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NEXT MEETING:
April 30, 9:00 a.m.

**LOCATION: Sidney
Lanier birthplace,
935 High Street,
Macon, GA 31208**

IMPORTANT

Your lunch reservation form (page 3) must be received by April 27

Calling All GPS Poets for a Poem on Lanier

Members of the Georgia Poetry Society are encouraged to pen a special Lanier-related poem for reading at the April 30 quarterly meeting at the Sidney Lanier Cottage, 935 High Street, in Historic Macon.

The poem may relate to one of Lanier's famous poems (such as "Corn," "Song of the Chattahoochee," "The Marshes of Glynn," or "Sunrise"), to a Lanier

namesake (Lake Lanier or a school or a bridge named for him), to his musical poetic style or his career as a flautist, or to his Civil War experience as a blockade runner and prisoner, or to his death due to consumption (TB).

Alice Friman, featured poet, will choose the first place Lanier-related poem. Prize will be a \$50 volume of *Poetry Speaks Expanded*, featuring recordings of 47

of the greatest poets reading their best poems, including James Joyce, Sylvia Plath, e.e. cummings, Ezra Pound, Robert Browning, Walt Whitman, and William Butler Yeats.

Bring to the meeting a copy of your Lanier poem for Judge Friman, whose decision will be announced at the July GPS quarterly meeting.

Featured Poet: Alice Friman

We are pleased to present poet extraordinaire, Alice Friman, reading from her latest book of poetry. A book signing will follow her reading.



Alice Friman's ninth collection of poetry is *Vinculum*, from LSU Press. Previous books are *The Book of the Rotten Daughter*, *Inverted Fire*, and *Zoo* which won the Ezra Pound Poetry Award from Truman State and the Sheila Margaret Motton Prize from NEPC. She has received fellowships from the Indiana Arts Commission, the Arts Council of Indianapolis, and the Bernheim Foundation, and won the 2001 James Boatwright Prize from

Shenandoah. Poems appear in *Best American Poetry 2009*, *Poetry*, *The Georgia Review*, *The Southern Review*, and others. Anthologized widely and published in thirteen countries, she was Professor of English and creative writing at The University of Indianapolis from 1973 to 1993, and is now Poet-in-Residence at Georgia College & State University.

Photo by Lillian Elaine Wilson



Directions to Lanier Cottage

Address:	935 High Street, Macon, GA 31208
Coming from Atlanta:	Stay on I-75 South going into Macon. Exit Hardeman Avenue. Go through the first light at the end of the exit. Turn left at the second light. Go to the 4th light and make a soft left turn. Go 1½ blocks (to dead-end) and take a Right on High Street. The Lanier Cottage is about three buildings on the left and has a historic marker in the front. Call 478-743-3851 if you get lost.
Coming from South Georgia on I-75:	Stay on I-75 North going into Macon. Exit right on Forsyth Avenue. Go to the 4th light and make a soft left turn. Go 1½ blocks (to dead-end) and take a Right on High Street. The Sidney Lanier Cottage is about 3 buildings on the left and has a historic marker in the front. 935 High Street. Call 478-743-3851 if you get lost.
Parking:	Park on the street on High Street, OR in the lot at First Baptist Church, which is one-half block down the hill from Lanier Cottage and which fronts on New Street.
Handicapped Parking:	About three handicapped parking spaces are available up the driveway and behind the Lanier Cottage. The ramp for the handicapped is up the driveway and behind the house.
Lodging in Macon Vicinity:	1842 INN is the closest B&B and is one of the nation's best Bed and Breakfasts. See www.1842inn.com . Hilton Garden Inn is close to the museum district and is on the Mercer University campus: www.hiltongardeninn.hilton.com Marriott City Center Hotel is brand new: www.marriott.com .

Program

9 a.m.–9:45 a.m.	Members register on the front porch and move inside for coffee, rolls and juice, fellowship, tour of house.
9:45 a.m.	Welcome by Sidney Lanier (Marty Willett)
10:15 a.m.	“The Year Ahead in GPS”—President Robert S. King
10:30–11:30 a.m.	Member Poems “In the Spirit of Sidney”; other member poems as time permits
11:30–11:45 a.m.	Break
11:45 a.m.	Raffle
12 noon	Reading, Alice Friman, from her book, <i>Vinculum</i>
12:30 p.m.	Adjourn to living room for book signing
12:45 p.m.	Buffet lunch served in dining room
1:45 p.m.	Reassemble in garden for reading by Ron Self of poems from Andrew Hudgins’ <i>After the Lost War</i>
2:15 p.m.	Youth Contest awards and reading; wrap-up announcements
2:45 p.m.	GPS Board Meeting



April 30 GPS Meeting at Lanier Birthplace in Macon

Sidney Lanier himself will welcome poets to his birthplace in downtown Macon on April 30 as the Georgia Poetry Society gathers for its quarterly meeting.

There you'll see his writings, his rare flute, even his wife's petite wedding gown, among beautiful period furnishings in the Sidney Lanier Cottage at 935 High Street, managed by the Historic Macon Foundation.

And you'll witness also a rare program featuring a welcome by Historian/Lanier Re-enactor Marty Willett; the reading of



new Lanier-related poems by GPS members; remarks by new President Robert S. King; poems from her new book, *Vinculum*, by Milledgeville Poet Alice Friman; a three-salad lunch; and civil war poems recited by Ron Self. President King urges all GPS members to trek to beautiful Macon, especially in the spring, for this unique meeting.



