



**California State Poetry Society**  
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## ***Newsbriefs*** **2015, No. 3**

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

This third issue for 2015 comes to you in November of 2015 with Vol. 41 No. 3 of the *California Quarterly* (CQ), edited by Margaret Saine.

### ***News from the CSPS***

Our website is now operational, so please go take a look at it when you get a chance: <http://www.CaliforniaStatePoetrySociety.org>. It makes submission of 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*.

We've received a number of nice comments on CQ Vol. 41 No. 2, edited by Pearl Karrer. Judy Wells wrote, "Thanks for including me in CQ 41-2. I noted the cover art is by you and is quite lovely – wonderful colors and brushwork. I look forward to carefully reading the issue!" And Cherise Wyneken wrote, "I wish to thank you for the lovely copy of CQ, which includes my poem 'California Winters'." Claire Ortalda wrote, "I received the issue and it is beautiful. My husband, Floyd Salas, read it cover to cover yesterday as well and agreed with me that every poem was outstanding. I finally turned the issue over and saw that it was your painting on the cover. Beautiful." Judith Offer wrote, "Congratulations on a beautiful and carefully-put-together CQ. I feel so satisfied to be included in something so classic and dignified and readable." And finally, Joyce Snyder wrote, "This is a particularly wonderful issue of the CQ, beginning with your lovely painting, 'Wild Orchid,' to the thoughtful selection and ordering of poems. Thank you so much for your hard work and this gift."

***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:

**CSPS Vice President/Membership**  
**2560 Calabria Court**  
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For questions about our Facebook page (CALIFORNIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY CSPS CQ), please contact Margaret Saine at [UMSaine@gmail.com](mailto:UMSaine@gmail.com) or under *Ute Margaret Saine* on Facebook.

CSPS member and CQ Contributor Barbara Blanks has done well in the NFSPS national contests, receiving a 1<sup>st</sup>, two 2<sup>nd</sup>s, a 3<sup>rd</sup>, and two honorable mentions. The four placing poems will be published in *Encore*, the NFSPS anthology. *Outstanding*, Barb!

CQ Editor Margaret Saine has published several poems: "Different Blood," translated into Arabic by Nizar Sartawi in the April 2015 issue of *Saddana* (Amman, Jordan) and "Astride the Fish" in *Awen 89*, August 2015, edited by D. J. Tyrer. She will also publish a book of poems, *Das Weite suchen (Hitting the Road or Seeking What is Afar)*, Wiesenburg Verlag, Germany, in December 2015.

### ***Contests, Contest Databases and Others***

The winners of the CSPA Annual Contest this year are the following:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Katharyn Howd Machan	Ithaca, New York	"SARA ELLEN FLOOD: Redwing, 1888"
2 <sup>nd</sup>	David Anderson	Lincoln, California	"The Half-Breeds"
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Claire Scott	Oakland, California	"Too Late"
HM	John Oliver Simon	Berkeley, California	"Dysarthria"
HM	Xan L. Roberti	San Francisco, California	"Skytalk"
HM	Claire Scott	Oakland, California	"Windows"
HM	George E. Samerjan	North Chatham, New York	"A Stray II"
HM	Marie Chambers	Los Angeles, California	"The Whiteness of Bones"

The placing poems and comments from this year's judge, Erica Goss, the 2013-2015 Los Gatos Poet Laureate, will appear in Vol. 41 No. 4 of the *California Quarterly* later this year.

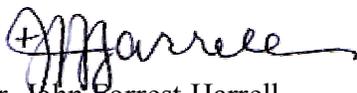
### ***The Mailing***

This CQ mailing includes the 2015 No. 3 CSPA *Poetry Letter*, a 2016 Membership Form, the 2016 Monthly Contest Topics and Rules, the August 2015 NFSPA *Strophes*, the 2016 NFSPA Annual Contests brochure, a 2015 CSPA Board Ballot, and this 2015 No. 3 CSPA *Newsbriefs*. The information in all of these is also available on or through our website.

Extra copies of current or previous CQ issues can be purchased via the **CQs** tab on our website ([CaliforniaStatePoetrySociety.org](http://CaliforniaStatePoetrySociety.org)). Membership dues and donations can also be made on it via the **Membership** tab.

Wishing you *all a great fall* 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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