

Georgia Poetry Society

Natasha Trethewey - Special Speaker

U.S. Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Prize winning poet is our special guest speaker.



Natasha Trethewey is the 19th United States Poet Laureate (2012-2013). In his citation, Librarian of Congress James Billington wrote "Her poems dig beneath the surface of history—personal or communal, from childhood or from a century ago—to explore the human struggles that we all face." She is the author of *Thrall* (2012), *Native Guard* (Houghton Mifflin), for which she won the 2007 Pulitzer Prize, *Bellocq's Ophelia* (Graywolf, 2002), which was named a Notable Book for 2003 by the American Library Association, and *Domestic Work* (Graywolf, 2000). She is also the author of *Beyond Katrina: A Meditation on the Mississippi Gulf Coast* (University of

Georgia Press). A memoir is forthcoming in 2013.

Her first collection of poetry, *Domestic Work* (2000), was selected by Rita Dove as the winner of the inaugural Cave Canem Poetry Prize for the best first book by an African American poet and won both the 2001 Mississippi Institute of Arts and Letters Book Prize and the 2001 Lillian Smith Award for Poetry.

Trethewey is the recipient of fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Rockefeller Foundation Bellagio Study Center, the National Endowment for the Arts, and the Bunting Fellowship Program of the Radcliffe Institute for Advanced Study at Harvard. Her poems have appeared in such journals and anthologies as *American Poetry Review*, *Callaloo*, *Kenyon Review*, *The Southern Review*, *New England Review*, *Gettysburg Review*, and several volumes of *The Best American Poetry*. At Emory University she is Robert W. Woodruff Professor of English and Creative Writing. In addition to being United States Poet Laureate, she is the State Poet Laureate of Mississippi, from 2012-2016.

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Gregory Fraser & Chad Davidson - Morning Workshop



Gregory Fraser and Chad Davidson, UWG Professors of literature and creative writing, will be conducting a morning workshop entitled, “**The Dangerous Because: Avoiding the Trap of Logical Conclusions in Poetry**”.

Gregory Fraser is the author of three poetry collections, *Strange Pietà*, *Answering the Ruins*, and *Designed for Flight*. His poetry has appeared in journals including *The Paris Review*, *The Southern Review*, and *The Gettysburg Review*, and he is the recipient of a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts.

Chad Davidson is the author of *Consolation Miracle*, *The Last Predicta*, and *From the Fire Hills*. His poems have been published in *Ploughshares*, *Virginia Quarterly Review*, and *AGNI*, among many others, and he is also a translator of contemporary Italian poetry and prose.

Davidson and Fraser have also coauthored two textbooks: *Analyze Anything: A Guide to Critical Reading and Writing* (Continuum, 2009) and *Writing Poetry: Creative and Critical Approaches* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2009). They are both professors of literature and creative writing at the University of West Georgia near Atlanta.



DON'T MISS THIS OPPORTUNITY!!!

Bring a friend, reserve a lunch, reserve a motel room and **COME TO CARROLLTON!!!**

APRIL 20TH Quarterly Meeting Schedule

- 8:30-9:00 Coffee and mingling
- 9:00-9:15 Presidents Welcome and announcements
- 9:15-9:45 Joint GA/AL Contest Winners read, prizes awarded
- 9:45-10:15 Youth Contest Winners read, certificates awarded
- 10:15-10:30 Break
- 10:30-10:45 Open Mic
- 10:45-11:45 Workshop- “The Dangerous Because: Avoiding the Trap of Logical Conclusions in Poetry”
- 11:45-1:00 Lunch
- 1:00-2:00 Special Guest Speaker – U.S. Poet Laureate Natasha Trethewey
- 2:00-2:15 Break
- 2:15-2:30 Open Mic
- 2:30-2:45 Raffle
- 2:45-3:00 Closing Comments
- 3:00 Board Meeting

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April 20th Lunch Reservation

Menu: Teriaki Chicken, Vegetable Lasagna, Sweet Potatoes, Spinach Salad, Whole Baby Carrots, Broccoli Au Gratin, Chocolate Layer Cake, Apple Pie, Coffee, Tea, Water.

Cost: \$15.00 per person (The GPS is subsidizing \$.95 per person for lunch and providing a light breakfast for early attendees.) _____ Total number of lunches reserved. List all names for the reservation:

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Make your check out to: Georgia Poetry Society and mail **no later than April 10th** to:

Roseanna Almae, Treasurer
P. O Box 72174
Albany, GA 31708

DIRECTIONS AND MAP

To the University of West Georgia, 1601 Maple St., Carrollton, Georgia 30118 Enter the West Entrance, Building Z-6 is the first large building on your left. We meet on the lower level.

