



A grain of poetry serves to season a century – José Luis Martí

Language of Enchantment

News from the New Mexico State Poetry Society (NMSPS) March/April 2023

Welcome to the newsletter of the New Mexico State Poetry Society (NMSPS). To keep information flowing at a manageable rate, we have reinvented our newsletter to an email format. Look for it in your inbox every other month.

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A Word from the President

Bernadette Perez, NMSPS President

Dear Friends,

Life has been moving so fast lately, too fast sometimes. Days and weeks and months get caught up in conference calls, work deadlines, running errands and attending events. Before I know it, the year has slipped by. But when we are together as friends who share a love of poetry — whether it's for a couple of hours on a sunny afternoon or a quick evening open mic — time seems to stop, or at least slow down, if only for those few hours or couple of days.

I have grown to accept the current reality of our NMSPS fellowship — a reality that will likely remain for the foreseeable future. Texts, emails, zoom, Facebook messages and occasional phone calls are our primary modes of communication these days. For the most part, I've accepted these limitations. I might even go so far as to say that, most days, I am used to it.

But while I may have accepted them, that doesn't mean I don't wish things were different sometimes, that we could gather more often, that all of us weren't so busy. We need friends to fill the open and empty spaces, to feel a little less lonely. In the past, we found old friends and made new ones at our State and National conventions. Then came Covid and a period of "remote" and "virtual" conventions, the exact opposite of "up close and personal."

At last, this year our NMSPS State Convention will be in the flesh as well as the spirit, and that is not the only change. Over the last few years, I've wanted to expand the boundaries of what a Poetry Convention can be, and collaborating with the National Hispanic Cultural Center during its Family Day/Earth Day event feels like a natural way to bring this vision to life.

This year we are excited to announce that we will join with the NHCC to explore poetry's ability to enrich culture, community, education and other arts. We will also

unveil plans to recharge and amp up our beloved Poets in the Classroom project, as well as a new project to please those who prefer indoor settings for such exploration.

The NMSPS Convention will be held on Earth Day, Saturday, April 22, at the National Hispanic Cultural Center in SW Albuquerque. You do not want to miss this.

See you there,

Bernadette Perez (pictured above with new grandson Beau)



Full Steam Ahead for the NMSPS State Convention

Come to the NMSPS Annual State Convention, where it's FULL STEAM AHEAD! Enjoy a day of Poetry, Art, Nature, Learning and Family wrapped up in one bright package!

Celebrating *Hermosa Tierra* (Beautiful Earth) at this *Día de Familia* presented by the National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC) from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. About 1,000 guests expected.

Date: Saturday, April 22, 2023. Earth Day!

Time: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. MT

Place: NHCC History and Literary Arts Building, at 1701 4th St. SW, Albuquerque, NM 87102

Featuring Manny Gonzalez (past) and Anna Martinez (current) Albuquerque Poets Laureate, Youth Poet prodigy Sarita Sol Gonzalez, and Cartographer of the Unseen JC Wayne, with guest emcee Marcial Delgado and workshop leader Kuan Tikkun.

8 a.m.— Warm up with a hot cuppa at the Courtyard Coffee Cart (Portico)

9 a.m.— NMSPS General Meeting: Election results, awards and plans in the works for the next two years.

10:00 a.m. — Celebrity Panel with ABQ Poet Laureate Anna Martinez, Poet prodigy Sarita Sol Gonzalez, and all-ages poetry excursion guide JC Wayne. Hear their poetry “herstories” and adventures. Moderated by NHCC Director of History & Literary Arts, Dr./Ms. Carson Morris.

