

Georgia Poetry Society

October 22nd Meeting at University of North Georgia in Dahlonega



Ginger Murchison earned her MFA from Warren Wilson College and, together with Thomas Lux, helped found POETRY at TECH in Atlanta. She is editor-in-chief of the acclaimed Cortland Review. Her new collection of poems, out this past January, is *a scrap of linen, a bone*, published by Press 53.

Emery Campbell is the author of numerous works of poetry, short fiction, and nonfiction, most recently *Playing Possum*, a book-length translation for children of a 19th century Latin/English poem.
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Lyn Hopper grew up on the Georgia coast and lives in the mountains near Dahlonega with her husband of 40 years and a spirited cat. Her poems have been published in *Summerfield Journal*, *Georgia Journal*, *Habersham Review*, *Poetry of the Golden Generation*, *The Reach of Song*, *The Stonepile Writers' Anthology*, and elsewhere. (continued page 3)

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Fall 2016 Meeting Schedule

University of North Georgia, Dahlonega Continuing Education Building, College Circle

We will meet in Room 101 (downstairs) in the H. M. Stewart Center of Professional and Continuing Education, Bldg #19 (on the map), across the street from the main campus at 25 Schultz Avenue, Dahlonega, GA 30533, next to the Dairy Queen.

- 9:00-9:30: Coffee and mingling
- 9:30-9:40: Welcome and announcements
- 9:40-9:50: Fall contest update: Duanne Kaiser, coordinator
- 9:50-10:10: The Reach of Song 2016 unveiling: Milford Greene, editor
- 10:10-10:30: Morning open mic—members appearing in RoS encouraged to read
- 10:30-10:40: Break
- 10:40-11:00: Member reading: Lyn Hopper
- 11:00-11:45: Ginger Murchison presentation: **The Grammar of Poetry**
We'll explore ways grammar works to do much of the heavy lifting to build intensity, sharpen images, write crisper and fresher lines, and add energy to poems. Even poets who think they have forgotten most of what they knew about grammar will see how to build constructions that hammer energy into a line, supporting what poets have known all along: that a poem is indeed a made thing.
- 11:45-1:00: Lunch in Dining Hall cafeteria
- 1:00-1:30: Member reading: Emery Campbell
- 1:30-2:00: Ginger Murchison reading
- 2:00-2:15: Afternoon open mic
- 2:15-2:20: Closing remarks
- 2:25: Board meeting

Speakers (continued)

Emery Campbell

This Gardener's Impossible Dream: A Not So Green Thumb (or Why I Took Up Poetry Instead) was nominated for the 2006 Georgia Author of the Year Award; a poem from it received a nomination for a Pushcart prize. His writings have won awards from the National Federation of State Poetry Societies, the Georgia Writers Association, and the Georgia Poetry Society, and he is a two-time recipient of the National Senior Poet Laureate Award. A native of Monroe, Wisconsin, Emery is a past vice-president and long-time member of GPS.

Lyn Hopper

She is an active member of the Georgia Poetry Society and two writing groups, and has recently published her first chapbook, *The Hum in Every Blossom*.

Lunch Details

Continental breakfast will be provided by Aramark. Lunch will be in the dining hall, up Georgia Circle past the drill field (#121 on the map). Cost for lunch is \$8.90 plus tax.

Directions to University of North Georgia

UNG-Dahlonega's street address is **82 College Circle, Dahlonega, GA 30597**. A link to driving directions: <http://ung.edu/campuses/dahlonega/maps-directions.php>

From Atlanta, Georgia:

Take GA 400/US 19 N toward Dahlonega.

Travel north on GA 400 until ends at GA 60/US 19 (approx. 56 miles).

Turn left on GA 60/US 19. Travel north toward the city of Dahlonega.

Travel to the first stoplight on to GA 60/US 19 (business).

Proceed through the intersection.

The main entrance to campus is about 200 yards on the left.

Turn right at Schultz Avenue across from the main entrance and the Military Leadership Center for The H. M. Stewart Center of Professional and Continuing Education, Bldg #19 (on the map), 25 Schultz Avenue, Dahlonega, GA 30533, next to the Dairy Queen.

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Campus Map

A good basic campus map is located here:

http://ung.edu/campuses/_uploads/files/dah-Buildings-Parking.pdf?t=1474410408812

Member News

Elizabeth Garcia gave a reading from her chapbook, *Stunt Double*, at Java Monkey in Decatur as part of the September Decatur Book Festival. The chapbook is available from Finishing Line Press https://finishinglinepress.com/product_info.php?products_id=2503

GPS President **Michael Diebert** is teaching a workshop at the Chattahoochee Valley Writers Conference on September 24th in Columbus, Georgia, on **The Art & Craft Of Poetic Salvage**. He is also giving a poetry reading the evening of September 23rd. More information is available on speakers, registration, and schedule here: <http://www.chattwriters.org>

Lynn Pedersen read from her poetry collection, *The Nomenclature of Small Things*, in September at the Decatur Book Festival Local Poets Stage, as well as at The Village Writer's Group and the John's Creek Poetry Group. She also gave a mini-workshop in Abecedarian poems for the John's Creek Poetry Group. *The Nomenclature of Small Things* is available from Carnegie Mellon press or major booksellers: <http://www.upne.com/o887486098.html>

GPS member **Sally Stewart Mohny** will read from her collection of poetry, *Low Country, High Water*, at 1:00 pm on the 8th of October at the Allatoona Book Festival in Acworth, along with Sandra Meek, Janisse Ray, and Christopher Martin, in a reading titled **Poetry of Place and the Place of Eco-Poetry in the 21st Century**.

