

# NCPS Membership Form

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 City \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

### Membership Type (check one):

Regular (Annual Dues \$25) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student (Annual Dues \$10) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Lifetime (\$400) \_\_\_\_\_

Please include a check for the appropriate membership, made out to NCPS, along with this form and a biographical sketch of about 35 words for our newsletter.

**Is this a New Membership?**(please circle): YES or NO

Each new member may choose to **receive a free critique of three poems**. If you wish the critique, **please send three copies of each poem and two SASEs** along with this form.

### Want to Volunteer?

Please let us know if you would like to serve on a committee by specifying one of the following:

- Workshops
- Book Sales
- Membership
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

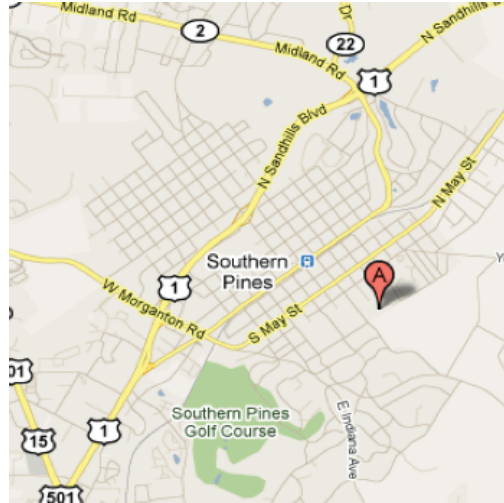
*Donations to the NCPS are always welcome! Just enclose with your membership dues. Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_*

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**Visit us for one of our upcoming meetings or see us online!**

### Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities:



**555 East Connecticut Avenue  
 Southern Pines, NC**

<http://www.ncpoetrysociety.org>



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Founded in 1932, the  
**North Carolina  
 Poetry Society**  
 supports, promotes, celebrates  
 Poetry in North Carolina.



**MEMBERSHIP BROCHURE**



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# NORTH CAROLINA POETRY SOCIETY

The North Carolina Poetry Society (NCPS) was organized in Charlotte, NC, in 1932 and incorporated in 1966. It has approximately 350 members, primarily from North Carolina, but also from other states and foreign countries. Our membership reflects a broad range of literary experience and interests in the reading, writing, and publishing of poetry. Any interested persons are eligible to join.

## OBJECTIVES

The Poetry Society seeks to

- foster the writing of poetry
- bring poets together through meetings, workshops, by-mail Pinewhispers newsletter, online Emuse newsletter, and a new website, and annual Pinesong, all filled with poetry
- encourage the study, writing and publication of poetry in North Carolina
- develop the reading and appreciation of poetry in North Carolina
- expose diverse populations to poetry

## MEETINGS

NCPS holds **three meetings** a year in **Southern Pines**, at the Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities, historical home of the late writer James Boyd, usually on the third Saturday in January, May, and September. May's meeting features award presentations and readings by the adult and student winners of the NCPS poetry contests. The meetings in January and September usually feature readings and workshops with noted poets or publishers of poetry as well as open mic readings. All meetings are open to the public.

## READINGS, WORKSHOPS, EVENTS & CONFERENCES

Each year NCPS sponsors readings and workshops throughout North Carolina, and occasionally beyond. The events are frequently cosponsored by universities and colleges, and other organizations. NCPS cosponsors the **Gilbert-Chappell Distinguished Poet Series** with the NC Center for the Book. Distinguished NC poets mentor student poets across the state. On the second Saturday in March, NCPS sponsors the **Sam Ragan Poetry Festival**, in honor of the late Sam Ragan, North Carolina's Poet Laureate from 1982-96. The day includes readings by featured poets, plus music, and open mic readings.

## CONTESTS & AWARDS

NCPS sponsors annual contests for students and adults, awards cash prizes and certificates for the winning poems, and publishes these poems in **Pinesong**, the NCPS annual collection of award-winning poetry. Winners are invited to read their winning poems at the **Awards Day** ceremony during the meeting in May. Contests are open to the public with NCPS members paying reduced entry fees. NCPS also sponsors the **Brockman-Campbell Book Award**, given each year to a North Carolina author for the best book of poems published during the preceding year. The winner receives the award at the fall meeting. The North Carolina Writer's Network (NCWN) sponsors the **Randall Jarrell Poetry Contest**, and the winner is also honored a

the fall meeting. The readings and reception for both poets are jointly sponsored by NCPS and NCWN. Attendees have an opportunity to meet the poets and purchase their winning volumes of poetry.

## PUBLICATIONS

Since 1965 NCPS has annually published award-winning poems, from the adult and student contests, in a volume called **Pinesong**. Although members and contest winners receive a free copy of the book, they are also available for sale to the public. Before each regular meeting, Poetry Society members are sent a newsletter with details about the meeting program, annual contests, workshops, and special events.

## MEMBERS ONLY

Members of the North Carolina Poetry Society enjoy these special "members only" benefits:

- Reduced fees to participate in contests and workshops
- Home delivery of Pine Whispers, a newsletter of the North Carolina Poetry Society
- The opportunity to sell their published books of poetry books during NCPS meetings
- A listing on the NCPS website of member published books with information on how and where to purchase them
- The opportunity to receive the monthly NCPS Emuse, an e-mail newsletter, and use NCPS website list resources of events, writing groups, local bookshops and presses
- And more!