11:15 a.m. — Haiku/Hang 10 Slam, emceed by Marcial Delgado, last year’s NMSPS delegate to the NFSPS’ inaugural BlackBerry Peach National SLAM in Daytona, FL. Round up all those old haiku that never saw daylight (or those that did), plus the ten-words-or-less tiny poems you wrote for the Poets’ Picnics, and enter this informal, fun-filled Slam on the Courtyard Stage. Scott Wiggerman says it’s okay to recycle your Poets’ Picnic entries. Classical haiku welcome, but so are the weird or funny, like cryptid haiku. Bring lots of poems. It takes 5 poems for one round. Why the “Hang 10” moniker? We may hang them in the Courtyard’s catalpa grove.

12 Noon — Choose your own adventure! Stick around for the Haiku-Hang 10 Slam; check out the free exhibits offered by the NHCC’s Día de Familia, which starts at 11:00 a.m.; get lunch from one of the Food Trucks scheduled to be there and join friends on the HLA outdoor patio; or bring your own picnic and gather for small read-arounds or open mics in the many nooks and crannies or grassy parks on the grounds of the NHCC campus. Just be sure that by 1:00p.m. you have made your choice as to which of two concurrent events you will attend next. Will it be ...

1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m. — Ekphrastic workshop on "Keystone Species: Guardians of the Eco-verse," facilitated by RGV chair Kuan Tikun in Salon Ortega (ballroom). This workshop will start with a short Power Point introduction to six keystone species, those organisms that keep an ecosystem sustainable and balanced. It will then break into work groups for discussion and poetry/art production for each of the species; and will conclude with sharing of art, poetry or insights generated by workshop participants. Or, if you are ambulatory and wore your walking shoes, will you choose...

1 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.— Guided Art and Poetry in Nature adventure walk. JC Wayne will lead a multigenerational group that will gather at the Circle Drive, then take a short stroll into the adjacent Bosque Park, a designated Albuquerque Open Space area. During the walk, she will guide a playful, interactive discovery of art in the nature and creatures encountered by the group. Poems may be created during or after the walk, and they will probably be transformed into art for outdoor display. They will come back to the Education Building on the NHCC campus to create that art.

2:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. — Children will hang their biodegradable poetry/art in the Poet-Tree Grove between the Education Bldg. and the HLA Bldg, where it will remain to

charm future visitors to the Center.

2:45 p.m. — Pre-film Flamenco performance by NHCC-invited dance ensemble. Open to all.

3 p.m. — NHCC-presented film in the Performing Arts Bldg. Open to all. Or, relax, rehearse or read-around while you get ready for the

4 p.m. to 5-6 p.m. — NMSPS Youth Slam Poetry Finals to pick the Society's delegate to win the title of National Youth Slam Champion at the NFSPS BlackBerry Peach National SLAMYouth Mini-Festival in Des Moines, IA, June 23, 2023. Albuquerque Poet Laureate (2016-18) Manny Gonzalez will perform his own poetry on the Courtyard Stage of the HLA Bldg, and will then emcee the Youth Slam.



The NMSPS T-Shirt is Here. Get Yours Today!

This cotton shirt won't go out of vogue. It's the same brand and fabric we had for the 2013 NFSPS Convention in Albuquerque, and the shirt from that historic event is still going strong. As you can see from the photos, there's no date on the front to let it become "dated," nor will the word POET on the back ever go out of style. Let's dress for success at our 2023 State Convention and any that follow.

Specify Sizes S-XXL, but allow for some shrinkage (or growth) since they are 100 percent cotton. Order for the Convention and pay only \$20 per shirt. If you can't pick up your shirt(s) at the Convention on April 22, 2023, or the Poets' Picnic on May 20, 2023, you'll need to add \$3 per shirt for shipping/postage. Keep checking our website, www.nmpoetry.com. Online purchases will be available via PayPal account or credit/debit card.



Volunteers Needed for the NMSPS State Convention

The National Hispanic Cultural Center has generously offered to do most of the setup for the event, but since about 1,000 visitors are expected to attend their Earth Day program, which runs from 11:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m., we will surely need some extra hands then — and in the days leading up to the State Convention. If you can help out with any of the following, please contact Shirley Blackwell at convention@nmpoetry.com (please don't use her personal email) or call her at (505) 235-5735 between 9:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. to be put on the Volunteers list.

