

CALLAHAN COUNTY STAR SPOTLIGHT

WRITERS SHOWCASE

(All submitters retain ownership)

Submissions sought to:

Star
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Eastland, TX 76448
email: thebairdstar@yahoo.com

S.A.S.E. for returns

--WANTED--

20 lines,

double spaced or less

Poetry

Fiction or Non

Writing Notes:

Your Story

Many people may have the idea that they do not have anything to say, either as a story or poetry. They think they have lived uneventful lives, or that there is no one who would be interested in what they have to say. They often see all the others who have written and come to believe that they cannot express as well as others have. Sometimes they get what has been called "the block," and cannot arrive at a theme that deserves to be written about. Think about this for a moment. Most people who have written are humans. Each has had a thought that they put into a story. You are a human, and you have a story too, or you have events or people in your life that are important for the world to know about. No one has seen history from your point of view. It belongs to the world in a sense, even if you treat it as a fiction, or if you dress up the sound expression of it through poetry. You may be able to see an event through a viewpoint that is unique and important to the world. A famous poem by the modern poet Wallace Stephen's was entitled, "Thirteen Ways of Looking at a Blackbird." What a wonderful theme that is. You could take a similar approach to your writing, story or poem. How many ways can you look at your grandmother? No one can capture that history, but you.

- Patrick Ready

Sonnet

Let others sing of Knights and Paladines
Imaged accents and untimely words,
Paint shadows in imaginary lines,
Which well the reach of their high wit records:
But I must sing of thee, and those fair eyes
Authentic sheall may vers in time to come;
When yet th'unborn shall say, Lo, where she
lies!
Whose beauty made him speak, that else was
dumb!
These are the arcs, the trophies I erect,
That fortify thy name against old age;
And these they sacred virtues must protect
Against the Dark, and time's consuming rage.
Though th' error of my youth in them
appear,
Suffice, they show I lived, and loved thee
dear.

- Samuel Daniel
1562-1619

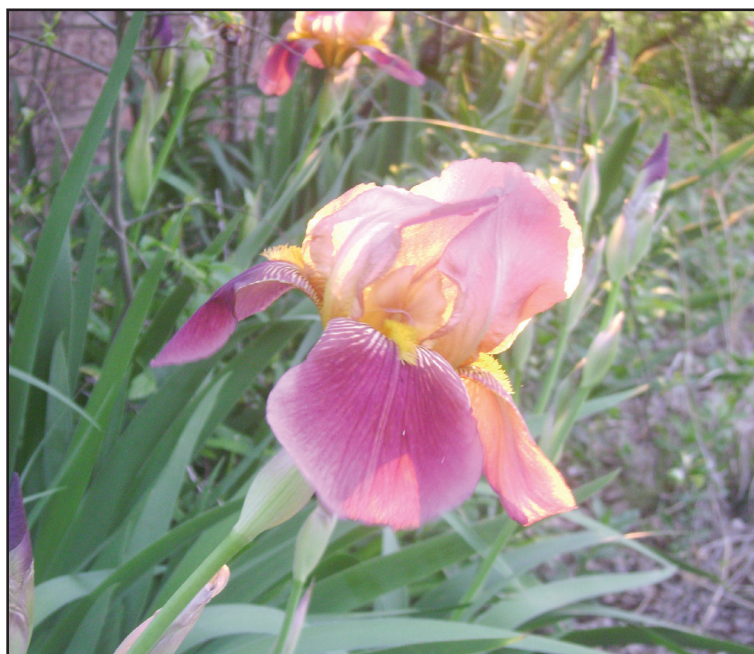
LITERARY HISTORY:

April 26, 1564: At Stratford upon Avon, William Shakespeare was baptized.
April 27, 1667: For ten pounds, John Milton sold the copyright to Samuel Simmons for Paradise Lost .
April 28, 1789: Captain Bligh and eighteen loyal crew members are cast adrift by Fletcher Christain and his fellow mutineers aboard the H. M.S. Bounty.
April 29, 1945: Near Pisa, Italy, Poet Ezra Pound is moved to solitary confinement in an outdoor wire cage by the American Army.
April 30, 1844: Burning 300 acres and causing \$ 2000 in damages, Henry David Thoreau accidentally set fire to the woods, during a fishing trip.

Islands In the Sky

As I gaze at the star sprinkled sky
I see the clouds gathering on high
We will live in the sweet by and by
When we reach our island in the sky.
When sorrow and trouble are gone away
When trouble waters no longer stay
We will know of that glorius day
Our island in the sky.
There will be no trouble or tears on heaven's
shore
Just peacefull water there will flow
Worried souls will come to stay
Jesus will wipe all tears away
If you sail on troubled seas
And no one listens to your needs
Jesus is waitning with arms open wide
To take you home to your island in the sky.

- Bob Harbin



Canna in Spring, 2008.....Photo by Patrick Ready

Words You Can Use:

Catenary: a curve of chain formed by two points not on the same line

Diglot: a person who knows two languages

Eoan: an adjective describing sunrise or dawn

Fairyty: a noun for hypocrisy, fraud, imposture

Gibbous: humpbacked, arched

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 : Free Poetry Contest, 1626 N. Wilcox Avenue, #126, Hollywood, California 90028.

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

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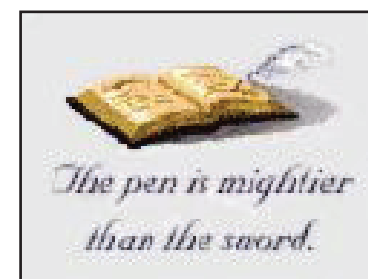
Poetry: The University of Akron Press is offering the Akron Poetry Prize for poet's writing in English. \$1,000.00 and Publication of his or her book is available to the winner. Manuscripts must be postmarked between May 15 and June 30 of each year. Other manuscripts may also be considered for publication 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



Red Roses

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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:

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