Below are the program, driving directions, and a reservation form for the luncheon. More information may be gained by contacting Robert S. King at 706-622-4454 or gps@georgiapoetrysociety.org.

Consider Bringing a Guest to This Meeting

If you will bring a guest with you for the April 30 gathering of poets, that person will love the program but will also learn much about GPS, and perhaps join us. This is a special opportunity to expand our ranks. Membership information will be available on the front porch as people arrive, and they will also be welcomed by Lanier Re-Enactor Marty Willett and our large new GPS banner by member/artist Karen Garner of Dacula.

Reserve a Lanier Cottage Meal

The 12:45 p.m. meal will be served in the elegant double parlor and will be a three-salad plate (chicken salad, pasta salad, and fruit salad), with croissant, tea or water, and dessert. A vegetarian plate is also available.

It is important that you make reservations by April 27. Return this form to arrive no later than April 27 with check (\$15 per meal) to treasurer Elsie M. Austin, 7021 Mellwood Road, Columbus GA 31904.

Please reserve for me ____ lunch(es) on April 30 at 12:45 p.m. at the Lanier Cottage.

Number of each:

____ Three Salad plate ____ Vegetarian plate

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

____ Check enclosed for \$15 per plate. Make check payable to Georgia Poetry Society.

Youth Contest Winners To Be Announced

The results of the annual Marel Brown and Margery Carlson Youth Contest, judged by Robert Kimsey, will be announced during the afternoon session. The winning poets will have the opportunity to read their prize-winning poems during the awards ceremony. Certificates and cash prizes for first, second, and third place are awarded in each of three different age groups. The winning poems will be published in the 2011 *Reach of Song* anthology. A complete list of contest results will be made available on the GPS website.

The 2011 Reach of Song Anthology

The new *Reach of Song* anthology is scheduled for publication in July. Editor Sandy Hokanson will have order forms at the GPS meeting, or you can go to the website and download the order form in PDF format: www.georgiapoetrysociety.org/ReachOfSong.

Member News

Writers' Night Out will now take place at Mountain Perk in Hiawassee, across from Towns County High School. Next one is April 15 with Ron Salzer. On May 13, the event will resume its normal second Friday of the month schedule.

Betsy Hollis-Frey's book, *The Year of the Pen*, a compilation of poems and short stories/essays (with foreword by Tim Conway), has been published. Frey's book won the 12-month 2009 Georgia Writers Association contest, with Hollis-Frey placing first in Poetry and having the most points in both categories. Look for it soon on Amazon, or email callaleaf@hotmail.com about ordering.

Barry Marks' book, *Possible Crocodiles*, has won the 2010 Book of the Year from the Alabama State Poetry Society. Barry is a member of both GPS and ASPS and read at a recent GPS meeting. Copies may be obtained from www.brickroadpoetrypress.com.

Nancy Treu Klotz has two framed poems hung at Georgia Perimeter College for the month of April, designated Poetry Month. They are first place winner at Atlanta Pen Women Convention, "Time Spent," and "The Crucifixion" from the Salvation Army Newspaper, *Southern Spirit*.

Karen Paul Holmes poems were featured in Your Daily Poem on October 3, January 10, and April 10, 2011. The Dead Mule School of Southern Literature published four of her poems in its April issue.

Robert S. King was the featured poet for the month of April on "Living Above the Frost Line," the website of North Carolina poet Nancy Simpson. Robert's poems also appeared in *The Blue Lake Review* and *Wilderness House Review* during April.

Bob Lynn will present a poetry workshop on April 19 for the Greensboro Writers Guild with Kathy Wright as coordinator. Lynn also has a new web site, <http://www.robertylynn.com>.

Emery Campbell's poem "Beauty of the Beast II" has been accepted for publication online at www.versewisconsin.org. His poem "A Lawyer More Compassionate Than Most" will appear online in the April/May/June 2011 issue of the Israeli poetry and prose journal www.cyclamensandswords.com.

Jo Middlebrooks underwent surgery for a brain aneurysm on April 11 at Mayo Clinic in Jacksonville. She said, "I hope to get back in the poetry flow soon." Send her an email at jomiddleb@bellsouth.net.

Charles C. Cook of Macon is glad GPS is coming to Macon but sorry that he can't attend due to slow healing from a fall/fracture. He has a plaque which reads, "God grant me patience—but please hurry." Send Charles a card to 3542 Jones Road, Macon, GA 31216, or an email at cook2730@bellsouth.net. Charles also keeps contact with Past GPS President Ethelene Dyer Jones. She has been inactive in recent years caring for her husband, who died two months ago. Her address is 1708 Cedarwood Road, Milledgeville, GA 31061-2411. Email: edj1503@windstream.net.

Poetry Reading at Callanwolde

On Wednesday, May 11, at 8:00 p.m., join two guest poets, Mike Dockins and Eugene V. Ellis, as Callanwolde celebrates the art and performance of poetry with readings in the unique setting of the Callanwolde Library. Tickets are sold at the door. \$5 General Admission, \$3 Students with ID, Seniors, and Members. For more information call 404-872-5338 or visit www.callanwolde.org.