If you can loan or donate any of the following items, they would be most welcome:

- Baked goods or nibbles/paper cups/creamer/or disposable spoons for our Coffee Station in the morning, or lemonade/cookies in the afternoon. NHCC will donate the first round of lemonade and cookies, but anything extra NMSPS can bring will be appreciated.
- Two portable sound systems (mic, mic stand, amp) for the Courtyard Stage (Haiku and Youth Slams) and the indoor Ekphrastic Poetry workshop on Keystone Species at 1:00 p.m.
- Flip Charts and large easels or white boards for at least six discussion groups at the ekphrastic workshop starting at 1:00 p.m. in the Salon. Erasable markers for whiteboards
- Markers, note pads, crayons, art supplies, scissors, etc. (biodegradable preferred.)

Jobs that need filling/doing:

- Sound equipment wrangler (setup and troubleshooting for outdoor stage and indoor annual meeting and two workshops in the Ortega Salon (ballroom))

- Power Point Operator for a 15-20 minute PP introduction to Kuan's ekphrastic poetry workshop on Keystone Species. In Salon.
- Coffee and Tea barristas to keep an eye on our early morning beverage station, resupply as necessary, and welcome folks to the day. Will be set up on the portico just outside Salon, so you won't miss the morning's events. For afternoon, it's lemonade/cookies.
- T-shirt and Anthology distributors to match merchandise with those who ordered it. Will operate from a table inside the Salon.
- Registrar/membership coach(s): verify attendees are NMSPS members who have pre-registered for Convention, and if not, sign them up as new members and let them pay membership and convention fees online (via the computers we'll bring to the event). We will already have folks signed up for these jobs, but they will need breaks. It helps to know how to use the PayPal devices that enable credit card use (similar to Square) or to be a quick study on these devices.
- One Scorekeeper, 5 Judges for Haiku/Hang Ten Fun Slam (amateurs just fine).
- Adults to help JC Wayne keep children in tow during the Poetry in Nature Walk and help in art project after the walk. Ideal ratio is 1 adult per 5 children. Volunteers would supervise children but not be "teachers." Spanish speakers are especially welcome.
- Paper cutters. We will need to make hundreds of blank "weathergrams" like those used at the Poets' Picnic. Shirley has a tabletop paper cutter to lend any group willing to cut up grocery bags and tie strings through them. Any writing group, crafters, or chapter willing to take this on?
- Regular Go-fers—or people with a skill (or the muscle) to step in when needed.
- Extroverts willing to step into the spotlight if we have to improvise (Plan B).



Liz Steppe is the New NMSPS Treasurer

Liz is an Albuquerque based poet and CPA. She earned her Master's in Accounting in

2011 and CPA license in 2016, specializing in nonprofit bookkeeping and tax since then.

She has published poems in *The Leonardo*, *Loud Creation*, *Abstract Elephant*, and the *Fixed n Free Anthology*. She was an Albuquerque Shut Up & Write host during 2017-20. She is honored to be able to support the operations of NMSPS and excited to become more engaged with the community of poets and writers. She is a member of the Albuquerque Chapter.

Liz also enjoys woodworking, hot yoga and her two dogs. You can reach Liz at treasurer@nmpoetry.com.



Lynne Zotalis is the New Chapter Chair for the River Poets in Silver City

Lynne Zotalis is an award-winning author and poet, practicing the lifelong pursuit of being a peacemaker. Her short stories have won publication in the R.H. Cunningham Short Story Contest for three years. Her poems have appeared in the online human rights journal *Tuck Magazine*, *Writing In A Woman's Voice*, *The Poetic Bond VII, VIII and IX*, and *Lyrical Iowa*. She was interviewed by John Noltner, founder of *A Peace of my Mind*, and the recording is available on his website.

