

NCPS MEMBERSHIP FORM

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NAME: _____

STREET: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____

E-MAIL: _____

Date Joining

REGULAR MEMBERSHIP: \$25 _____

STUDENT MEMBERSHIP: \$10 _____

LIFETIME MEMBERSHIP: \$400 _____

Make check payable to NCPS and mail with form to: **Guy & Carolyn York, 315 N. Steele St., Sanford, NC 27330.**

NEW MEMBER? (please circle): YES or NO

**DONATIONS TO NCPS
ARE WELCOME**

\$ _____

Just enclose with your membership dues!

**Committees
need your help!**

WORKSHOPS

BOOK SALES

MEMBERSHIP

Other Interest: _____

CIRCLE A COMMITTEE IF INTERESTED

Membership Notes

HERE IS WHAT YOU MAY INCLUDE WITH YOUR MEMBERSHIP FORM:

NEW MEMBER BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Each new member is encouraged to submit a bio of about 35 words with his or her application.

FREE ONE-TIME CRITIQUE OF POEMS

Each new member has the opportunity to submit **three poems** for critique. To use this service, please send **three copies of each poem and two self-addressed business envelopes with first-class postage** along with your membership application and dues. Allow four to six weeks for response.

MEMBERSHIP ANNUAL RENEWAL

A regular or student member of the NCPS is expected to renew his or her membership in **May** of each year.

New Members

New members who join after December 1 but before May 1 will be counted as if they joined in May, and they will not need to renew their membership until May of the following renewal year.

Visit our Web site!

<http://www.NCPoetrySociety.org>

The Website provides updated news and resources of the Poetry Society and links to the world of poetry in general.

NORTH CAROLINA POETRY SOCIETY

**Supporting
Promoting
Celebrating
Poetry**



**MEMBERSHIP
Brochure**

FOUNDED IN 1932

NCPS is a member of the North Carolina Center for Non-Profits

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, a newsletter, and a Website supported by NCPS
- encourage the study, writing and publication of poetry
- develop the reading and appreciation of poetry
- expose diverse populations to poetry

BENEFITS

MEETINGS

NCPS holds three meetings a year in Southern Pines, usually on the third Saturday in January, May, and September. The meeting site is the Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities, home of the late writer James Boyd. 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 and opportunities for mingling. 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 co-sponsored by universities and colleges, and other organizations.

NCPS co-sponsors 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 - 1996. The day includes readings by featured poets, plus music, and open mic sessions.

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 at 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*, recently renamed *Pinesong*, a collection from the adult and student contests. Although members and contest winners receive a free copy of the book, they are 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 special "members only" benefits including:

- Reduced fees to participate in contests and workshops
- Home delivery of *Pine Whispers*, the newsletter of the North Carolina Poetry Society
- The opportunity to offer their published poetry books for sale during NCPS meetings
- A listing on the NCPS website of their published books with information on how and where to purchase them
- The opportunity to receive the monthly NCPS eMuse, an e-mail newsletter detailing "news you can use submitted by NCPS members, for NCPS members"
- And more!

<http://www.NCPoetrySociety.org>

Directions to Weymouth Center

Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities
555 East Connecticut Avenue
Southern Pines, NC

Weymouth is across from the Campbell House -
four blocks east of Broad Street in the
Southern Pines business district