



Magnolia Muse

Mississippi Poetry Society Newsletter

Notes from the President

August 2014

1. I hope all of you are having a fun summer of time with family and friends and will be bringing renewed energy to our upcoming contest and festival. Soon you will be receiving information on how you can sponsor a category in our contest. Contest coordinator, Sheila Grieco, expects to have the contest ready and available for you to download from our website by early October.
2. Mark your calendars! Our 2015 Spring Festival is coming to the Gulf Hills Hotel and Conference Center in Ocean Springs on April 18-19. We hope you will plan to join us. Fun, food and fine poetry will be the order for this special weekend. Watch our website home page for further details.
3. September is dues month. Our dues are \$25.00 per year for Mississippians and the same for our at-large members. Mississippians should pay dues to their branch treasurer and our at-large members should send their dues checks to our state treasurer, Patricia Butkovich, 8319 Pine Cone Drive, Gautier, MS 39553.
4. CONGRATULATIONS to our NFSPS winners! Janice Canerdy won third place for her poem "Of All the Nerve" as well as an honorable mention in the humorous poetry category. Tommy Little won two honorable mentions. Congrats also to our at-large member winners: Barbara Blanks, Russell Strauss, Jim Barton, Catherine Moran, Sarah Hull Gurley, Gail Denham and Von S. Bourland. We are proud of all of you.
5. See the addition of the new "Spotlight" on our home page celebrating the achievements of our members. If you have recently released a new book or received an honor for your poetry, please let us know so we can feature you and your book or award on our site. For those members who have their own website and would like it listed on the MPS site, send the link to Judy Davies at judydavies@cableone.net. Links will appear on our resource page.
6. Writers Unlimited and MPS-South Branch are once again partnering for their fall contest. Please see our contest page to download your copy. I would encourage Central and North Branches to reach out in your respective communities to perhaps start a local contest.

Happy writing!
Judy Davies

