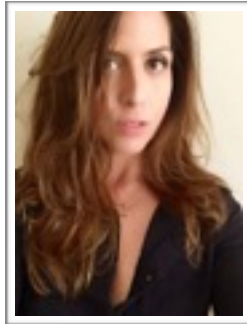


Georgia Poetry Society

April 28th Meeting at Athens-Clarke Co. Library, Athens

Jenny Sadre-Orafai is the author of five chapbooks, *Paper, Cotton, Leather, and Malak*. Her poetry has appeared in *Cream City Review*, *Ninth Letter*, *The Cortland Review*, *Hotel Amerika*, and other journals. Her prose has appeared in *Los Angeles Review*, *Fourteen Hills*, *The Collagist*, and other journals. She is co-founding editor of *Josephine Quarterly* and an Associate Professor of English at Kennesaw State University.



Sarah Gordon is the author of *Flannery O'Connor: The Obedient Imagination* (UGA Press 2000) and *A Literary Guide to Flannery O'Connor's Georgia* (UGA Press 2008). Her prize-winning poetry has been published widely, most recently in *Sewanee Review*, *The Georgia Review*, *Arts & Letters*, *Southern Poetry Review*, *Shenandoah*, and *Christianity and Literature*, and is forthcoming in *Miramar*, *Shenandoah*, *The Asheville Poetry Review*, and *Carolina Quarterly*. She lives in Athens, Georgia.



Nathan Jerpe is a recovering software engineer with a background in electromagnetics. He maintains Roguelikefiction, a small press that explores the intersection of experimental texts & video games. He currently resides in Atlanta, GA, where he is working on a series of comic plays informed by Romantic poetry. His work has appeared in *GameSetWatch*, *Brass Lantern*, & *Eyedrum Periodically*.



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**GPS Spring 2018 Meeting Schedule
Athens-Clarke Co. Library, Athens**

9:15 - 9:45 Coffee, meet and greet

9:45 President's welcome and announcements

10:05 Open mic

10:20 -10:45 Sarah Gordon reading

10:45 - 11:05 Chapbook and Youth Contests winner announcements with readings

11:05-11:20 Break

11:20—12:30 Nathan Jerpe presentation and writing exercise

Nathan Jerpe will present his method of applying ideas from the Oulipo movement to verse. The Oulipo movement originated in mid-20th c France. Its practitioners considered the use of constraints & mathematical methods for triggering literary ideas. Some of the most famous examples include Queneau's *Exercises in Style* (1947, trans. 1958), which retells the same scene in 99 different ways, & a novel by George Perec entitled *A Void* (1969, trans. 1995). Meter & rhythm can be treated mathematically, while rhyme imposes constraints on vocabulary & form. Further restrictions on vocabulary because of setting (for instance, a narrator trying to describe 20th c artifacts using only 19th c words) can be another useful constraint.

Lunch

1:15 - 2:15 Jenny Sadre-Orafai presentation: Erasure Poems: "Finding Poems in the White Space"

2:15 Break

2:25 - 2:45 Open mic

Board meeting

GPS Volunteer Positions

There are still 3 Committee Chair positions open for 2018. Any members who may be interested in volunteering for these positions should contact Trish Percival at tmpercival16@outlook.com to discuss the work involved.

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Lunch Details

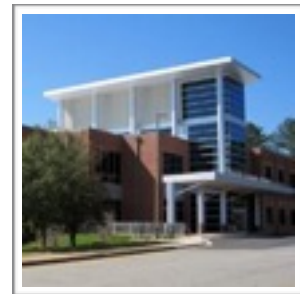
Lunch will be provided by Jason's Deli. Cost for lunch is \$10, and can be paid at the meeting. Please RSVP to Lyn Hopper by April 25 by emailing her at gpstreas@gmail.com.

