



California State Poetry Society
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Newsbriefs ***2016, No. 1***

Greetings and salutations from the Board of the California State Poetry Society (CSPS)!

This first issue for 2016 comes to you in February of 2016 with Vol. 42 No. 1 of the *California Quarterly* (CQ), edited by Nancy Cavers Dougherty.

News from the CSPS

Our website is operational, so please start using <http://www.CaliforniaStatePoetrySociety.org> when you get chance. It makes submitting poems for our contests and for the CQ much easier! It is also true that announcements of and links to contests and publications across the country will be posted to the website in a much more timely fashion than is possible with our *Newsbriefs*. When you have news you'd like to share with the members of the CSPS, please contact me at the email address below my signature and I'll try to post it on the website or include it in an upcoming *Newsbriefs*.

CSPS member and CQ contributor Thomas Feeny has had his poetry collection, *Breathing in Technicolor*, published recently by Kelsay Press

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2016! Pay via our website or send it to the address on the enclosed membership form – namely, to:

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2560 Calabria Court
Dublin, CA 94568.

For questions about our Facebook page (CALIFORNIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY CSPS CQ), please contact Margaret Saine at UMSaine@gmail.com or under *Ute Margaret Saine* on Facebook.

Editorial Chair and Managing Editor Pearl Karrer has had some poems published recently: “South of Vrbovsko” in the *WaterWood Press* anthology *No, Achillies: War Poetry*, 2015; “Big C Trilogy,” (concerning breast cancer) in the *Long Island Poetry Collective* annual journal, *Xanadu*; and “Family Portrait” in Volume XIII of the journal *Into The Teeth of the Wind*, sponsored by the College of Creative Studies, University of California at Santa Barbara.

Moonrise Press in Sunland-Tujunga, California, has accepted CSPS Editor and Secretary/Historian Margaret Saine's book of poems in English, *LIT ANGELS*, for publication in or around March of 2016. A selection of her poems will also appear in one of the upcoming *THE BARDS*, the broadside series published by *Atlantean Publishing*, Southend-on-Sea, United Kingdom. Jane Stuart of Greenup, Kentucky, a CSPS member, frequent monthly contest participant and contributor to the CQ, has preceded Margaret in this honor.

Contests, Contest Databases and Others

The CSPS Monthly Contest winners in 2015 were the following:

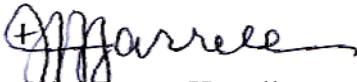
Month	1 st Place			2 nd Place			3 rd Place		
	Poet	Home	Poem	Poet	Home	Poem	Poet	Home	Poem
January	Eileen Malone	Broadmoor Village, CA	<i>Wild Lilac</i>	Jane Stuart	Greenup, KY	<i>Silver Night</i>	June Gerron	Santa Rosa, CA	<i>Autumn Hurrah</i>
February	Ruth Adams	San Pedro, CA	<i>About a Wall</i>	Von S. Bourland	Happy, TX	<i>First Steps</i>	Jerry Douglas Smith	San Luis Obispo, CA	<i>Angelique</i>
March	Von S. Bourland	Happy, TX	<i>A Brake for Trouble</i>	Barbara Blanks	Garland, TX	<i>Grecian Formula</i>	Stephen Galiani	San Rafael, CA	<i>Sentinel</i>
April	Ruth Adams	San Pedro, CA	<i>A Long Farewell</i>	Katharyn Howd Machan	Ithaca, NY	<i>End of Day</i>	Lillian M. Fisher	Alpine, CA	<i>Memoire</i>
May	Barbara Blanks	Garland, TX	<i>Overwhelmed</i>	Lillian M. Fisher	Alpine, CA	<i>Portrait of a Desert</i>	Nicki Carr	Sacramento, CA	<i>Backyard Quarter-back</i>
June	Katharyn Howd Machan	Ithaca, NY	<i>Cards</i>	Janice Canerdy	Potts Camp, MS	<i>Miss USA</i>	Robert Rizzi	Orlando, FL	<i>Infatuations</i>
July	Nick Sweet	Shepherd, TX	<i>Moore, Oklahoma 2013</i>	Jerry Douglas Smith	San Luis Obispo, CA	<i>Father's Only Tears</i>	George E. Samerjan	North Chatham, NY	<i>Somehow</i>
August	Robert T. Lundy	Del Mar, CA	<i>Driver's Ed</i>	Lillian M. Fisher	Alpine, CA	<i>O, Ye Modern Poet</i>	Marianne Lyon	Yountville, CA	<i>Dad, Make Us Laugh</i>
September	Von S. Bourland	Happy, TX	<i>Three Times Make a Wish</i>	David Anderson	Lincoln, CA	<i>The White Piano</i>	Kathy Leonard	Claremont, CA	<i>Gypsy Woman and Truth Revealed</i>
October	George E. Samerjan	North Chatham, NY	<i>Ambush (1242)</i>	Michelle Shen	Saratoga, CA	<i>Harriet</i>	Ruth Adams	San Pedro, CA	<i>When I Remember</i>
November	Von S. Bourland	Happy, TX	<i>Jordynnn's Guardian Angel</i>	Amie Ilva Tatem	Staten Island, NY	<i>Thanksgiving Day, New York, USA</i>	George E. Samerjan	North Chatham, NY	<i>When It Rains</i>
December	Kathy Lunde Derengowski	San Marcos, CA	<i>San Onofre</i>	David Anderson	Lincoln, CA	<i>A Madeleine of Peaches</i>	Ruth Adams	San Pedro, CA	<i>Montserrat of Barcelona</i>

The Mailing

This *CQ* mailing includes the 2016 No. 1 CSPPS *Poetry Letter*, a 2016 Membership Form, the 2016 Monthly Contest Topics and Rules, the 2016 CSPPS Publication Guidelines, the October 2015 NFSPS *Strophes*, and this 2016 No. 1 CSPPS *Newsbriefs*.

Praying you *all* have a *great winter* and *much* success with your writing, and on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Editors, I remain,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Harrell", with a small cross-like mark above the first letter.

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