

# Georgia Poetry Society

## July 16th Meeting Atlanta, GA Spelman College

**Maurice Turcotte**

Program and bio forthcoming



**Diana Anhalt** is the author of *A Gathering of Fugitives* (Archer Books), three chapbooks—*Shiny Objects*, *Second Skin*, and *Lives of Straw*—in addition to essays, short stories and book reviews in both English and Spanish.

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**Lynn Pedersen** is the author of *The Nomenclature of Small Things* (Carnegie Mellon Poetry Series, 2016), and the chapbooks *Theories of Rain* (Main Street Rag Editor's Choice Chapbook Series, 2009) and *Tiktaalik, Adieu* (Finishing Line Press New Women's Voices Series, 2014).

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## **July 16th Quarterly Meeting Schedule**

### **Spelman College, Atlanta: The Suites Private Dining Room**

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- 9:00-9:30: Coffee and mingling
- 9:30-9:45: Welcome and announcements
- 9:45-10:15: *The Reach of Song* 2016 unveiling—Milford Greene, editor
- 10:15-10:30: Morning open mic—those appearing in Members section of *RoS* are encouraged to read
- 10:30-10:45: Break
- 10:45-11:45: Member readings: Diana Anhalt and Lynn Pedersen
- 11:45-1:00: Lunch in The Suites cafeteria (\$7)
- 1:00-2:00: Maurice Turcotte presentation TBA (bio forthcoming)
- 2:00-2:15: Break
- 2:15-2:30: Afternoon open mic
- 2:30-2:40: Closing remarks
- 2:40: Board meeting

### **Upcoming Events**

October – Fall Quarterly Meeting, University of North Georgia, Dahlonega

**Maurice Turcotte (Continued)**

**Diana Anhalt (Continued)**

Her work has been nominated for the Pushcart Prize and her book, *Because There Is No Return*, was just released by Passager Press. Her work has also appeared in *The Atlanta Review*, *Nimrod*, *The Comstock Review*, *Southwest Review* and *Jewish Currents*. Once in Atlanta, she thought her writing might acquire a southern twang, but is now starting to doubt that that ever will happen.

**Lynn Pedersen (Continued)**

*Tiktaalik, Adieu* recently won Honorable Mention in the Eric Hoffer Book Awards chapbook category. Her work has appeared in *New England Review*, *Ecotone*, *The Chattahoochee Review*, and *Southern Poetry Review*. She holds an MFA from the Vermont College of Fine Arts, where she was a contributing editor to *Hunger Mountain*. Pedersen's poetry has been nominated for the Georgia Author of the Year Award and featured on Garrison Keillor's *The Writer's Almanac*. She is a co-founder of The Atlanta Women's Poetry Collective, a group providing networking opportunities for women and sponsoring city-wide collaborative projects in the arts.

## **Lunch Reservations**

Lunch will be in the cafeteria with an approximate cost of \$7.00. No reservations needed.

## **Directions**

Spelman College is located off Interstate 20. It is part of the Atlanta University Center area. Your most likely exit is 55A, Lee Street. If you're using GPS, the address to campus is **440 Westview Dr. SW, Atlanta, 30310**; this will get you to the front entrance.

### **From I-75/85 North and South**

Take I-20 West and exit (#55B) at Lee Street. Turn right onto Lee Street and continue through the next traffic light (Westview Drive). You will see a large parking lot on the right-hand side. Turn right into the first driveway and you will approach the gates of Spelman College.

### **From I-20 East**

Exit (#55A) at Lowery Blvd. Cross Lowery Blvd. and continue on Oak Street to the next traffic light. Turn left onto Lee Street and cross the bridge over I-20 and continue through the next two traffic lights. You will see a large parking lot on the right-hand side. Turn right into the first driveway and you will approach the gates of Spelman College.

### **From I-20 West**

Exit (#55B) at Lee Street. Turn right onto Lee Street and continue through the next traffic light (Westview Drive). You will see a large parking lot on the right-hand side. Turn right into the first driveway and you will approach the gates of Spelman College.

### **From Downtown Atlanta**

Take Peachtree Street south to Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive and turn right. Continue on M.L. King Jr. Drive to Northside and turn left. Continue on Northside through next three traffic lights (passing Burger King on the right). Turn right at the fourth traffic light (Greensferry Avenue). Continue on Greensferry through the stop sign. Turn left into the gate of Spelman College.

## **Parking**

Park in the parking deck, and exit the deck on the second floor at the south side (this is opposite of where you enter the deck). All-day parking is \$3. The Suites are located next to the deck to your right.

**On the Spelman campus map (see next page or following link), the parking deck is #1 and The Suites are #25, both on the right side. <http://www.spelman.edu/about-us/visit-us/campus-map>**

**To clarify, our meeting is in the Private Dining Room. Lunch is in the cafeteria in the same building.**

## Spelman Campus Map



## Poetry News

### 60th Mid-South Poetry Festival in Memphis, TN

The Mid-South Poetry Festival, sponsored by the Poetry Society of Tennessee, will be held at the Holiday Inn, University of Memphis, September 30 and October 1, 2016. There are numerous poetry contests and a workshop led by Pat Durmon. Postmark deadline to register is Saturday, August 20, 2016.

More information is here: <http://www.poetrysocietytn.org>

### Call for Submissions/Contest

The Woodrow Hall Top Shelf Awards 2016 is a contest intended to celebrate poems that have earned an audience through prior publication or contest submittal. While most editors mandate that submissions to their journals and contests be not-yet-witnessed work, this contest is designed to provide further notoriety and a wider readership to those poems that have already proven their excellence. Go to [www.PoetryJumpsOfftheShelf.com](http://www.PoetryJumpsOfftheShelf.com) to learn more!