From Atlanta

Travel I-20 West to Villa Rica/UWG Exit 24 and turn left (west) onto Hwy. 61. Travel about 12 miles to Hwy. 166 (Carrollton South Bypass) and turn left onto the 166 Bypass where Grace Lutheran Church will be on the right. (Other landmarks to watch for before you reach the light at Hwy. 166 include Richard Haney Ford and Ryan's Steakhouse on the right and McDonald's, Zaxby's and Longhorn Steak House on the left.) On the 166 Bypass, travel to the 6th traffic light. A CVS will be on the corner. At that light, turn right onto Maple Street (also Hwy. 166). WUG will be on the left about 6/10 of a mile along Maple Street.

From Birmingham

Travel I-20 East to Bremen/UWG Exit 11 (Old exit 3), turn right (South) and follow Hwy. 27 South into Carrollton, turn right onto Maple Street (Hwy. 166) . UWG will be on the right approximately 2 miles.

From Rome

Travel Hwy. 27 South into Carrollton, turn right onto Maple Street (Hwy. 166) . UWG will be on the right approximately 2 miles.

From Columbus

Travel I-185 North to Newnan, take Hwy. Alt. 27 North to Carrollton. Turn left (south) onto By-Pass 166. At the 4th traffic light, turn right onto Maple Street (Hwy. 166) and UWG will be on the left approximately 6/10 of a mile.



Important Dates and Upcoming Events

March 15th - Deadline for National Federation of State Poetry Societies Contest.

April 4th - Deadline for reserving a **motel room** for the Carrollton meeting. See below for details.

April 10th - Deadline for reserving a **lunch** at the Carrollton meeting. See page 3 for details and reservation form.

April 20th - The Georgia Poetry Society will host the Alabama State Poetry Society at our Quarterly Meeting, held in Carrollton GA at West Georgia State University in the lower level of the Food Service Building (Z-6), 1601 Maple Street, Carrollton, GA 30117. Enter the campus in the West Entrance and it is the large building on your left.

Joint Georgia/Alabama Poetry Contest Winners will be announced as well.

A Round Robin will be held Friday night hosted by Alabama Poetry Society President, Barry Marks at the Hampton Inn, 28 Price Creek Rd., Breman, GA 30110

A block of hotel rooms has been reserved at the Hampton Inn in Breman, GA at a group rate of \$79.00 plus tax for Friday night April 19, which is about a 15 minute drive from the university. You must make your reservation by **Thursday, April 4th**, and you must say "**Georgia Poetry Society**" to get the group rate. Call: 1.770.537.9001.

June 1 - Deadline for Pre-Orders of ROS 2013. Order Form on page 11.

June 13-18 - National Federation of State Poetry Societies Convention in Albuquerque, New Mexico. Dale and Sandy Hokanson are attending, so come join in the profusion of poetry! Go to www.NMpoetry.com for details.

July 20th - Mercer University, Atlanta, will be the location of our Summer Quarterly Meeting. *The Reach of Song* 2013 will be unveiled, so stay tuned for more info.

Georgia Poetry Society 2012 Fall Contest Award Winners

Award Presentations January 19, 2012 Kennesaw State University

Sandy Hokanson, President Lou Jones, Contest Chairperson

Total entries: 359

Langston Hughes

First Place	John Ottley, Jr.	The Cruellest Thing You Can do to a Lizard
Second Place	Robert L. Lynn	Downzin' ...Blues
Third Place	Terry Hensel	Life Without Him
Honorable Mention	Norma Duncan	Night in Harlem

Judge: John Bush
36 entries

Founders

First Place	Barry Darugar	One Thousand One
Second Place	Sandy Hokanson	Hawkeye's Rules of Survival
Third Place	Ann Gillespie	My Mother Sits in the Doctor's Waiting Room
Honorable Mention	Elizabeth Howells	How to Relax While Getting a Brain Scan in the MRI
Honorable Mention	DuAnne Kaiser	Poetry Matters

Judge: Dana Wildsmith
78 entries

Byron Herbert Reece

First Place	Jerri Hardesty	Eyes That See
Second Place	Steven Shields	A Monody for Brautigan, "1891-1944"
Third Place	Sandy Hokanson	Aria for Judy
Honorable Mention	Karen Burnette Garner	Lowcountry Nightfall on the Tidal Creek
Honorable Mention	John Ottley, Jr.	The Bad Color Purple

Judge: Lynn Alexander
69 entries

(2012 Fall Contest Award Winners Cont.)

