



California State Poetry Society
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Newsbriefs ***2015, No. 1***

2015 Greetings from the Board of the California State Poetry Society (CSPS) to you all!

This first issue for 2015 comes to you in March of 2015 with Vol. 41 No. 1 of the *California Quarterly (CQ)*, edited by Jeanne Wagner.

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.

Don't forget to renew your membership for 2015! Send it to the address on the membership form – namely, Richard M. Deets, CSPS Membership Chair, 2560 Calabria Court, Dublin, CA 94568.

At the same time this past year as we have lost founding members who will be sorely missed, new members have been added to our ranks and we welcome them. I expect we will be seeing their work in the future.

Here again are instructions for the Facebook site *CALIFORNIA STATE POETRY SOCIETY CSPS CQ*. You can access it to (1) submit poems to the CQ, which will be transmitted to the editor in turn; (2) query CQ editors and CSPS board members; and (3) 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.

CQ Editorial Chair Pearl Karrer has poems appearing in several venues: "Henrietta" in *The Comstock Review* Vol. 28 No.2, 2015; "The Lady with an Ermine" in *Slant XXIX*, 2015; and "South of Vrbovsko" in the Waterwood Press anthology *No, Achilles*, 2015.

Contests, Contest Databases and Others

The CSPS Monthly Contest winners for 2014 are:

Mo	Poet (1st, 2nd, 3rd)	Poem	Mo	Poet (1st, 2nd, 3rd)	Poem
Jan	Lillian M. Fisher Jerry Douglas Smith Bruce Crawford	I See the Hill Traces Corn Song	Jul	David Anderson Katharyn Howd Machan John McBride	Struck by Wind Highway Lessons of the Immigrant
Feb	Lillian M. Fisher Ninette Freed Von S. Bourland	Memory Love, at Last Breaking Ground	Aug	Katharyn Howd Machan Lillian M. Fisher Jane Stuart	Brown Dilemma Life's Journey
Mar	Ninette Freed Lillian M. Fisher George E. Samerjan	Spring Despite Growing Torment A Mother Speaking I Saw a Man Dancing on the Sidewalk	Sep	Barbara Blanks Jane Stuart Katharyn Howd Machan	So It Begins Tonight Brings Back the World that Was Lucinda Garr, Redwing, 1888
Apr	Teresa Bullock Von S. Bourland John McBride	Pomegranate The Birth Tree The Cave at Lascaux	Oct	Bruce Crawford Felix Fojas Barbara Blanks	Cpl. Pat Tillman, KIA Anti-War Prayer Letter from England, 3 rd July
May	Ninette Freed Lillian M. Fisher George	Spring	Nov	Barbara Blanks Von S. Bourland Lisha Perini	The Family Meeting Fact, Not Wishes Disembodied
Jun	Lillian M. Fisher David Anderson Evelyn Cole	The Game Claude Monet, Giverny, 1922 Life on the Edge	Dec	Von S. Bourland George E. Samerjan June Gerron	Unexpected Treasure at an Estate Sale High Bank Canto IV Whale Watching

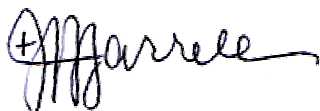
Once again, don't forget the *Poets & Writers* website (www.PW.org) and the Tupelo Press website (www.TupeloPress.org); the Florida State Poetry Society's annual state poetry contest is underway also (see www.floridastatepoetsassociation.org).

The Mailing

This **CQ** mailing includes the 2015 No. 1 CSPS *Poetry Letter*, a 2015 CSPS Membership Form, the 2015 CSPS Publication Guidelines, the 2015 CSPS Monthly Contest Topics and Rules, and this 2015 No. 1 CSPS *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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