Poetry News

Chattahoochee Valley Writers Conference, Columbus Georgia
September 23rd and 24th
6795 Whitesville Road, Columbus

On Friday, September 23rd, from 5:00 - 6:30 pm, we invite you to join us for wine and cheese at the historic Rothschild-Pound Inn at 201 7th Street, followed by a FREE poetry reading event at 7 pm at the Columbus Public Library on Macon Road showcasing award winning poets Michael Diebert and Dan Veach.

On Saturday, we offer keynote speaker Billy Winn, plus seminars in Memoir Writing by Brenda Sutton Rose, Fiction Writing by Michael Bishop, Student Communications by Rob St. Clair, Screenwriting by Ty Mann, Megan Cary with Creating An Online Presence, and poetry workshops by **Michael Diebert** and Dan Veach.

There will be workshops on book marketing. Poetry and short story contest winners will be announced, there will be a Writer's Forum hosted by Dr. Courtney George, a catered lunch, and door prizes galore. Whether you are an aspiring or a published writer, poet, scriptwriter, playwright, or blogger, this conference will inspire you and guide you!

Some registration fees apply. More information here: <http://www.chattwriters.org>

Poetry News

Pine Lake Poetry Festival, Pine Lake, Georgia

16th Annual LakeFest
October 1-2, 2016
Saturday, 10am – 7pm • Sunday, 12pm – 6pm
Lake Shore Drive, Pine Lake, GA 30072
Admission is free, all are welcome

Join us on the Back Porch of the Beach House for two full afternoons of Poetry, 1-4pm. GPS member **Tuwanda Muhammad** will be reading Saturday at 1:15 pm.

Info and directions: <http://pinelakefest.com/>

Call for Submissions

The Redrock Writers group of St. George, Utah sponsors the Chaparral Poetry Contest. Poems must be 42 lines or less and measure 4 inches wide or less so that they can be published in a chapbook size publication. Poems cannot have won more than \$10 in any contest. There is a \$3 fee per poem. Please see the website for more information and specific guidelines.

ENTRY CATEGORIES:

CHOLLA Division: any subject, any form, 42 lines or fewer
First prize \$200, Second Prize \$100, Third Prize \$50

CHAQUETA Division: Southwest theme—nature, people, history, etc. any form 42 lines or fewer
First Prize \$100, Second Prize \$50, Third Prize \$25

CHAPAREJOS Division: Rhymed and metered poem, any subject, 42 lines or fewer
First Prize \$100, Second Prize \$50, Third Prize \$25

CHIMERA Division: Imaginative or absurd/humorous, any form, 42 lines or fewer
First Prize \$100, Second Prize \$50, Third Prize \$25

CHAPARRAL POETRY FORUM

Contest Chair: Marie Tollstrup
2280 South Bloomington Drive #6
St. George, UT 84790-6803

Unlimited entries welcome: Postmarked Sept. 1, 2016, through Dec. 1, 2016

GEORGIA POETRY SOCIETY ORDER FORM			
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ANTHOLOGIES	<i>NEW The Reach of Song 2015</i> Available for pickup in July	_____ x	\$ 15.00 = _____
	Copy for local library/school	_____ 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 = _____
CHAPBOOKS	<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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<p>Make checks and money orders to Georgia Poetry Society and mail along with this form to:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Wanda Reagan 2492 Gum Creek Road Oxford, GA 30054</p> <p>For questions about ordering, call Wanda Reagan at 404-295-6198.</p>			
Orders will be filled in August			

Poetry News

Allatoona Book Festival
October 7th - 8th
Roberts Community Center
4681 School Street, Acworth

Join local authors and book enthusiasts on the 8th for a full day of readings, panels, and workshops in many genres. (Reception the night of the 7th).

GPS member **Sally Stewart Mohny** will read from her collection of poetry, *Low Country, High Water*, at 1:00 pm on the 8th along with Sandra Meek, Janisse Ray, and Christopher Martin: **Poetry of Place and the Place of Eco-Poetry in the 21st Century**.

At 3:00 pm on the 8th, Amy Pence and Alice Teeter will lead a workshop titled **Self & World: Writing Eco-Poetry**.

All events are free and open to the public. More information at the Acworth Cultural Arts Center website: <http://www.acworthculturalarts.org>

POETRY at TECH
Thursday September 29, 2016

An Evening of Poetry featuring: Ginger Murchison and Mark Doty.

Kress Auditorium@The Robert C. Williams Paper Museum
(Renewable Bioproducts Institute)
500 Tenth Street, NW
Atlanta, GA 30309

7:30 p.m., Free and Open to the Public
No Tickets or Reservations Required

Kress Auditorium Parking:
Plenty of free parking available just in front of the building's entrance or through the gate, which is straight ahead as you turn off 10th Street. For more directions and parking info visit: www.ipst.gatech.edu/amp/

Upcoming Meetings

January - Location TBA

Future Newsletters

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