

Dear PST-WT Members:

Many thanks to Tracy Crump, who presented to PST-WT on how to submit poetry and prose to the Chicken Soup for the Soul anthologies. You can find Tracy's website at <https://www.tracycrump.com/>, and you can find the Chicken Soup website at <https://www.chickensoup.com/>

### **PST-West Tennessee News and Information for May 2021:**

#### **Patrons**

- PST invites anyone who wants to be a patron of the society to submit a donation; we will honor all patrons in the Anthology as well as at the Festival.
- Individuals, couples, and businesses can be patrons.
- 3 levels, with different minimums:
  - Silver (\$15), Gold (\$25), and Platinum (\$50)
- Patron donations forms are available on the website and attached <https://www.poetrytennessee.org/important-forms-and-documents.html>
- Please return your patron form by 5/31 if you would like to be acknowledged in the 2020/2021 anthology

#### **Membership**

- Membership registration is now overdue! Our membership year runs May 1 through April 30; all renewals were due May 1)
- Membership forms are available on the website and are attached <https://www.poetrytennessee.org/important-forms-and-documents.html>
- Please return ASAP — we use this information to confirm emails and mailing addresses; membership information is also transmitted to NFSPS

#### **Monthly Members-Only Contests**

- PST-West Tennessee has a new monthly members-only schedule!!!
- Reminders that rules are on our <https://www.poetrytennessee.org/contests.html>
- Please send your poems in ASAP – USPS is running LATE, and we have had problems (a) with poems arriving at Ann Carolyn's later, and (b) with poems arriving at the judge's in time for judging to be completed!!!
- We still need sponsors/judges for October and November — please contact Lori Goetz if you would like to sponsor a monthly members-only contest for one of these months.

<b>Month</b>	<b>Due Date</b>	<b>Sponsor</b>	<b>Subject</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Line Limits</b>
<b>June</b>	May 15	Lori Goetz	Brushes	Any	24 max
<b>July</b>	June 15	William Hill Art and Poetry	A poem about a work of art	Any	40 max
<b>August</b>	July 15	Howard Carman, Jr.	Growing Up	Any	40 max

**NFSPS Virtual Convention Registration** is now open.

- Registration is due June 1
- Convention is June 10-13
- <https://www.nfspd.com/2021ConventionRegistration.pdf>

#### **Next PST-West Tennessee Meeting**

- June 5, 2 pm

- VIRTUAL – this will be an online reading, please bring poems to share; feel free to share this link with friends  
 PST June Meeting  
 Saturday, June 5 · 2:00 – 3:30pm  
 Google Meet joining info  
 Video call link: <https://meet.google.com/jsx-rzpk-tbs>
- As we discussed, we are planning multiple workshops/readings at various libraries/venues around town. Future meetings will be scheduled as we are able to coordinate with these venues.
- May mid-month poetry reading is CANCELLED.

### **May Monthly Members-Only Contest Winners**

Sponsor and Judge: Howard Carman, Jr.; Petrarchan Sonnet, Any Subject

- 1st place -- Russell Strauss, Memphis, TN -- "That Other Sonnet, Emma Lazarus"
- 2nd place -- Janet Qually -- Memphis, TN -- "A Renewed Love for Life Found in the Flow of Healing Water"
- 3rd place -- Lisa Kamolnick Blountville, TN -- "A Pastel Preponderance"
- HM -- Greer L. Fox Knoxville, TN -- "Revenge"

Congratulations to Our New Slate of Officers!! The ballots have been counted and our new officers for the coming membership year are as follows:

- President: William Hill, [hillw@bellsouth.net](mailto:hillw@bellsouth.net)
- Treasurer: Lori Goetz, [plmegoetz@bellsouth.net](mailto:plmegoetz@bellsouth.net)
- Corresponding Secretary: Ruby J. Jones, [ruby.jones9609@gmail.com](mailto:ruby.jones9609@gmail.com)

# Poetry Society of Tennessee

An affiliate of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS)

## Membership Application/Renewal

**Membership Year: May 1 through April 30, \_\_\_\_\_**

The Poetry Society of Tennessee (PST) is a non-profit organization founded by poets for poets in Memphis in 1953, and is recognized as the founding society in the State of Tennessee by the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS). Since then, we have expanded to three chapters: West Tennessee, Northeast Tennessee, and Knoxville. We also offer At-large memberships for those who live out of state or in an area with no local chapter. We are an inclusive, supportive, "learn by doing" club. Some of our members are accomplished poets, some are beginners, and a few are non-writers who simply love poetry. No matter where you fit in the spectrum, PST has something to offer.

**Please check the application type:**  New member  Membership renewal

**Please check the membership chapter:**  West TN  Northeast TN  Knoxville  At-large

**Please check the level of membership/renewal desired:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Full member for one year (\$25 for membership year). Full members may participate in monthly meetings and periodic poetry readings, participate in members-only contests, and are eligible to participate in National Federation of State Poetry Society contests.

\_\_\_\_\_ Full member, prorated for partial membership year (\$15 for January - April)

\_\_\_\_\_ Associate member for one year (\$10 for the membership year); may participate in monthly meetings, periodic poetry readings, and non-member PST and NFSPS contests (at non-member fees), but not in members-only contests.

\_\_\_\_\_ Student member (\$10 for membership year); may participate in monthly meetings and periodic poetry readings; also eligible to participate in members-only contests.

**Please provide the following information:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mailing Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number(s):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**If a *renewing* member, has any contact information changed since last year?**  Yes  No

**If you do not wish to list your contact information in the PST directory, please check here:**  Do Not List

Beginning with the 2021-2022 membership year, the *Tennessee Voices Anthology* will be available to all members at discounted rates (it will no longer be included in annual dues), by either pre-order from PST, or direct from Amazon.com. If you wish to pre-order a print copy (to be paid prior to order), check here:  Pre-order

**Please return a completed copy of this form and a check for membership dues (payable to PST) to your corresponding chapter treasurer:**

- **West Tennessee or At-large:** Lori Goetz, P.O. Box 770688, 521 Erin Drive, Memphis, TN 38117
- **Northeast Tennessee:** Howard Carman, P.O. Box 3772, Johnson City, TN 37602
- **Knoxville:** In-person to Sharon Fox Sweeney, or mail to P.O. Box 770688, Memphis, TN 38117

## Poetry Society of Tennessee

### Tennessee Voices Patron Registration

The Poetry Society of Tennessee offers the following levels of patronage. We acknowledge all patrons donating at the Silver level or higher in our anthology, *Tennessee Voices*.

Level	Minimum Donation	Business Website Listing in Anthology	Author Website Listing in Anthology	Additional Copy of Anthology	Listing in Anthology as Patron
Platinum	\$50	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Gold	\$25	No	Yes	Yes	Yes
Silver	\$15	No	No	No	Yes

I would like to be a patron of the Poetry Society of Tennessee.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

We will list your name, city, and state in *Tennessee Voices*. If different than above, please indicate here:

\_\_\_\_\_

Identify your patron level here:

Platinum \$50 or above      My business website: \_\_\_\_\_

My author website: \_\_\_\_\_

Gold \$25 or above      My author website: \_\_\_\_\_

Silver \$15 or above

Please return this form and your donation to:

Treasurer  
Poetry Society of Tennessee  
P.O. Box 770688  
521 Erin Drive  
Memphis, TN 38117

All donations received prior to **May 31, 2021** will be acknowledged in the **2020/2021 edition** of *Tennessee Voices*. Donations received after this date will be acknowledged in the subsequent year.