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.

Contests, Contest Databases and Others

The CSPS Monthly Contest winners for 2014 are:

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| Jan | Lillian M. Fisher  
Jerry Douglas Smith  
Bruce Crawford | I See the Hill  
Traces  
Corn Song | Jul | David Anderson  
Katharyn Howd  
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 | 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 | Anti-War Prayer  
Letter from England, 3rd 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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