She has contributed to numerous anthologies, including *Peace Begins* and *Turning Points: Discovering Meaning and Passion in Turbulent Times*, published by Changing Times Press. Her book *Saying Goodbye to Chuck* was selected by GoodReads.com, and is available on Amazon. Her memoir/creative nonfiction, *Hippie at Heart: What I Used to Be, I Still Am* won a Firebird Book Award, and was a finalist in the Best Book Awards.

You can reach Lynne at rp_chair@nmpoetry.com.



Albuquerque Chapter Update from Chair Janet Ruth

We are looking forward to another great year of meeting in person in 2023! Our meetings are held on the second Saturday of every month (September through May) from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Meetings are held at the North Domingo Baca Multigenerational Center, 7521 Carmel NE, Albuquerque (near Wyoming and Paseo del North NE).

On January 14, 2023, David Meischen presented on “How to Use Submittable.” He explained how to electronically submit poems to journals and other venues for publication, how to find opportunities for submissions, and how to keep track of the poems you submit.

Anastasia Andersen has taught poetry at UNM Continuing Education. On February 11, 2023, she conducted a class for us on the intriguing subject of “Using one or more constraints (rules) that allow you to run toward what scares you as a poet.”

Former Poet Laureate of Oklahoma Nathan Brown is a poet, singer/songwriter who joined us on March 11, 2023, to talk about the connections between poetry and songwriting.

On April, 8, 2023, former Albuquerque Poet Laureate Michelle Otero will give us a class based on Toi Derricotte’s “After All Those Years of Fear and Raging in My Poems,” a poem that empties itself, cleans the slate, and lets the speaker and reader begin anew. We will write the poem that comes next, after those milestones are met.

May 13, 2023, is our last meeting before our summer break. NMSPS (and NFSPS) Youth Chair JC Wayne will speak to us on “Bringing Art and Poetry to Young People.” She’ll share her experiences and plans for the classroom (and beyond) and will

discuss with members who are veterans of the NMSPS Poetry in the Classroom program how to resurrect and invigorate that beloved program.

During our Summer Hiatus (June, July and August) Abq Chapter members receive occasional email updates and info from Chapter Chair Janet Ruth. Even if you are not yet a member of the Chapter, you can [contact the chair](#) for information.



Rio Grande Valencia Poets Chapter Update from Chair Kuan Tikkun

Rio Grande Valencia (RGV) Poets meet year-round via Zoom at 6:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month for group read arounds. We also take occasional road trips or meet in person at various art venues to share poetry with the public. We recently welcomed Joe Dunagan from Los Lunas as a new member.

We are always happy to have “visitors” from other chapters. Contact me if you would like an invitation and Zoom link to join us. Hey, Albuquerque Chapter members, you can get your poetry fix with us during your summer hiatus. We would also like to get acquainted with the folks in the River Poets. Of course, Santa Fe Poetry Trails, you have a standing invitation.

Three of our RGV members will be very present at our upcoming NMSPS State Convention on April 22nd at the National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC). NMSPS Youth Chair JC Wayne (youth@nmpoetry.com) will be introducing two potential programs to the Society during our morning meeting, including her souped-up version of our former Poets in the Classroom project. In the afternoon, she will be leading a multigenerational art and poetry walk in the nearby bosque.

While JC is guiding the exploratory tour, RGV chapter chair Kuan Tikkun will be

presenting an indoor ekphrastic workshop titled “Keystone Species: Guardians of an Eco-verse.” Kuan’s workshop on keystone species (organisms that keep ecosystems sustainable and in balance) will be right in tune with the NHCC’s theme of *Hermosa Tierra* (Beautiful Earth) on this Earth Day 2023.

The third RGV member to be present at the State Convention will be Shirley Blackwell, who is organizing the event (aka, Chief Go-fer). If you want to volunteer, contact her at convention@nmpoetry.com. Or go to what seems to be our best-kept open secret and a wealth of information: the [NMSPS website](#). Click on the **Contact Us** tab at the top of the homepage. There is a drop-down menu and simple message form that lets you contact any officer in NMSPS, including chapter chairs, to send them an email. So much easier than calling around to get someone’s personal email or number!