Mnemosyne

First Place	Elizabeth Howells	The Address Book
Second Place	Sandy Hokanson	I Think We've Finally Turned the Corner
Third Place	Larry Hand	An Ode on a Sunset Porch
Honorable Mention	Larry Hand	Goodbye, Sandra Dee
Honorable Mention	Terry Hensel	With Respect to the Lighthouse on Widow's Point
Honorable Mention	James Green	Long Journey Home

Judge: Ginger Murchison
69 entries

Edgar Bowers

First Place	Charles Hughes	A Day of Earth and Air
Second Place	Terry Hensel	Un-tethered Pumpkin
Third Place	Linda K. Moore	Another Season
Honorable Mention	Charles Hughes	December Evening Walk

Judge: Nick Norwood
30 entries

Educators

First Place	Ron Self	Breastplate Used For Horses
Second Place	Jill Jennings	Her Earrings
Third Place	DuAnne Kaiser	Fishing the Shallows
Honorable Mention	Charles Cook	A Crow and a Cow

Judge: Tammy Brewer
44 entries

Anderson Social Poetry Prize

Winner	Ron Self	Not About
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Judge: Alice Friman
33 entries

Honoring Past Presidents of the GPS



Left to Right:

BACK ROW

Ron Self, John Ottley, Jr

FRONT ROW

Emily Blake Vail, Ethelene Dyer Jones
Rosemary Mauldin, Sandy Hokanson

At our January 19th meeting in Kennesaw, we highlighted past presidents and presented those still living with a Gift Certificate to Barnes and Noble bookstore. Here is the summary that was read.

1979-1981 Edward Davin Vickers, a Charter Member, deceased in 1991.

1981-1983 Dr. Bettie M. Sellers, a Charter Member, lives in Young Harris, GA but is not well.

1983-1985 Dorothy Williamson Worth, deceased.

1985-1987 Dr. E. Jerome Zeller, also a Charter Member, deceased.

1987-1988 Calvin Atwood, deceased.

1988-1990 Dr. Frank McKemie, deceased.

1990-1992 Ethelene Dyer Jones, a Charter Member, was an English teacher and library/media specialist. During her term, Poetry In The Schools was started. She led the campaign to host the National Federation of State Poetry Societies annual meeting, which came to fruition several years later. She is a charter member of the Byron Herbert Reece Society which has secured the poet's farm and turned it into a tourist venue. She won 1st place for the Evelyn Cole Peters Award from the Daughters of the American Revolution for her poem, *Stitches of Appalachian Heritage*. Her books include: *The Singing in the Wood*, *Mother and Child Reunion*, *Through Sunlight and Shadow*, and *Meditations of the Moment*.

1992-1993 Georgia T. Henry-Pearson didn't respond to our letter so we have no further information.

1993-1995 B.I. Garland, deceased as of 2003.

1995-1997 Margery V. Carlson, deceased.

1997-1999 Emily Blake Vail was a college instructor, poet/writer and choir member. It was during her term that GPS began planning to host the National Federation Poetry Convention. She and Marge

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Carlson had done much of the planning for the event, when Marge died suddenly, and John Ottley had to take over. Besides poetry, she has written mysteries for all ages. She has won numerous prizes including the Virginia Poetry Society, the Chicago Poetry Society sonnet Contest, and a National League of American Pen Women first prize at both the local and state levels. Her two books of poetry are *Poems...This Fragile Earth* and *Poems From Time Past*.

1999-2001 Herbert W. Denmark, was in the Army, stationed at Ft. Gillam and worked for the army after retirement running a military electronics warehouse. It was during his term that the National Federation meeting actually took place in June. A web site was started by Emery Campbell, a film was made of one of the quarterly meetings held at the Atlanta Women's Club and shown on a cable channel and the membership reached 200 for the first time. He has published several chapbooks and one hardback, *In Metaphysical Splendor*. Herbert was unable to be with us today but is an active member.

2001-2003 John K. Ottley, Jr. had dual careers in association management and the Army Reserve and had just sold Midwest Poetry Review when he became President. He worked to make meetings more geographically convenient to members living outside of Atlanta and reached out to professors to sponsor the meetings to save meeting room fees. He has self-published two books, and a third was published by Main Street Rag Press. He is currently branching out into historical prose. He reads two newspapers every day as well as books about history and biography.

2003-2004 Rosemary Mauldin is a Registered Nurse and case manager. During her Presidency, she worked to personally contact former members to encourage them to renew their membership. She encouraged meeting in more colleges, promoted Poetry in the Schools including volunteering with Easter Seals Headstart program. She has been published in the poetry Guilds book *A Celebration of Poets*, showcase edition and the *International Poets Society's Anthology* for two years.

2004-2006 Dr. Steven Shields has had careers as a radio announcer, a professor of Communication at the University of Wisconsin and is now an adjunct instructor in Communication and Media Studies in Gainesville at the University of North Georgia. During his presidency, poetry contests were consolidated from monthly to annual competitions and many contests were renamed. The anthology was rescued from extinction and reinvented using outside judges to select the member poems. Steven has published two books of poetry, *Daimonion Sonata* and *Valentines for Many People* and won the Helen Schaible national sonnet competition, in 2007.

