As the World Turns Over in Its Grave" appeared in the September 2011 edition of *Purple Pros*, the newsletter of the Southeastern Writers Association.

My poem "Declaration of the Forswearing of Ophidian Decortication" garnered for me the title of 2011 Senior Poet Laureate of Georgia in the annual contest sponsored by the Angels Without Wings Foundation for American poets age fifty and older. (I am only forty-nine, but they don't know that). By virtue of this award I remain in the running for the title of 2011 National Senior Poet Laureate which will be selected later this year from among the winners of the state awards. I also served as judge for the foundation contest entries from California, Florida, and Utah.

Copies of the award-winning writings can be obtained without charge (!) by addressing a pleading email to the author at elcampbell08@comcast.net.

Karen Paul Holmes reports an exciting two months of poetry acceptances: "Reunion," for *Referential Magazine*, "Flowers for You, Japan," for the *Pirene's Fountain* Japan anthology, "Too Much Stuff" for *Main Street Rag*, "Sea Turtle Cycles" for *Avocet, A Journal of Nature Poems* and "1961" for *Caesura*. Her poem, "Drawn Into Circles," appears in the new *Poetry Hickory Anthology*. She read at the Decatur Book Festival in Metro Atlanta (the largest independent book festival in the nation) on September 3 and was invited to give a poetry lecture and reading at the Campbell-Stone community in Atlanta in mid September. Her poem, "Are Tattoos the New Birthday Suit" (upcoming in the Future Cycle anthology) is now posted on <http://www.futurecycle.org/FutureCyclePoetry/HolmesTattoos.aspx>

Robert S. King and **Robert W. Kimsey** conducted a GPS Roadshow in September at the Blue Ridge Arts Alliance. Both Roberts read from their poetry and gave a workshop on publishing.

Robert W. Kimsey has a new poetry book, *Air Swimmer*, out from FutureCycle Press. For more information, visit <http://www.futurecycle.org/FutureCyclePoetry/AirSwimmer.aspx>.

Robert S. King had poems recently accepted by *Front Porch Review*, *Quantum Poetry Review*, *Sanctuary: The Massachusetts Audubon Magazine*, and *Stone Highway Review*.

Contests and Publishing Opportunities

Brick Road Poetry Press annual book competition opens August 1, 2011. Prize is \$1000 plus publication. Guidelines are available at <http://www.brickroadpoetrypress.com/poetry-book-contest.html>

FutureCycle Press seeks poems on social and political themes for a special anthology, *American Society: What Poets See*. Editors Robert S. King and David Chorlton. Submission guidelines are available at <http://www.futurecycle.org/FutureCyclePoetry/SocialAnthology.aspx>.

GPS Road Shows and Events

Road Shows:

Lynda Holmes and the Northeast Georgia Writers Club (Gainesville) are in the process of planning a Road Show event for Wednesday, February 1st, 2012. Watch for details later.

Anne Gillespie and **Tonette Long** in the planning process for a Road Show in the Dahlonega area.

Events:

The Albany Writer's Guild meets at 7:00 p.m. the last Tuesday of every month, and all are welcome to come. Please contact Roseanna at 229-888-0838 for location.

The Third Annual **Johns Creek Poetry Festival**, hosted by Bob Lynn, will be held on November 12, 2011. Please visit the following link for more information: <http://www.georgiapoetrysociety.org/downloads/JohnsCreekFestival.pdf>.



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NEW or RENEWAL MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Georgia Poetry Society dues are \$30 per calendar year for individual members and \$40 for families. Discounted memberships (\$15) are offered to students and active-duty military. Anyone joining after October 1 in any year will be credited as members for the following calendar year without owing any additional dues. A lifetime membership is \$500. To join, complete this form, enclose your check in the proper amount, and mail to: Georgia Poetry Society, 313 Pan Will Road, Mineral Bluff GA 30559. If you prefer, you can submit this form online at the [GPS website](#) and pay by credit card.

NOTE: *The information you provide below may be included in a membership directory circulated to all members of the Georgia Poetry Society. Do not include any information you do not want included in the directory. Please PRINT clearly.*

Name:	Street Address or P.O. Box:
City, State, ZIP:	Home Phone:
Office or Cell Phone:	Email (print very carefully):
Occupation:	Hometown newspaper (to be used for press releases):
Type of Membership (check one): • Individual (\$30) • Family (\$40) • Life \$500 • Student (\$15) • Military (\$15)	How did you hear about the Georgia Poetry Society?
If applying for family membership, list other family members who will be included in this membership (limited to parents and dependent children residing in the same household):	If you are joining as a student, please complete the following information: Your age: Your grade: Name of your school:
Please list any publications in which your poetry has appeared, any prizes you have won, or other significant activities as a poet:	Can you volunteer to help GPS? Check all that apply: • Publications • Events • Membership Drives • Other (specify special interests, skills, time available, etc.):

