

Poetry West

The Muse News

March 2010

Meeting

Our next meeting is **Saturday, March 6, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** The meeting will be at the Common House of Casa Verde Commons. The Common House is located at 1355 Lindenwood Grove. Please park on surrounding streets (ie. Columbia or Royer) unless you have special mobility needs or need to park temporarily, while unloading.

Jane Hilberry as our present a session called "Meeting Your Muse," designed to help poets identify and connect with their particular sources of energy and inspiration.

Musings

Pat Nolan will exhibit a solo show of sumi-e and haiku at the Mediterranean Cafe, 118 E. Kiowa St, C/S, March 1 - 31. The Cafe is open at 11am, Monday - Saturday.

Lois Hayna is published in the winter issue of *Greensboro Review* with her poem, "Brief Eden."

Special thank you to **Ceil Malek, Liz Lewis, Pat Nolan, Ben Humphrey** and **Janice Black** for their years of service and dedication on the Poetry West Board.

A new board was elected at our last meeting. Look forward to information about the board members, as well as some of their plans and ideas, in the next newsletter.

Calls for Submissions

- **Karen Sucharski** is currently accepting submissions for a poetry anthology chapbook. For the past couple of years she has been involved with an art show called *Finding Our Voices*. It showcases the art of sexual assault survivors, victims and their allies. The group has recently received non-profit status and has refined their objectives to focus on raising awareness of sexual assault. It is only through awareness that we can begin to educate and slow down this behavior that damages our society so profoundly.

The anthology raises money for future awareness activities. All contributors will receive a free copy. Those eligible to contribute include victims and survivors of sexual assault as well as their allies. Please send poems to Karen via email: kalikookalehua@aol.com. Deadline is **March 15**.

The Big Picture Group is doing **Art Aloud** again this year. This is an art show designed to bring visual artists and poets together to create one work encompassing both. Poets can illustrate their own poetry or can work with another artist. There are artists looking for poets (and vice versa) on the Art Aloud Facebook page. More information, for artists as well as poets, is available at: www.figurativephoto.com.

Calendar of Events

The Baca retreat will be held this year from Wednesday, May 12 through Sunday, May 16. Cost will be \$40/night. The Baca retreat is meant to be a time for quiet renewal and refreshment for those who have given generously of their time to Poetry West – or to poetry and the arts in general. When possible we welcome new retreatants.

To guarantee peaceful, uninterrupted time to write, walk and contemplate in a beautiful southwest setting, the number of participants is limited. We would like all participants to find congenial nooks and crannies to work without distraction. We hope that every participant will be able to leave behind everyday cares and open themselves to new possibilities while at Baca.

It is required that each retreatant respect the writing time of others. Accommodations are dorm style and participants are required to clean up after themselves. Communal gatherings occur primarily around often-exuberant meals (kitchens and/or restaurants are available) and a festive reading at the end of the retreat.

For information or to reserve a place, please call Sandra McNew at 632-4374 or e-mail her at sandramcnew@aol.com with “Baca Retreat” in the subject line.

Colorado College Visiting Writers Series events:

Jim Moore and Company: Beloved poet Jim Moore, author of *Lightning at Dinner* and other books, will perform with CC students. Thursday March 4th at 7 PM in Bemis Hall Auditorium. Sponsored by the Virginia Darnes Yates Endowment. Reception to follow.

Samuel Green: Washington State Poet Laureate, author of *The Grace of Necessity* and *Vertebrae*. Sponsored by the Press at Colorado College. Thursday March 25th at 7 PM in Gates Common Room of Palmer Hall.

Poetry Prism

This section includes reviews of volumes of poetry as well as books related to poetry--in one way or another. *We need book review submissions for future newsletters!*

Here are a few of 38 answers from Carl Sandburg to the question, "What is Poetry?" Thanks to **Pat Nolan** for sharing these.

"Poetry is an echo asking a shadow dancer to be a partner."

"Poetry is a sliver of the moon lost in the belly of a golden frog"

"Poetry is the opening and closing of a door, leaving those who look through to guess about what is seen during a moment."

"Poetry is the capture of a picture, a song, or a flair, in a deliberate prism of words."

"Poetry is a shuffling of boxes of illusions buckled with a strap of facts."

Deadline for April Newsletter Items

Items will be due on March 17. Please wait for the request before sending information, as someone new will take over the newsletter next month.