



California State Poetry Society
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Newsbriefs ***2016, No. 3***

Greetings from the Board of the California State Poetry Society (CSPS)!

This third issue for 2016 comes to you in September with Vol. 42 No. 3 of the *California Quarterly* (**CQ**), edited by Jeanne Wagner.

News from the CSPS

If you have news you'd like to share with the members of the CSPS, please contact me at the email address below my signature and I'll try to post it on the website or include it in an upcoming *Newsbriefs*. We will shortly construct a mailing list of members with email addresses to facilitate passing on flyers we receive for various contests and poetry conferences around the country. If we have your email address and you don't want to be included, please let me know at the email address below my signature.

During July, an update (probably to the *Joomla!* version GoDaddy has installed for us) eliminated our ability to upload .docx files for submissions. Until GoDaddy fixes the problem (ahem) please save your files as 97/2003 .doc files (you'll see the option under the *Save As* tab in MS Word) and upload them.

We have received compliments for the last two issues:

"Congratulations on this excellent edition of **CQ**! That there is such an international array is wonderful. I'm grateful my work has been included in this artful collection." – John McDonough, Culver City, California (**CQ** Vol. 42 No. 1)

"What a beautiful job you did in putting out the latest **CQ**. Thank you for including my poem. The cover art is beautiful and the selection of poems is very interesting." – Amie Ilva Tatem, Staten Island, New York (**CQ** Vol. 42 No. 2)

Lázaro Ismelio González Fernández, a poet from Havana, Cuba, who was published in **CQ** Vol. 40 No.3 and **CQ** Vol. 41 No. 4, lost his home and all material possessions to a fire this spring. He wrote to ask for copies of the **CQ** issues where his works appeared. Editor Maura Harvey will be sending them to him via another **CQ** poet who will be in Cuba this winter.

Communications with the island nation are complicated, but this interchange gives graphic testimony to the enduring quality of poetry and friendship. Even politics and fire do not douse the flame.

Contests, Contest Databases and Others

The monthly contest topics and rules for 2017 will be the same as they are for 2016; they are posted on the website and included in this mailing. Please use CaliforniaStatePoetrySociety.org

to submit your poems! It's easier, less expensive (no \$.49 stamp, not to mention the cost of the envelope) and much faster. ☺

Michael O'Sullivan has sent us the following: "I don't know if I mentioned that I am currently editing THE WORLD BOOK OF POETRY. Your members would be most welcome to submit. Details are on Poetry Ireland (poetryireland.ie) and on my website: michaelosullivan59.weebly.com."

Don't forget to check the following websites on a regular basis for their news, especially of contests, classes and conferences:

Poets & Writers Magazine	www.pw.org
Poetry Foundation	www.poetryfoundation.org
Tupelo Press	www.tupelopress.org

Neshama Franklin, the judge of the 2016 CSPA Annual Poetry Contest, has announced the winners. They are:

Award	Poem	Poet
1 st Place	To Her Psychiatrist	Claire Scott, Oakland, California
2 nd Place	Dragonfly Chores	Susan Richardson, Boise, Idaho
3 rd Place	Water, Music	David Anderson, Lincoln, California
Honorable Mention	What I Tried to Give My Daughter	Katharyn Howd Machan, Ithaca, New York
Honorable Mention	Tightrope	Rose Ann Spaith, Columbus, Ohio
Honorable Mention	Ebb Tide	Catharine Lucas, Berkeley, California

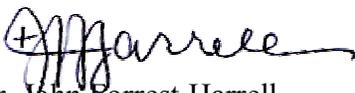
The names have been posted on our website (CaliforniaStatePoetrySociety.org) and the placing poems will be published in the next issue of *CQ* this year (the fourth issue – Vol. 42, No. 4). Honorable Mention poems are being considered for publication in either the CSPA *Poetry Letter* or subsequent *CQ* issues.

The Mailing

This *CQ* mailing includes the 2016 No. 3 CSPA *Poetry Letter*, a 2017 Membership Form, the 2017 Monthly Contest Topics and Rules, the 2017 CSPA Publication Guidelines, the July 2016 NFSPA *Strophes*, and this 2016 No. 3 CSPA *Newsbriefs*.

Praying you *all* have a *great* fall and write *very good* stuff besides, and on behalf of the Board of Directors and the Editors, I remain,

Very truly yours,



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