River Poets Chapter Update from Chair Lynne Zotalis

Welcome to Lynne Zotalis, newly elected chair of The River Poets! The chapter currently meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m. They have moved their meetings from the Tranquil Buzz Coffee House to the Silver City Visitors Center on the corner of Broadway and Hudson.

In addition, former Silver City poet laureate (and chair of the River Poets when they became an NMSPS chapter in 2015) Elise Stuart hosts a poetry open mic 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m. every second Saturday. This event continues at Tranquil Buzz.

The River Poets support and promote other poetry happenings in the area, such as events at Western New Mexico University. Recent examples include readings presented by students of the Black Student Union, among others, of the works of Black

poets. The readings were held in WNMU's Miller Library on February 20 to celebrate Black History Month.



Santa Fe Poetry Trails Chapter Update

The Santa Fe Poetry Trails chapter meets for an open mic on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Teatro Paraguas, 3205 Calle Marie. Each reading slot is three minutes to present your own or another poet's work. You don't have to read to attend, but if you want to read, contact [Marina Lapalma](#) to get on the list.

Santa Fe Poetry Trails Veteran Salutes a Singular Evening

Sent in by longtime Santa Fe Poetry Trail Chair Basia Miller. Bruce Merchant (pictured above) had a lovely response to the monthly Open Mic of Santa Fe Poetry Trails on February 6, 2023, at Teatro Paraguas. We were about 18 readers and half-a-dozen guests at our gathering. At the end, Bruce, who traditionally signs up to come last and treat us to a song, took the mic.

"I'm a regular at our First Monday Open Mic, not missing a month for at least 10 years," he said. "I have to say that, looking back on all that time, tonight's poetry reading stands out as really strong – possibly the best we've ever heard."

Maybe only three or four of us have been as faithful as Bruce, but everyone was smiling as we turned and looked at each other, congratulating ourselves for the good luck of sharing the evening, and grateful to Bruce for putting it into words. Thanks, Bruce!



Poetic Laurels for Our Members

Many NMSPS members participate in poetic events, contests, even other poetry groups outside our Society. Good for them, and good for NMSPS. After all, our mission is to promote poetry throughout New Mexico, so having our members visible in other venues lets the general public know we are a party of the larger poetry scene.

This section is designed to recognize the good work being done by NMSPS members in non-NMSPS settings. So tell us about your awards and rewards, poetry projects and serendipitous encounters, accolades, prizes and honors. Please keep your good news confined to the world of poetic accomplishments and a limit of 200 words. Send praise for your poems, but not the poems themselves, to newsletter@nmpoetry.com. We appreciate links to sites where more information is available about your work.

December Winter Solstice Readings at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church

Although an article about the Winter Solstice Poetry Readings at Las Placitas Presbyterian Church (pictured above) did not make the deadline for our last issue of *Language of Enchantment*, the event has become so popular that we need to let NMSPS members know to watch for it every year.

What a lovely evening we had on Saturday, December 17, 2022! The chill of the winter night was more than offset by the beautiful imagery and the expressive and lyrical connections to the solstice, the earth and silver. Everyone there that evening brought something unique and special – whether it was poetry, hot spiced cider and cookies, flute music, beautiful decorations, AV support, moderator talent or parking support. As a side note, five of the 17 poets who read during the program are NMSPS members. Sincere thanks to all. Together, we rocked!

View the Zoom recording of the event [here](#).