Directions to Athens-Clarke County Library 2025 Baxter St Athens, GA 30606

From Atlanta:

For those not using GPS, directions to the library are below:

- Take I-85 North to Exit 106 (GA-316 E to Lawrenceville Athens).
- Follow GA-316 (it will become US-78) for 43 miles
- After US-78 curves to the right (joining Business 78 / Broad Street), turn RIGHT on Alps road.
- Turn LEFT on Baxter Street after the Kroger
- The Athens-Clarke County Library will be on the right



Member News

Paul Samuels presented at the 2nd Annual Allatoona Book Festival in October 2017. He also recently received a FIVE STAR review from Realistic Poetry International for his children's book *Suppose*: "Paul Samuels' bright and spirited children's book, *Suppose*, warms our hearts with a cheerful and upbeat rhythm and knows just how to make a child smile through positive words and insightful messages that help the youth understand, appreciate and value themselves and others, physically and internally."

Member News (cont'd)

Karen Paul Holmes and **Amy Pence** recently unveiled their new books *No Such Thing as Distance* and *[IT] Incandescence* at AWP, and will be reading from them at the Decatur Public Library on **April 23, 7:15pm**.

Kimberly McAfee has written a chapbook titled, *No Love Truer: A Chapbook of Christian Poetry* on Channillo.com, a serialized literature subscription website. Visit the website [here](#) to read or subscribe.

Amy Pence will debut her hybrid book, *[It] Incandescent* (centered around Emily Dickinson) at Callanwolde April 12, at the Georgia Center for the Book, April 23, and at the Alabama Books Festival (the weekend of April 21 in Montgomery). She will also host a free workshop on Dickinson & Whitman at the Dunwoody campus of Perimeter College at 11:30 on April 12. Her book is available from her website: www.amypence.com, under "new release."

Lyn Hopper has written a haiku every day since August 2016, and you can sign up to receive her daily offering. Her friend Duanne Kaiser says, "I can fold Lyn Hopper's Daily Haiku into a tiny recess of my busy mind, carry it with me through the day. It becomes the clear breath that takes me deep into each present moment." If you would like to be on Lyn's daily e-mail list, please click [here](#) and enter your information.

Poetry News

Callanwolde Poetry will be featuring Amy Pence and Michael Murphy Burke, **April 12**, 7:30-8:30pm.

Writers' Night Out, Blairsville GA. **April 13-14**. Reading by Mike James on Friday night, then workshop on Saturday at Glenda Beall's studio. Contact Glenda Beall for information about this class or visit www.glendacouncilbeall.com and click on the Schedule for the Studio.

Johns Creek Poetry Group: Will celebrate National Poetry Month at their normal meeting, **Saturday, April 7** with additional critiques –we have time for 3 to be exact – and the ever popular "poetry prompt". Please let us know at johnscreekpoets@gmail.com if you would like to participate in the critique and bring 10 copies of your poem. On **Friday April 13**, JCPG will continue our celebration with a fieldtrip outside of Johns Creek with adult beverages instead of books surrounding us! We will meet at 5:45 for drinks and appetizers at 5 Seasons Brewing in The Prado shopping center at 5600 Roswell Road in Sandy Springs. Then we will journey across the street to Phoenix and Dragon's Poetry Open Mic Night at 7:00 p.m. Feel free to bring any Friday the 13th items or poems if you have them. Please RSVP to Kathy Ellis if you plan to meet us at 5 Seasons at kulturekathy@gmail.com so she can reserve tables. The **May 5** meeting will feature Michael Burke, reading and workshop.

Poetry News (cont'd)

NCWN Spring Conference, "Learn the Book Biz."

Saturday April 21 at UNC Greensboro. Brandon Huffman, the founding attorney at Odin Law and Media, will lead the session "Basic Law for Writers." "How to Start Submitting" will be led by Anne Anthony, co-editor of an anthology of flash fiction intended for readers with memory impairments, *The Collection: Flash Fiction for Flash Memory* (March, 2018). Register online [here](#) by April 15.

Poets Read is a new poetry series at the Cobb County Public Library in Marietta on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, 6:30pm. **April 10:** Lynn Pedersen, Christine Swint and Maggie Blake Bailey **May 8:** Danielle Hanson, Karen Paul Holmes and Christopher Martin. **June 12:** Bonnie Barclay, Amy Pence and Justin Patton.

