



California State Poetry Society
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Newsbriefs ***2014, No. 4***

Greetings once again from the Board of the California State Poetry Society (CSPS) to you all!

This fourth issue for 2014 comes to you in January of 2015 with Vol. 40 No. 4 of the ***California Quarterly (CQ)***, edited by John Forrest Harrell.

News from the CSPS

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 include it in an upcoming Newsbriefs.

The 2014 CSPS Annual Poetry Contest finished late but it *did* finish, as you will see from the poems in the accompanying issue of the ***CQ***. This year's judge is the current Poet Laureate of Sonoma County, Katherine Hastings. The 1st Place winner was "Seventieth," by CSPS member and ***CQ*** contributor Greg Gregory; the 2nd Place winner was "Oxalis," by Eileen Malone; and the 3rd Place winner was "Three Somonkas," by CSPS member David Anderson. All are California residents. One Honorable Mention poem was selected: "In Yoshino," by Ohioan Timothy Russell, which appears in the accompanying CSPS *Poetry Letter*. Gregory, Anderson and Russell have also participated in the monthly poetry contests. Our congratulations to these fine poets!

We mourn the deaths in the past year of two long-time CSPS members: Anna Mae Johnson "Jonni" Terrell died in San Clemente in March and Dr. Julian "Jerry" Palley died in Irvine in late December. Jonni was a founding member of the CSPS in the 1970s and Jerry joined not long after. Each one of them served many years on the CSPS Board and as a ***CQ*** Editor. ***CQ*** Vol. 38 Nos. 3 & 4 was dedicated to Jerry and this current one – Vol. 40 No. 4 – is dedicated to Jonni. We who worked with them and learned from them will miss them, of course, but we keep our memories close. And they make us smile.

I have included instructions again for the Facebook site we have started. It is called ***CALIFORNIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY CSPS CQ***. You may access it to:

- Submit poems to the ***CQ***, which will be transmitted to the editor in turn
- Query ***CQ*** editors and CSPS board members
- Discuss poems with fellow poets

The sequence for visiting the CSPS Facebook site and becoming a member of it is the following:

- First off, you need to be a Facebook member, so do that if you haven't already
- Go to the Facebook website (facebook.com) and sign in
- Put CALIFORNIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY CSPS CQ in the search box ("Search for people, places and things")
- Push *Enter* on your keyboard
- The Facebook site will appear on your screen
- Then, ***JOIN*** – the Facebook site, which isn't the CSPS, by the way!!

For questions or problems, please contact Margaret Saine at umsaine@gmail.com or under *Ute Margaret Saine* on Facebook.

Speaking of CQ editor and CSPA Board Secretary Margaret Saine, she has been named associate editor of the international Puerto Rico-based tanka and haiku journal *Undertow Tanka Review* by general editor Sergio Ortiz. In the Internet literary journal *Life and Legends* (general editor Kalpna Singh-Chitnis) published in December 2014, she had three poems published in English; three poems in German translated into English; and translations of the Italian poet Rita Stanzone. She also had four poems published in the Italian magazine *Uqbar #114* and two in the *Potomac Journal* of Washington, D. C. Finally, her poem "Like a Reed" was published in Amman, Jordan, in an Arabic translation by Nizar Sartawi. Whew! And all this while she's traveling, too.

Contests, Contest Databases and Others

Activity in our monthly contests has been picking up of late, with good poets joining in and adding to the competition. This is *good* news for those of us who've been watching the participation numbers and wondering about all the hard work! The next mailing – the one with CQ Vol. 41 No 1 in it – will include a summary of the 2014 contests, with the winning poets and the titles of their poems.

CSPA members should take advantage of the contests of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies. They are many and varied, *trust* me! Go look at their website (www.NFSPS.org).

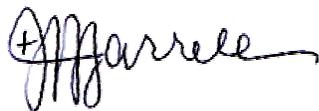
Don't forget the *Poets & Writers* website (www.PW.org) and the Tupelo Press website (www.TupeloPress.org), or the Senior Poets Laureate contest at www.AmyKitchenerFdn.org.

The Mailing

This **CQ** mailing includes the 2014 No. 4 CSPA *Poetry Letter*, a 2015 CSPA Membership Form, the 2015 CSPA Publication Guidelines, the 2015 CSPA Monthly Contest Topics and Rules, the January 2015 issue of the NFSPS newsletter *Strophes*, and this CSPA 2014 No. 4 *Newsbriefs*.

Wishing you all a *great* 2015 and *much* success with your writing, and on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Editors, I remain,

Very truly yours,



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