NCPS Membership

Submit and pay online at:
ncpoetrysociety.org/membership/
or fill out and mail the form below.

NAME _____________________________
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Address ____________________________________________
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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 ____________________________

Visit us during one of our upcoming meetings or see us online

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Map to the Weymouth Center for the Arts & Humanities
555 E Connecticut Avenue, Southern Pines, NC 28387

Meeting at
The Weymouth Center for the Arts and Humanities

The North Carolina Poetry Society
Supports, promotes, and celebrates poetry in North Carolina

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

ncpoetrysociety.org

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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.