

**The Poetry Society of Tennessee
63rd Annual Poetry Festival
October 18-19, 2019**

**Southwest Tennessee Community College
Macon Cove Campus
Room 141, Macon Academic Building B
5983 Macon Cove, Memphis, Tennessee, 38134**

Workshop Leader — Budd Powell Mahan

Budd Powell Mahan served as the 16th, 19th, and 25th president of the Poetry Society of Texas, the oldest continuously active state poetry society. Mr. Mahan served in multiple offices at the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS), culminating in NFSPS president from 2004-2006. He was also editor of *Encore* from 1999 to 2004.

He focused extensively on student programs in Texas, running the student awards program for 22 years, with Texas winning 13 consecutive first places in the Student Award of the NFSPS. Nationally, he was Manningham Poetry Trust Chair from 2011-2018.

Mr. Mahan's poetry is in every *Prize Poems of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies* since 1990, except when he selected the judges in 1997. His work can also be read in *Poetry Dallas*, *Behold Texas*, *Of Hide and Horn*, *Galaxy of Verse*, and *A Book of the Year*. His winning poem appears in *Poetry in Motion*, the anthology of those prize winners.

He won the Eakin Manuscript Competition in November 2005 with *Falling to Earth*, and won the Stevens Manuscript Competition of National Federation of State Poetry Societies, Inc. in 2006 with *Harvest*. His book *Witness* won the 2010 Morris Memorial Chapbook Contest of the Alabama State Poetry Society, and his book *One Saturday* won the Dallas Poets Community Competition in 2011. In 2016 he won the William D. Barney Memorial Chapbook Contest of the Fort Worth Poetry Society with *Names in a Book*.

Formerly a teacher, Mr. Mahan is an actor in the Dallas area, and takes part in speaking engagements and poetry readings. He has won awards for both painting and photography, but he has found his greatest fulfillment through his writing.

NEW for 2019 — Open Mic Competition

- Poems must be ORIGINAL work of the poet and in English; no profanity or offensive language.
- No more than 3 poems; total reading of all work must not exceed 3 minutes.
- No musical or percussion accompaniment during competition; no props or costumes.
- Oral competitions will be judged by a panel. Prizes awarded for both traditional and performance categories, as warranted.
- Entry fee — \$2 + festival registration; please register for open mic contest with festival registration.

Schedule of Events

Friday Evening, October 18 — Meet-and Greet

Join us for a meet-and-greet, 6 pm, location TBD. Please RSVP on your registration and we will forward information as it becomes available!

Saturday, October 19 — Southwest Community College

9-9:30	Registration and coffee
9:30-11:30	Workshop by Budd Powell Mahan
11:30-12:30	Lunch
12:30-2:00	Oral Poetry Competition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance poetry • Traditional readings
2:00-4:30	Awards and readings
4:30	Final door prizes



Membership Information

Not a member? Join us! We sponsor monthly contests which are only open to members. Join us, and don't miss out on the fun! Please go to the membership link on our website,

<https://www.poetrytennessee.org/membership.html>

or for additional membership information, contact us at poetrytennessee@gmail.com.

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Registration and Fees

Please mail to: JoAn Howerton, 2563 Twin Woods Cove Memphis, TN 38134

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ E-mail: _____

Number Attending Friday Night: _____ Number Attending Saturday: _____

Circle As Appropriate:	student (lunch only = \$7; registration free)	member (registration + lunch = \$15)	non-member (registration + lunch = \$20)
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Are you registering for the Open Mic Contest?	Yes (Add \$2)	No	If yes, please circle competition category	Traditional reading Performance poetry
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Total Fees Enclosed: _____

Registration and fees are due no later than September 20, 2019

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