



# May-June Newsletter

MAC MISSOURI ARTS COUNCIL RAC Spring, 2007

**SPECIAL EDITION**

## The 48th Annual Poetry Concert

Sunday, May 20, at 1:30 p.m.

featuring Prize Winning Poets from contests sponsored by The St. Louis Poetry Center

The Regional Arts Commission 6128 Delmar Blvd.

### Hanks Memorial Contest

1st "All Things Being Possible" Carl Phillips in *Boulevard*, 2nd "Blind Spots" Jane O. Wayne in *Natural Bridge*

### James H. Nash Members Only Contest

1st Place (Martha Herbert Prize) "Learning to Float" Jennifer Tappenden, 2nd Place "[#First of the Mynd mAp series]" gaye gambell-peterson

3rd Place "The Vacant Lot Lies" Spencer E. Hurst

Honorable Mentions: "Connecticut Morning" Alice M. Azure,

"Autumn Greet the River" Marilyn Probe, "He Would Tell You He Never Was an Artist" Karen Smead Mondale

### Beverly Hopkins Memorial High School Contest

1st "Things My Mother Carries" Alex Erker, 2nd "I Hate Words" Benjamin J. Slabaugh

3rd "What My Grandpa Told Me" Michael Wagner

Honorable Mentions "Learning" Joe Wallace, "double life 2-21" Michelle Seris



The St. Louis Poetry Center will participate in a Spring Arts Festival at the Green Center, 8025 Blackberry Avenue, University City, MO 63130, on Sunday, May 6th, 2-5pm. The Green Center is a "nature laboratory" and a cultural gathering place on the grounds of the Green Mansion. Come and "plant a poem" with your children, and hear readings about Spring. Poet and performer Surreal Sista (Stephanie Lynne Williams) will lead workshops for youth and families on writing poetry that interweaves the social and scientific. Listen to the University City High School jazz band and admire artwork by Flynn Park Elementary School Students.

**Reminder:** **BEST POEM CONTEST** POSTMARK DEADLINE: MAY 31, 2007  
[www.stlouispoetrycenter.org](http://www.stlouispoetrycenter.org)  
**First Prize: \$2,000** & Publication in *MARGIE* **Second Prize: \$250** **Third Prize: \$100**  
**GUIDELINES:**

1. Submit up to 3 unpublished poems & a \$15 entry fee payable to The St. Louis Poetry Center. (60 line limit per poem). Additional poems may be submitted for \$5 each additional poem.
2. Enclose a single cover letter with your name, address, phone & poem titles. No names should appear on poems.
3. Simultaneous submissions are acceptable. Only send copies. Poems will not be returned. Include SASE for contest results.
4. All poems will be considered for publication.
5. Mail entry and fee by POSTMARK DEADLINE MAY 31, 2007 to:  
 Best Poem Contest The St. Louis Poetry Center 567 North & South Rd., #8 St. Louis, MO 63130

**POETRY AT THE POINT**  
**THE FOCAL POINT** May 22, 7:30 pm:  
 2720 Sutton Blvd. 7:30 p.m.  
 4th Tuesday of the month

Martha Ficklen author of *The Palm Leaf Fan* (Cherry Pie)

**Cherry Pie Press** publishes *The Midwest Women Poets Series*, exploring the work of new and established women poets who redefine the personal geography of the American Midwest by uncovering the possibilities of a voice that is female, central and pivotal.

**POETRY AT THE POINT**  
**June 26:** High School Poetry Contest Winners

**Nanora Sweet** author of two chapbooks, *Mix of Securities* (Snark) and *Rotogravure* (Cherry Pie), co-editor of *Breathing Out: Poems by Loosely Identified*, and guest-editor of *Natural Bridge*.

**Donna Biffar** author of seven books, most recently *Kiss Me Cold* (Cherry Pie Press). She is a co-editor of the anthology *New Century North American Poets* and a former editor of *River King* and *Head to Hand*.

**Helen Eisen** author of *The Permeability of Memory* (Cherry Pie Press).

**Colleen McKee** author of *My Hot Little Tomato* (Cherry Pie Press), and co-editor of *Are We Feeling Better Yet? Women's Encounters with Health Care in America*.

**July 10:** Open Mike Evening hosted by the St. Louis Writer's Guild at Wired Coffee, 3860 S. Lindbergh in Sunset Hills at 7 p.m.  
 Matt Freeman, Katherine Mitchell and Loy Ledbetter

**2006-2007 SLPC Board Members:**  
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Join the St. Louis Poetry Center

The St. Louis Poetry Center offers, free of charge, to Members and non-members admission to our 3rd Sunday Workshops, various readings, the Annual Concert; and The SLPC Newsletter. Joining the SLPC provides additional benefits. Mail this form and a check payable to the SLPC to: St. Louis Poetry Center, 567 North and South, #8, St. Louis, MO 63130.

- Member \$30 . All the above plus advance registration for SLPC special fee workshops and eligibility to enter the annual Members-Only Poetry Contest, with cash prizes.
Special Member rate for students, \$15 - Available to any full-time student (please include a photocopy of your student I.D. card)
Sponsor \$50 . All the Member benefits plus a copy of Margie, Volume V.
Muse \$75 . All the Member benefits plus a copy of Angels for the Burning, poems by David Mura.
Patron \$100 and over . All the Member benefits plus New American Poets, edited by Jack Myers & Roger Weingarten
Laureate \$150 and over . All the Member benefits plus Oxford Book of American Verse, edited by David Lehman

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Kudos!

SLPC members published in the Mid-Rivers Review:
MARILYN PROBE, GAIL EISENHART,
GAYE-GAMBELL PETERSON, and KAREN SMEAD MONDALE
ROBERT NAZARENE won the Book Critics Circle Award.

SALLY VAN DOREN won the 2007 Walt Whitman Award; her manuscript was selected from over 1,000 entries by August Kleinzahler as the recipient by the Academy of American Poets for a first book publication. She won the award for her book-length collection of poems Sex at Noon Taxes, which will be published in the spring of 2008 by Louisiana State University Press, and will be distributed to over 6,000 members of the Academy of American Poets.

NEW-NAME CONTEST FOR SLPC MEMBERS
You may have noticed that we are moving from being a newsletter to becoming a poet's toolbox.
The name of this publication should reflect this vision.
Suggest the winning new name and win a copy of "Queen for a Day" by Denise Duhamel.
Send to SLPC, 567 North & South #8, 63130—mark NNC on envelope
Entries must be postmarked by June 30, 2007.

Community events.....

RIVER STYX AT DUFF'S announces Annual Art and Literary Feast Monday, May 7 6:30 p.m.
For \$45 per plate, attendees will feast on fine Duff's cuisine and readings by award-winning writer Richard Bausch and renowned poet Allison Joseph. Duff's Restaurant is located at 392 N. Euclid Ave. in the Central West End.