Rio Grande Valencia Poets Collaboration

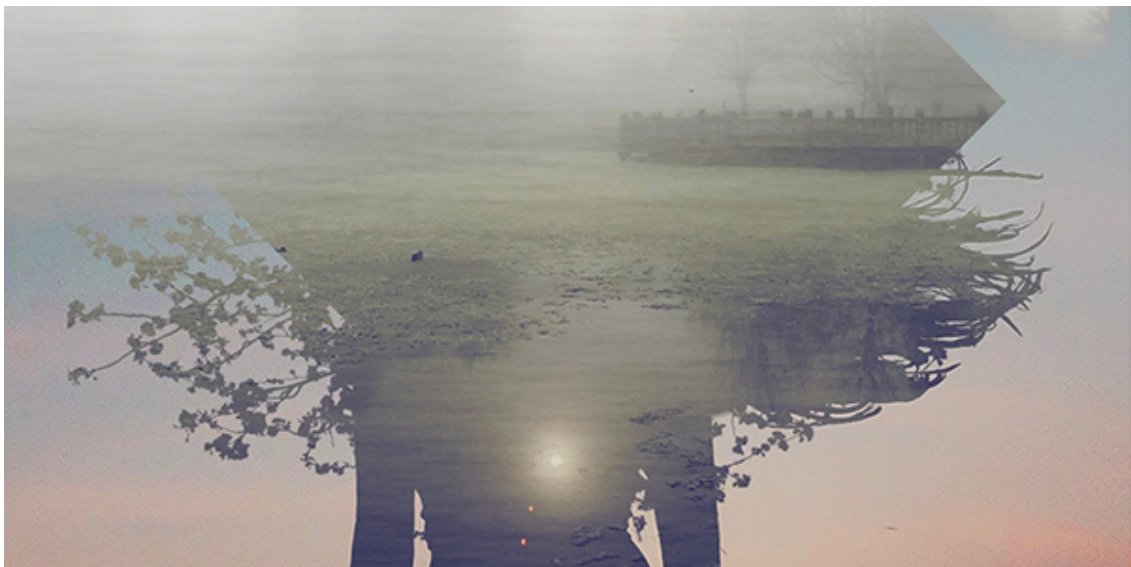
RGV members JC Wayne and Kuan Tikkun, working in collaboration with Rio Communities Action Network, won a \$2,000 grant for “aid to the Military, the subject of a new initiative offered by the NM Department of Cultural Affairs. The grant will feature a series of workshops on “Healing through Art” for Valencia County veterans. The workshops will use art (origami), poetry (limericks and metaphors), and nonviolent communications techniques (with puppets as role players) in a comfortable setting for veterans and their families (especially their grandchildren). There will also be social events and intergenerational art and outdoor projects. The program will start in late April and run until early June 2023.

RGV members Mark Fleischer (a Vietnam veteran) and Shirley Blackwell (a Vietnam veteran’s wife) will provide additional support, as will the local American Legion post. If you know of veteran organizations or veterans in Valencia County, please send us their contact information by the end of March. Contact [Kuan Tikkun](#) or [JC Wayne](#).

Book Award Honors for Gayle Lauradunn

We’re delighted to announce that Gayle Lauradunn's book-length persona poem *All the Wild and Holy: A Life of Eunice Williams, 1696-1785*, has won the North Street Book prize for poetry. Check it out at at the [Winning Writers North Street Book Prize 2022 page](#) and at the [Winning Writers page for All the Wild and Holy](#).

Congratulations, Gayle!



***Glissando!* is Hot Off the Press/Order Now for a Member Discount**

Glissando!, the first NMSPS anthology to be published in years, is about to be printed. Cover price is \$19.95 on Amazon, but members pay only \$15 if they order online

through NMSPS. Keep checking our website, www.nmpoetry.com. Online purchase will be available via a PayPal account or credit/debit card.

Contributors (authors listed on the book's Contents page) can order up to 6 extra copies at \$10 each. Please try to pick up your anthology(ies) at the NMSPS Convention or the Poets' Picnic in May. If books have to be mailed, there is a \$3.50 fee for a single book, \$5 for more than one. If there are extenuating circumstances, or problems regarding delivery of the books, contact [Zach Kluckman](#).