Contestants can submit either through ground mail or via Submittable.  
Woodrow Hall Editions

## Member News

**Sally Stewart Mohney** will be reading from her new poetry book, *Low Country, High Water*, at the Barnes & Noble in Buckhead, July 17th, along with Erin Ganaway and William Wright.

Barnes & Noble  
2900 Peachtree Street NW, Atlanta 30305  
Sunday, July 17 from 3 - 5 p.m.

Sally Stewart Mohney, *Low Country, High Water*, Winner, Texas Review Press Southern Poetry Breakthrough Prize, North Carolina

Erin Ganaway, *The Waiting Girl*, Winner, Texas Review Press Southern Poetry Breakthrough Prize, Georgia

William Wright, Ph.D., Writer in Residence, The University of Tennessee Series Editor, The Southern Poetry Anthology Assistant Editor, Shenandoah, Founding Editor, Town Creek Poetry. Recent Book: *Tree Heresies* (Mercer University Press, 2015)

**Michael Diebert's** new poems recently appeared in *Windhover* ("Benedictus") and *Pembroke Magazine* ("Jazzercise") and one is forthcoming in *The Tusculum Review* ("The Saloon in the Side of the Mountain"). He participated in the recent *Stone, River, Sky* reading at the McRitchie-Hollis Museum in Newnan.

He will also be teaching and reading at the Chattahoochee Valley Writers' Conference in Columbus, GA, along with poet Dan Veach, Friday and Saturday, September 23-24. More info at <http://www.chattwriters.org>.

**Sandy Hokanson** and **Liz Garcia** read May 14th at Pine Lake, Georgia, as part of the Atlanta Women's Poetry Collective night. This was an evening of arts performance for the residents of the Pine Lake community. The night was divided between the AWPC reading and the music of Susan Ottzen (harp) and Larry Scahill (guitar).

**Lynn Pedersen's** collection *The Nomenclature of Small Things* was reviewed by Mandy Rose in *Stirring: A Literary Journal* <http://www.sundresspublications.com/stirring/pedersen.htm>. She was also interviewed by Nicole Rollender at the Carpe Noctem blog: <http://www.nicolerollender.com/carpe-noctem-blog/carpe-noctem-book-interview-with-lynn-pederson>.

Her second chapbook, *Tiktaalik, Adieu*, won an Honorable Mention in the 2017 Eric Hoffer Book Awards for the chapbook category.

She will be reading and signing copies of *The Nomenclature of Small Things* in Columbus, GA, Saturday, July 30th, at the Columbus State University Bookstore from 10 am until 1 pm. (4225 University



<b>GEORGIA POETRY SOCIETY ORDER FORM</b>			
		QTY	PRICE
<b>ANTHOLOGIES</b>	<i>NEW The Reach of Song 2015</i> Available for pickup in July <b>Copy for local library/school</b>	_____ x	\$ 15.00 = _____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2014</i>	_____ x	\$ 13.00 = _____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2013</i>	_____ x	\$ 10.00 = _____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2012</i>	_____ x	\$ 7.00 = _____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2011</i>	_____ x	\$ 5.00 = _____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2010</i>	_____ x	\$ 3.00 = _____
	<i>The Reach of Song 2009</i>	_____ x	\$ 2.00 = _____
<b>CHAPBOOKS</b>	<i>NEW South of the Ordinary (2014)</i> by Sandy Hokanson	_____ x	\$ 10.00 = _____
	<i>The Rare, Persistent Light (2012)</i> by Lynn Farmer	_____ x	\$ 5.00 = _____
	<i>Under a Hundred (2011)</i> Ron Self; Francis Alix; Mildred Greear	_____ x	\$ 5.00 = _____
	<i>More Than Atoms (2010)</i> by Kandice Cook	_____ x	\$ 3.00 = _____
	<i>String Theory (2007)</i> by Alice Teeter	_____ x	\$ 2.00 = _____
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<b>Will Deliver Myself</b> (no address needed)		OR	<b>Please Mail to this address:</b>
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<p>Make checks and money orders to <b>Georgia Poetry Society</b> and mail along with this form to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wanda Reagan 2492 Gum Creek Road Oxford, GA 30054</p>			
For questions about ordering, call Wanda Reagan at 404-295-6198.			
<b>Orders will be filled in August</b>			

### **Decatur Book Festival**

Mark your calendars for the annual AJC/Decatur Book Festival September 2-4, 2016. This year will highlight the work of author Pat Conroy.

More info: <https://www.decaturbookfestival.com/>

### **Chattahoochee Valley Writer's Conference, Columbus, GA**

Friday and Saturday, September 23-24, 2016. Michael Diebert and Dan Veach will be leading workshops and reading.

More info at <http://www.chattwriters.org>

### **New Local Low-Residency MFA Program**

The new Etowah Valley Low-Res MFA at Reinhardt University (1 hour north of Atlanta) has received its final approval from SACSCOC and is admitting students. Poets teaching and reading include Donna Coffey Little, David Bottoms, Bill Walsh, Sandra Meek, Chris Martin, Will Wright, and Earl Braggs. Genres include poetry, fiction, creative-nonfiction and scriptwriting. There are several ways to audit classes for a fee if you are interested in participating in the summer residency without enrolling as a full-time student. Go to [www.reinhardt.edu/mfa-cw](http://www.reinhardt.edu/mfa-cw) for information. Please share!

### **Upcoming Meetings**

October - University of North Georgia, Dahlonega

### **Future Newsletters**

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