2007-2009 Ron W. Self is an attorney and instructor in the College of Business at Columbus State University. He was one of three 2011 Under 100 winners, is a 2-time Founders Award winner and has won 3 first places in the National Federation of Poetry Societies contests. During his term, the beginning and end of Presidential terms were moved from July to January, so he served two and a half years instead of two. One highlight was a joint meeting with North Carolina Poetry Society, held at the home of Carl Sandburg. And another was a meeting at the Coca Cola Space Science Center in Columbus, GA with horse and carriage rides to his house for lunch.

2009-2010 Keith Badowski lives in Phenix City, AL and is Assistant to the Pastor at Epworth United

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Methodist Church and Editor and Co-Founder of Brick Road Poetry Press. Their motto is, "For poetry that will entertain, amuse and edify (not drain, confuse, and mystify.)" Keith is known for bringing his antique typewriter to meetings and writing poems for people on the spot for a donation to GPS. He has a Chapbook called *My Wife Warned Me and I Did It Anyway*. Keith was unable to be with us today.

2011 Robert S. King was a retired Software Engineer and Publisher, and has recently stepped down as Director of FutureCycle Press to devote all his time to his own writing. Robert set up regional committees to conduct activities in their areas, and revamped the GPS website into a Content Management System. He has been the featured poet in several magazines and has been nominated for both the Pushcart Prize and Best of Net Award. He has five collections of poetry: *When Stars Fall Down as Snow*, *Dream of the Electric Eel*, *The Traveler's Tale*, *The Gravedigger's Roots*, *The Hunted River* and *One Man's Profit* coming this February. Due to illness, Robert was unable to complete his term.

2011 Steven Shields was interim president following Robert S. King's resignation, serving from October through January when our current president, Sandy Hokanson, was installed.

Member News

Robert Lynn's poem, *Drought on Lake Lanier* was selected for County Line Magazine's April Poetry Month.

Dr. Lynn Farmer - Featured poet at the Johns Creek Poets Group on March 23 at the Spruill Oaks Library in Johns Creek.

Robert S. King - announces that his sixth poetry collection, *One Man's Profit*, has been released by [Sweatshoppe Publications](#). for \$11.99. You can order from the publisher's website or directly from Amazon at the following link: <http://tinyurl.com/an4upfw> He will also have copies at several readings in the Southeast starting in early March. See the author's page on the Sweatshoppe website for the reading schedule.

Laurence Holden - just published: [*Ten Poems and Eleven Paintings*](#), especially designed for iPads. A multi-media interactive book of poems, paintings, video, and spoken poetry. Available online for download at [iTunes Bookstore](#). Price: \$4.99.

Thanks to retiring Board members: Robert Simon, Keith Badowski, & George Williams, to Dale Hokanson for filling in as Treasurer last year and for Lou Jones who has been Fall Contest Chairman for 4 years. **Thanks** also to Clela Reed for agreeing to take over as Fall Contest Chairman and to Karen Pickell for accepting the position of Assistant Editor of the ROS.

Ron Self, Hilde Holmes, John Ottley, Jr. and Bob Lynn read poetry at a January 26 Georgia Poetry Society Road Show at the Spring Harbor Senior Center at Green Island in Columbus. Each poet read a classic poem plus several of their own poems. Ron and Hilde will host a Poetry Club there in future.

The Deadline for Pre-Orders is June 1st

GEORGIA POETRY SOCIETY ORDER FORM

		QTY	PRICE	TOTAL
ANTHOLOGIES	<i>NEW The Reach of Song 2013</i> Available for pickup in July	_____ x	\$ 15.00 =	_____
	Copy for local library/school	_____ x	\$ 15.00 =	_____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2012</i>	_____ x	\$ 13.00 =	_____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2011</i>	_____ x	\$ 10.00 =	_____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2010</i>	_____ x	\$ 8.00 =	_____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2009</i>	_____ x	\$ 5.00 =	_____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2008</i>	_____ x	\$ 3.00 =	_____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2006-07</i>	_____ x	\$ 2.00 =	_____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2001-02</i>	_____ x	\$ 1.00 =	_____
CHAPBOOKS	<i>NEW Under a Hundred Winner</i> Ron Self; Francis Alix; Mildred Greear	_____ x	\$ 9.95 =	_____
	<i>NEW The Rare, Persistent Light</i> Chapbook by Lynn Farmer	_____ x	\$ 6.00 =	_____
	<i>More Than Atoms</i> Chapbook by Kandice Cook, 2010	_____ x	\$ 4.00 =	_____
	<i>String Theory</i> Chapbook by Alice Teeter, 2007	_____ x	\$ 2.00 =	_____
	TOTALS	_____	_____	_____

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Duluth, Georgia 30096

Orders will be filled in August