Online Voting for the NMSPS Board: April 1-15

Members in good standing: April is a busy month, but don't forget to vote for 2023-2025 positions for President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer. A quorum of the NMSPS membership is required to have a valid election of the NMSPS Executive Board.

Eligible voters will soon be emailed a link to the Voting Booth (open from April 1 through midnight April 15), so please keep an eye out. If you don't see a notification in your inbox by April 1, please check your Spam/Junk folder or contact Debbi at webmaster@nmpoetry.com, or use the [Contact Us](#) form.

If you are not sure of your membership status, check [this page](#).



Farewell, Our Sweet Mary Dudley (1943-2023)

A beloved presence on the local poetry scene, NMSPS Albuquerque Chapter member Mary Dudley left us on January 27, 2023. Many in our regional poetry community already know of her passing, but for those NMSPS members who don't, you will find a beautiful and comprehensive summary of this remarkable woman's life and legacy [here](#).

Thanks to NMSPS member Billy Brown, who dedicated his March 2023 issue of the *Fixed n Free* Quarterly to Mary's memory and included in it a section for her poems and for tributes and recollections by her literary friends. Mary's name will be read in memoriam at the NMSPS State Convention on April 22 and at the National Convention of the NFSPS in Des Moines in June. We give profound thanks for Mary's loving presence among us over the years and extend our love and sympathy to her husband, Jim Dudley.



Call for an NMSPS Membership Chair

Want to play a key role in NMSPS? Do you keep lists? Do crossword puzzles? Sudoku? Do you use Excel or another spread sheet to keep track of poetry entries or your home budget? How are you at cross-referencing? Do you use your computer for research? Have you participated in Zoom meetings?

If you answered positively to at least a couple of these questions, you could play a key role in helping NMSPS run smoothly and its members stay informed and up to date.

We really need a Membership Chair. Now, before you think this means collaring people on street corners and begging them to join NMSPS, let's see what the job really entails —and it can even be done remotely.

NMSPS has lots of lists to coordinate: contact lists, online signup or renewal of membership, chapter mailing lists, MailChimp distribution lists for our newsletter, registrations for contests or conventions, etc. Some of them are automated by a membership management software package that notifies the Webmaster, treasurer, and — ideally — Membership Chair when a new member signs up online.

People in the three offices named above work closely together to make sure those lists are coordinated and current to benefit everyone (just ask your Chapter Chairs). Having a Membership chair would free up our Webmaster, in particular, who could then devote time to the maintenance of our website, what she is really paid for and something our members seem to want.

So, even if you are an introvert — or recluse — you could be an effective Membership Chair, as long as you can handle emails and have a knack for keeping things organized and up to date. If you are an extrovert, know that we have discussed doing short videos to welcome new members or introduce them to the workings of the Society, and would

welcome any ideas you have to promote growth and happiness in our membership.

To get more information or volunteer for this board position, please click on president@nmpoetry.com.

HOW TO STAY IN THE LOOP

Our website, www.nmpoetry.com, is the hub for finding out what's happening in the NMSPS. As soon as we coordinate any event or communication, we try to post details on the website.

NM Poetry Calendar

BIG THINGS are coming in April 2023! The NMSPS State Convention. Be sure to check the [website](#) for the convention info and links for registration.

Do you have a poetry-related item to post? Post it for free on our the [NMSPS Calendar](#). Want to know what's going on with the NMSPS New Mexico chapters? You'll find it on the [Chapter Happenings](#) page.

The NMSPS Board of Directors

Contact Our Board

To contact any of the leaders listed below, go to our website, www.nmpoetry.com, and click on the "Contact Us" tab. Click on the person's name, and a simple form will pop up on which you can comment, and your message will be sent directly to that person in a way that notifies them it concerns NMSPS. Or, you can send it to the email addresses listed below. Although personnel may change, the assigned emails will persist for future holders of the respective offices. The chapter affiliations of current individual board members are in parentheses.

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