

NCPS Membership

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MEMBERSHIP TYPE (check one)

Annual membership runs May 1st to April 30th

Regular (annual dues \$30) _____

Student (annual* dues \$10) _____

Lifetime (\$500) _____

Donations are welcome _____

TOTAL INCLUDED ON CHECK _____

Write check to NCPS and mail to:

Deborah Miller
Membership Co-Chair
805 Roanoke Drive
Cary, NC 27513

Check if New Member _____

New members may include 3 poems with this form for a free critique.

(optional) Indicate Volunteer Interests

Workshops _____

Book Sales _____

Membership _____

OTHER _____

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Map to the Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities

555 E Connecticut Avenue, Southern Pines, NC 28387



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Membership Brochure

Founded in 1932

Meeting at



The Weymouth Center for
the Arts and Humanities

The North Carolina Poetry Society

*Supports, promotes
celebrates
poetry in North Carolina*



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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 450 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

- Bring poets together through meetings, workshops, print and electronic newsletters, and posting information on our website.
- Conduct an annual contest for poetry and publish *Pinesong*, our contest anthology.
- Expose diverse populations to poetry and encourage its appreciation, the study of poetry, its writing, and its publication in North Carolina.

MEETINGS

NCPS holds four meetings a year (January, March, May, and September) on a Saturday in Southern Pines at the Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities, the historical 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 may feature workshops, readings by distinguished poets, and open mic readings. The March meeting celebrates Sam Ragan (see events, next column).

All meetings are open to the public.

READINGS, WORKSHOPS, EVENTS & CONFERENCES

NCPS sponsors readings and workshops throughout North Carolina, and occasionally beyond. The events are frequently cosponsored by universities and colleges; for example, **Barton College** holds *Walking Into April* annually in Wilson. 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 a 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, music, and open mic readings.

CONTESTS & AWARDS

NCPS sponsors annual contests for students and adults, awards cash prizes, certificates for the winning poems, and publishes them in *Pinesong*, our annual collection of winning poems formally called *Award-Winning Poems*. Contest winners are invited to read their winning poems at our **Awards Day** ceremony in May at Weymouth. Contests are open to the public with NCPS members paying reduced entry fees. NCPS also sponsors the **Brockman-Campbell Book Award**, with entries from North Carolina authors who published a new book of poetry in the prior year. A winner and runner up judged to have the best book of poems are honored during our September meeting. In addition, the winner of the **Randall Jarrell Poetry Contest** sponsored by the North Carolina Writers' Network (NCWN) is also honored. 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. Our newest contest, the **Lena M. Shull Book Contest**, encourages poets with a manuscript of poems to compete for a monetary prize as well as publication of the winning submission in book form. In addition, the contest winner is honored at a meeting in April at Catawba Valley Community College in Hickory.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Pinesong* the NCPS annual contest anthology
- *Pine Whispers* the NCPS newsletter published in the fall, winter, and spring.
- *E-Muse*, the NCPS monthly electronic newsletter, and
- ncpoetrysociety.org the NCPS website.

MEMBERS ONLY

NCPS members enjoy the following benefits:

- Reduced fees for contests and workshops, and a complementary copy of *Pinesong* yearly.
- Home delivery of the NCPS newsletter *Pine Whispers*, and
- Opportunities to sell their published books during NCPS meetings.

FOR EVERYONE

The NCPS website lists books published by members, contest information, summaries of upcoming events, and other poetry news. Visitors to the website are also able to sign up to receive the monthly *E-Muse* by email. Joining NCPS and submitting poems to the annual contests may also be done at the website.