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CT POETRY SOCIETY NEWSLETTER
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Save the Date!
Sunday Dec. 13th
CPS Holiday Party
Butterworth Hall

Wine and Cheese Meeting Delicious

The Connecticut Poetry Society held its first annual Wine and Cheese meeting and reading at the Buttonwood Tree in Middletown CT on October 18th. If you have never been to the Buttonwood Tree, do so. It is a wonderful venue and hosts a large number of excellent events.



Dana Sonnenshein

You can check them out on their website: <http://www.buttonwood.org/> We thank them for having our group there. The reading feature was **Dana Sonnenshein** winner of the **National Federation of Poetry Societies 2009 book award** for her new book ***Bear Country***. Dana's work and wit were very well received and enjoyed; buy the book and see for yourself. Several CPS members with new books also read and the 75th anniversary anthology of the Meriden Poetry Society ***On Wings of Verse*** was available for purchase as well. Donations were made to a Connecticut food pantry following the event.



Annual Holiday Party

Save the date for this year's annual CPS Holiday Celebration to be held **on December 13th from 2 p.m to 4 p.m.** at the beautiful historic **Butterworth Hall** located at 1265 Asylum Ave, Hartford CT.

There will be plenty of snacks and refreshments and fun and fellowship. Please bring favorite poems to read on a holiday theme as well as poems to read at the ***open microphone***. If you like to bake or make a special holiday treat and you would like to share, please bring it. There will be a ***free drawing***. CPS members are welcome to come and bring a guest; admission is free. Maybe they would like to join. We will send an email reminder and update information on our web page. <http://ct-poetry-society.org/>

Please RSVP to connpoetry@comcast.net between December 1st and 10th if you are coming so we can plan the goodies and drinks.

CPS Member Receives the CT Center for the Book Award

Bessy Reyna received a Lifetime Achievement award from the CT Center for the Book on Sunday September 20th at the Hartford Public Library. She was introduced by CPS member and CT Center for the Book poetry category chairperson Vivian Shipley, who also presented the award. Winner for the best poetry book of the year was **Dick Allen** for his book ***Present Vanishing***. Finalists were **Richard Deming** for ***Let's Not Call It Consequence*** and **Jeffrey H. Kaimowitz** for his translation ***The Odes of Horace***.



Call for Poems!

The reading period has begun for next year's *Connecticut River Review*. It is **October 15th through April 1st**. Lisa Siedlarz will edit the book again. Send poems to the Connecticut River Review, 53 Pearl Street, New Haven, CT 06511.

The Connecticut River Review Poetry Prize reading period is **December 1st through February 28th**. Send submissions to The Connecticut River Review Poetry Prize, CPS, Po box 270554, West Hartford, CT 06127-0554.



The Lynn DeCaro Poetry Competition for students grades 9 to 12. The reading period is **December 1st through March 15th**. The Guidelines for all of these are online and also located in the back of the current issue of the Connecticut River Review.

75 Year Anniversary

Congratulations to the Meriden Poetry Society which is celebrating its 75th Anniversary! Its longevity makes CPS which is only 35 years old, look like a teenager! Check out its Anniversary Edition, **On Wings of Verse**. Contact Mario Cavallo at: mcavallo1@cox.net to order.

We value you as a member, renew your membership please. Annual Dues are \$25, due in April- you can also pay in advance. Send to: CPS, Membership, PO Box 792, Manchester, CT 06045—**Thanks to all of you that have already done so and to all our new members as well.**

Long River Run Submissions

Long River Run, the members only publication of the Connecticut Poetry Society is in the works. We expect to mail it in late December or January of 2010. Emerson Gilmore is the editor and can be contacted at emgil3@yahoo.com

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