

# CALLAHAN COUNTY STAR SPOTLIGHT

## WRITERS SHOWCASE

(All submitters retain ownership)

Submissions sought to:

Star  
P.O. Box 29

Eastland, TX 76448

email: [thebairdstar@yahoo.com](mailto:thebairdstar@yahoo.com)

S.A.S.E. for returns

--WANTED--

20 lines,

double spaced or less

Poetry

Fiction or Non



A white crane fishing Photo by Patrick Ready

### Literary Calendar

April 18, 1958: For Poet Eza Pound, found to be permanently and incurably insane, a U. S. Federal Court determined that he could no longer be held under indictment for treason.

April 19, 1824: George Lord Byron, poet, died from malaria in Greece, where he had been fighting for Greek liberation from the Turkish Empire.

April 20, 1859: Charles Dickens first volumn of "A Tale of Two Cities" was published.

April 23, 1942: The American Booksellers Convention was addressed by Franklin Roosevelt.

Each entry with brief biography notes. All must be family oriented; no smut, slander or liable material.

### Contacts of interest for writers:

#### NFSPS Poetry Contests for 2008

Madelyn Eastlund  
310 South Adams Street  
Beverly Hills, Florida  
34465

#### Poetry Society of Texas

Membership Committee  
Lee Carroll  
3909 Gable Lane, #611  
Fort Worth, Texas  
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[leecarroll.fwps@gmail.com](mailto:leecarroll.fwps@gmail.com)

### Words For Your Writing:

zinzulation: echo sound produced by power saws

wlat: another word for nausea, from old English

uggr: a noun denoting dread, or fear

vaticide: noun for the killing of a poet or prophet

### Contests and Prizes:

Poetry: The University of Akron Press is offering the Akron Poetry Prize for poet's writing in English. \$1,000.00 and Publication of his or her book is available to the winner. Manuscripts must be postmarked between May 15 and June 30 of each year. Other manuscripts may also be considered for publication in the series. For further questions on the submission of manuscripts to visit the website <http://www3.uakron.edu/uapress/poetryprize.html> or contact:

Series Editor Elton Glaser  
University of Akron Press

### Famous Quotes by Poets

*Poetry is just the evidence of life. If your life is burning well, poetry is just the ash.* ~Leonard Cohen

*Poetry is a deal of joy and pain and wonder, with a dash of the dictionary.* ~Kahlil Gibran

*Ink runs from the corners of my mouth  
There is no happiness like mine.*

*I have been eating poetry.*  
~Mark Strand, "Eating Poetry," *Reasons for Moving*, 1968

*There's no money in poetry, but then there's no poetry in money, either.* ~Robert Graves, 1962 interview on BBC-TV, based on a very similar statement he overheard around 1955



*Poetry is what gets lost in translation.* ~Robert Frost

### Writers And Poets!

The Eastland/Callahan County Newspapers announce that the Baird Star will be publishing submitted poetry and short stories. We will also be publishing a literary journal in the near future.

1. We ask for first-time publishing rights. All other rights will remain with the author.
2. There will be no payment, but you will get your works before the general public. We will be sending sample copies to other organizations, the literary world and libraries for their archives and your notoriety.
3. Short stories should be brief. Poetry should be no longer than 24 lines.
4. Each submission should be typewritten, single spaced, with author's name and contact information in the top right hand corner. You must include a SASE for the return of the submission.
5. Please address all submissions to:

Literary Editor  
Eastland/Callahan County Newspapers  
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email: [thebairdstar@yahoo.com](mailto:thebairdstar@yahoo.com)  
Fax: 254-629-2092



For those who saw, it seemed just right

Across the country he did roam  
Wishing only to be back home

Then one day when very cold  
Pneumonia made him very old

This illness he did not survive  
After sleeping long to then survive

He lies in state for all to see  
At the Eastland courthouse serenely.

- Ron Vaughn  
Eastland, Texas

#### OLD RIP

A story I have heard  
Of a famous horny toad

31 years he did sleep  
In a cornerstone dark & deep

Then at last the light of day  
Was opened up for him, they say

To see it gave to him new life

#### SECRETS OF THE SNOW RIVER

To know and understand the Snow river is to fall in love with its movements as it finds its way to the sea.

Where the summer breezes capture the feelings of peace, of solitude, here is the escape to Nature where these private moments nurture the spirit. The timeless whispering of the river, its beauty so indescribable it endears the heart. All the senses are alive, preserving memories for all the tomorrows.

The river moves along and time stands still, its deep secrets are fathomless on our sojourn. Only the river knows where it flows, where and why it begins in the high snow covered mountains and its mission to enrich the earth. Leaving its beauty on the hearts of those privileged to enjoy its incredible journey, it is forever moving toward its appointment with the sea.

Johnnie Elma Anderson  
- Midland, Texas

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### THE NEW WOMAN

Once near the woods in the heat of the day,  
As a child very wild and always at play,  
It ocured to me, in vernal inquiries,  
That I was I, one note in all the symphanies.

I said, "No other will replace me.  
No foreign fate will face me  
Than the one which I now spy.  
I am I ---that alone will grace me."

Then when a few years passed, I at last  
Held in my grasp the truth of who I truly was--  
A moment, a gasp; no glory was in my past;  
Desconsolate, I asked, "How---how could I be classed?"

I started walking, walking, walking,  
In circles, ellipses, and figures unbound,  
And the paths my mind then took can no longer be found;  
Yet for the truth of my plight, I never ceased balking.

A girl then that I never knew  
Entered my mind and said, "Is it true?  
But surely it's not, Who are you?  
Can a product come from one who does undo?"

And now that child, though when I met her she was small,  
Has grown so that surely one day, all  
But her will be cast out and called thrall;  
And she alone will call my mind hall.

- Hayley Pennington  
Weatherford, Texas

Words You Can Use: skill: "With a cane, he had batrachian: an adjective a dab foot when dancing."

for anything having to do with frogs empasm: this verb mans to sprinkle powder or

cachinnation: a noun denoting immoderate, loud, irritating laughter purfume on someone

fantod: a noun refering to a state of fidgets, or

dab: a word describing acute anxiety

#### Contests and Prizes:

Famous Poets  
Free Poetry Contest: Deadline is May 10, 2008. There will be a total of 50 prizes.. Send one poem of 21 lines or less to : FreePoetry Contest, 1626 N. Wilcox Avenue, #126, Hollywood, California 90028.