Quills & Curls Poetry Workshop, April 21, 2-4pm, Stone Mountain—Sue Kellogg Library. Ninel Nekay, Nikki Gray, Marcus G. Taylor and Dyonna Washington, local Atlanta poets, will be answering Q&A, giving advice and performing. We will also be having an on-the-spot workshop in conjunction with National Poetry Writing Month!

Cecilia Woloch Writing Retreat/ Workshops

Paris, June 18-22:

Cross-genre workshop in poetry and short-form prose — prose poetry, flash fiction and hybrid forms — focusing on generative exercises as well as on crafting longer works. The group is limited to 10 writers, and will meet in the late afternoons in the lovely, sunny upstairs room of a cafe in the 3rd arrondissement, a vibrant neighborhood contiguous to the Marais and the Place de la Republique. Participants will make their own travel and lodging arrangements, allowing me to keep the fee for the 5-day workshop to \$795. Along with workshop meetings, there will be opportunities to interact with the Paris writing community, attend readings and cultural events, and to participate in at least one of Paris's regular open mic nights. There will also be a performance from Tsigan while we're there.

Future Newsletters

To include content in upcoming newsletters please contact:

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2018 Youth Contest Winners

The Georgia Poetry Society is proud to announce the winners of its 2018 Youth Contests. The poems in each category will be published in our annual anthology, The Reach of Song. Advance copies can be reserved by using the form found in this newsletter. All the honored young poets are invited to read their work at the GPS's Spring quarterly meeting in Athens, on April 28, 2018, and the public is welcome to come hear them. Details and directions to the meeting can also be found in this newsletter.

Margery Carlson 1-5

1st Place- \$30: "My Week at School," Madison Lassiter, Graves Elementary, grade 3
2nd Place- \$20: "School Rules," Summer Sexton, H.A. Jones Elementary, grade 3
3rd Place- \$10: "Cake Baking," Cadence King, Graves Elementary, grade 2
HM: "The Snow Poem," Levy Shekinah Fernando, Graves Elementary, grade 1
HM: "Strawberry Ice Cream," Taylor Harris, New Mt. Hill Elementary, grade 1
HM: "The Cat Fight," Alyssa Money, New Mt. Hill Elementary, grade 3

Marel Brown 6-8

1st Place - \$50: "Sophrosyne," Michelle Xuanquynh Ho, Taylor Rd MS, grade 8
2nd Place - \$40: "Insanity Bridge," Erin Suh, Taylor Rd MS, grade 8
3rd Place - \$30: "A Love Like Broken Glass," Aubree Hanks, Washington MS, grade 8
HM: "Hunting for Quail," Will Walden, Washington MS, grade 8
HM: "The Frozen Forest," Polly Rackley, Clarke Middle, grade 7

Marel Brown 9-12

1st Place - \$70: "Bright," Jackson Newbern, Carrollton HS, grade 12
2nd Place - \$60: "The Fall," Willow Huett, Carrollton HS, grade 9
3rd Place - \$50: "Vincent's Sunflowers," Kaitlyn Rutledge, George Walton Academy, grade 12

GEORGIA POETRY SOCIETY ORDER FORM			
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	Copy for local library/school	_____ x	\$ 15.00 = _____
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	<i>The Reach of Song 2015</i>	_____ x	\$ 10.00 = _____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2014</i>	_____ x	\$ 7.00 = _____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2013</i>	_____ x	\$ 5.00 = _____
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	<i>The Reach of Song 2011</i>	_____ x	\$ 2.00 = _____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2010</i>	_____ x	\$ 2.00 = _____
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	<i>South of the Ordinary (2014)</i> by Sandy Hokanson	_____ x	\$ 5.00 = _____
	<i>The Rare, Persistent Light (2012)</i> by Lynn Farmer	_____ x	\$ 5.00 = _____
	<i>Under a Hundred (2011)</i> Ron Self; Francis Alix; Mildred Greear	_____ x	\$ 3.00 = _____
	<i>More Than Atoms (2010)</i> by Kandice Cook	_____ x	\$ 2.00 = _____
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Orders will be filled in August			