



California State Poetry Society
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Newsbriefs ***2015, No. 4***

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

This fourth issue for 2015 comes to you at the end of December of 2015 with Vol. 41 No. 4 of the *California Quarterly* (CQ), edited by Maura Harvey.

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*.

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
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 editors of the CQ have nominated six poems and poets from its 2015 issues for the Pushcart Prize. They are:

“Credo”	Susan Cohen	CQ Vol. 41, No. 1
“Stop #1: Franklin K. Lane Grove	Gillian Wegener	CQ Vol. 41, No. 1
“A Portrait of Winds (Excerpts)”	Bonnie Kwong	CQ Vol. 41, No. 2
“Caitlin Roberts: Redwing, 1888”	Katharyn Howd Machan	CQ Vol. 41, No. 2
“Untitled”	Rachel Blum	CQ Vol. 41, No. 3
“Chain Reaction, Fukushima”	Bruce Gallie	CQ Vol. 41, No. 3

Our congratulations to the six poets!

The Mailing

This CQ mailing includes the 2015 No. 4 CSPS *Poetry Letter*, a 2016 Membership Form, the 2016 Monthly Contest Topics and Rules, the 2016 CSPS Publication Guidelines, the October 2015 NFSPS *Strophes*, and this 2015 No. 4 CSPS *Newsbriefs*. The information in all of these is also available on or through our website. Really! ☺

In our recent elections, the following were re-elected for the 2016-2017 term:

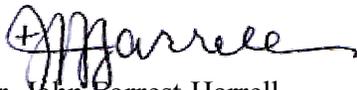
Keith Van Vliet	Vice President/Communications
Richard Deets	Vice President/Membership
Margaret Saine	Secretary/Historian
John Forrest Harrell	Treasurer

I am once again serving as the Acting President, as no brave and knowledgeable soul has stepped forthrightly into the breach. ☺

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

Praying you *all* had a happy Christmas, 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,



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