

CALLAHAN COUNTY STAR SPOTLIGHT

WRITERS SHOWCASE

(All submitters retain ownership)

Submissions sought to:

Star
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Eastland, TX 76448

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S.A.S.E. for returns

--WANTED--

20 lines,

double spaced or less

Poetry

Fiction or Non

Mr. Bob Harbin of Eastland, Texas wrote the wonderful poem in last week's edition, entitled, "Happiness." Mr. Harbin is a regular contributor of poetry to the Eastland County newspapers.

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.

His Pilgrimage

Give me my scallop-shell of quiet,
My staff of faith to walk upon,
My scrip of joy, immortal diet,
My bottle of salvation,
My gown of glory, hope's true gage;
And thus I'll take my pilgrimage.

Blood must be my body's balmer;
No other balm will there be given;
Wilt my soul, like quiet palmer,
Travelleth towards the land of heaven;
Over the silver mountains,
Where spring the nectar fountains;
There will I kiss
The bowl of bliss;
And drink mine everlasting fill
Upon every milken hill.
My soul will be a-dry before;
But, after, it will thirst no more.

- Sir Walter Raleigh
1552-1618

Holy Spirit

Oh Holy Spirit of God Devine
Let your light on my weary heart shine
Open my eyes that I may see
All the wonderful blessings You send to me.

Oh Holy Spirit walk with me
Through heartache, troubles and tears
When you walk with me each day
I know I will find the way.

When sin steps in and takes away
The blessing that we need each day
We kneel in prayer and ask your will
So that our hearts will be filled.

- Robert Harbin
- Eastland, Texas



Photo by Patrick Ready

Hey! Hey! Hey!

Literary Notes

By Patrick Ready

When language began, there was an attempt to define or describe things that were sensed. Most things, not being self-defined, were defined in terms of something else, commonly understood. There is in the oil field, a contraption to control oil and gas wells, to control the fluid and pressure, known as a "christmas tree." With little imagination one can look at this apparatus and picture in the mind a group of branches adorned with ornaments.

The literary term for imaginative definition or imaginative description is "metaphor." It remains the most basic tool of the writer and poet even into present times. One could say that metaphor gives soul, or life to a definition, or to a description, that creates a literary vision to common observation. It has given us a rich heritage!



i woke up inside my dream
filled with colors i floated in a bubble
bouncing on a cloud of white, skipping on top of jeweled-toned waves

i rode the ocean from dawn till sunset
the air was misty and breezes swept across my face and i felt myself smiling for the many reasons that dreaming brings.

i woke up inside my dream full of colors, full of flowers, full of pure joy.

-Suzanne Ready
Midland, Texas

Literary Calendar

April 1: All Fool's Day

April 2: In 1805 Hans Christian Anderson was born at Odense, Denmark. President James K. Polk appointed Nathaniel Hawthorne as Surveyer of the Salem Custom House.

April 4: Margarete Duras, filmmaker and author, was born in Indochina.

April 5: F. Scott Fitzgerald published "How We Live on \$36,000 a Year" in the Saturday Evening Post because he needed the money, in 1924.

April 8: On the steps of the Capitol in Rome, Petrarch was crowned Poet Laureate in 1341.

April 9: Mark Twain, finished his apprenticeship, and was licensed as a pilot of Mississippi steamboats.

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

Contacts of interest for writers:

NFSPS Poetry Contests for 2008

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Poetry Society of Texas Membership Committee

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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:

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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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