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Just a few notes and reminders:

63rd Annual Poetry Festival

PST's 63rd Annual Poetry Festival is October 19th. If you are planning to attend, please send your registrations in ASAP to JoAn Howerton. Registration deadline was extended to 10/10. However, we need a final count of attendees (for both the Friday get-together and the Saturday Festival) no later than 10/10. Please contact JoAn, joan0620@att.net and send in your registrations. Registration form attached.

For those planning to attend, look for a separate email regarding details about the [Friday get-together](#) and the [oral poetry contests](#).

Student Poetry Contest

Reminder that the Student Poetry Contest is OPEN and we are inviting all students who are residents of Tennessee to participate. Not a resident? Students can join as student members. Middle- and upper-school deadlines are fast approaching, so please spread the word – teachers, tutors, guidance counselors, students, home school groups, 4-H, scouts... The link for the student poetry contest is on our contest page, here: [Poetry Society of Tennessee Contests](#).

Upcoming Member-Only Contests

Our next contest is sponsored by PST-Knoxville. Subject, It's all relative — about a relative OR 2 or more related things. 25 lines; Form: Any. Please send entries to Monthly Contest Chair, Ann Carolyn Cates, 7471 Greenbrook Pkwy, Southaven, MS 38671 no later than October 20, 2019.

Upcoming Critiquing Opportunities

November's critiquing session is NFSPS #49, Miriam S. Strauss Award, Subject: A scary or spooky poem, Form: Any, 10-40 line limit. Remember, if you're out of town, you can send 10 copies of your poem to Lori Goetz, 2153 Wood Creek Dr., Germantown, TN 38138, and I'll send you a PDF of critiquing comments from the group.

Poetry Round-Robin Critiquing

Looking for additional critiquing on your poems? We are gauging interest for round-robin groups, where multiple poets comment on each other's poems. Critiquing is done via mail or email. These groups are not focused on specific contests; they are open to any type of poem with the intent of helping poets develop their skills. Please let me know if you are interested (Lori Goetz, plmeagoetz@bellsouth.net, 901-652-4385, or 2153 Wood Creek Dr., Germantown, TN 38138).

Strophes

NFSPS' quarterly newsletter, Strophes, is now available. For the online edition, please go to the NFSPS website, <http://www.nfmps.com/Strophes2019-Oct.pdf>.

News from the Chapters:

- PST-NE changing their meeting venue starting in October: meetings on the 4th Saturday of each month, 2 pm at Grandview Christian Church, 300 University Parkway in Johnson City. At their September meeting, they had 2 speakers (Nancy Jane Earnest and Jerry Buchanon) who spoke about their writing process and experiences. PST-NE is also spreading word about their Sesquicentennial Poetry Contest and had a Poetry Awareness Day proclamation on 10/3 from the Johnson City Mayor.

- PST-Knoxville celebrated Oktoberfest with a study of German poets. They continue their meetings on the 4th Wednesday of each month, Earth Fare, Turkey Creek, 6:30 pm.
- PST-West Tennessee will host PST's 63rd Annual Poetry Festival on 10/19, and will resume regular meetings at the White Station Public Library on 11/2 at 2 pm. PST-West Tennessee will also publicizing a Poetry Day Proclamation with media coverage. Reminder — poetry reading at Café Eclectic on Wednesday 10/9 at 7 pm.

As always, call or email with questions!

- Lori Goetz