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President's Message

Things are moving along nicely. The July meeting of the Executive Board will take place on July 19th in Ontario. If you are planning on going and have not signed up, please hurry. We currently have ten attendees. This is the most important meeting of the year. It is the July meeting where the wrap-up of the 2008 convention takes place and major planning for the 2009 convention, including budget will. Another very important matter for consideration is the slate of officers for 2009-2011. I am bringing this item to the board earlier than usual but in my view early consideration is warranted due to its importance.

Tentative agenda items: (listed in no particular order)

1. Discussion and possible selection of nominating committee
2. Paying our own members for conference/convention participation
3. Reception for youth contest winners
4. Special events/publications for 70th year anniversary (2009)
5. Discussion of face to face and email meetings
6. The holding of business meeting during annual luncheon
7. Funding of annual contest categories
8. Current unfilled positions

We will of course have the usual agenda format which is included here. If you are attending please bring this agenda. You can anticipate discussion of the 2009 convention in Modesto. Conference facilities are pretty well determined and format has been discussed by the convention chair, program chair, treasurer and president.

Of special concern at this meeting is selection of the 2009 theme. Last month I requested suggestions from the membership and have received six or eight. Members should send suggestions with your representative to the July meeting or send them directly to your president and I will include them with those already suggested.

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April Judge Debra J. Harmes Kurth, Milton, WV, is the owner/editor of Art With Words Poetry Quarterly; wrote a weekly column for two local newspapers for 4.5 years, and served as an officer for her state Poetry Society.

HONORABLE MENTIONS CFCP INC APRIL 2008 SUBJECT: FASHIONS

First Honorable Mention

Foot Fetish by Pat Bustamante
Cupertino, CA

Second Honorable Mention

Worship by Pat Bustamante
Cupertino, CA

Third Honorable Mention

For Size 16 And Up by Elaine Lazzeroni
West Covina, CA

Art Nouveau
at Huntington Beach

Neptune's acolyte,
she draped herself in seaweed
with appropriate solemnity.
The offshore wind coifed
Her dark brown hair into
an intricate arrangement
of long sinuous waves
A five-year-old seductress
In wet bathing suit
and swirling seaweed strands,
my daughter danced with mermaids
in the breaking foam.

Second Place April
Elaine Lazzeroni
West Covina, CA

MONTHLY CONTEST WINNERS

on the topic of Fashions

Ruby Slippers

I left Oz on the red-eye
ruby slippers in my carry on
no checked bags
security just yawned
as I passed beneath the scanner
I was traveling away
from make believe and what-ifs
heading for the heart of the matter
I would arrive in familiar country
where fresh starts were as
commonplace as a crimson sunrise
over Kansas cornfields
bold and brash I set out to find a dress
something to match the shoes
something red as a courageous heart
made of cotton soft as compassion's touch
cut in wisdom's classic style
the image would be power with just a hint of magic
I would wear it like a second skin
There is no place like home

First Place April
Martha Meltzer
Pleasanton, CA

Fashionista on the Prowl

With a practiced flick of her wrist
a certainty of purpose
my daughter examines the contents
of the closet's rods and racks
Blouses, sweaters, an occasional pair of shoes are judged evaluated
Hunting for the perfect combination of color fit style
she selects my favorite gray sweater

With a satisfied smile
she slips it over a tee shirt tucked into low waisted black wash jeans
Flip flops snapping down the hall
she's off to join a world of twentysomething movers and shaker

I'll miss the sweater
but rejoice in the small victory the validation
the knowledge that as long as something in my closet is worth taking
I've kept old age at bay for another season

Third Place April
Martha Meltzer
Pleasanton, CA

2008 CFCP, Inc. Monthly Contests

Except where otherwise indicated, poems are limited to 28 lines of text. All forms accepted for all categories.

RULES

JANUARY	Water
FEBRUARY	Blues and ballads
MARCH	Grandmother's story
APRIL	Fashions
MAY	Sitting on a train
JUNE	Plastic Pleasures, Tacky Treasures
JULY	NO CONTEST
AUGUST	Pearls and Platinum
SEPTEMBER	What I should have said
OCTOBER	Boredoms (12 lines or less)
NOVEMBER	Spangles and tangles
DECEMBER	NO CONTEST

Contests are open to all poets in the United States and Canada. Each submission must be typewritten on standard size paper with the contest month in the upper right-hand corner. Send TWO COPIES of each poem with author's name and address in the upper right corner on ONE copy. Put no identification on the second copy. Address labels are acceptable. Multiple entries are welcome.

Only UNPUBLISHED POEMS and poems not previously awarded a monty prize are eligible. A fee of \$2.00 must accompany each poem submitted (3 for \$5.00). Send cash or make checks to CFCP, Inc. DEADLINE is the last day of the contest month. Envelope must be postmarked no later than 12 midnight of that day. *Print contest month on outside of mailing envelope.*

NOTE: In any month where insufficient entries are received, those poems which were submitted will be held over and judged with the entries for the following month.

1st Prize: \$25.00

2nd Prize: \$15.00

3rd Prize: \$10.00

Poems will be returned only if stamped, self-addressed envelope is enclosed. Allow one month after closing date of contest before sending poems elsewhere. Winning poems will be printed in the Chaparral Updrafts newsletter

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Mail contest
entries to

**Cleo Griffith
Monthly Contest Chair, CFCP, Inc.
4409 Diamond Court
Salida, CA 95368-0632
<cleor36@yahoo.com>**



YES! I definitely want to be a member of the California Federation of Chaparral Poets, Inc. for the year 2008.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Fax (____) _____

E-Mail _____

I prefer to receive my Updrafts Newsletter by: ___email ___US Mail
Your membership includes all issues of the newsletter, Updrafts, free entry in the Annual Contest, Monthly Contest information and Membership Roster every 2 years during the membership period. **All memberships renew between 8/1 and 12/31 yearly.** Persons joining between February 1 and July 31 will use the pro-rated formula. New memberships received between August 1 and December 31 will be extended for the following full year.

How to Become a Member

Check the appropriate item:

- ____ Membership Annual/Renewal \$15.00
- ____ New Member (2/1 to 4/30) \$12.00
- ____ New Member (5/1-7/31) \$ 7.50
- ____ Spouse (1/2 regular member) \$ 7.50, \$6.00, or \$3.75
- ____ Junior (under 21 show proof of age) \$ 3.00
- ____ Donation (specify amount)

____ I am interested in joining a Chapter in my area (name of chapter) _____

____ I already belong to Chapter _____

____ I wish to join as a Member-at-large.

____ We wish to form a chapter of our own (5 or more Regular Members are required to form a new Chapter) to be called: _____

Members-at-Large: Clip this form and mail along with a check or money order made payable to CFCP, Inc. to: Frances Yordan, Members-at-Large Chairperson, 2575 W. San Jose Avenue, Fresno, CA 93711-2733. All others: Send this form along with a check or money order made payable to CFCP, Inc. to: CFCP Treasurer, P. O. Box 1750, Empire, CA 95319.

Announcements:

The Executive Board will meet on July 19, 2008 at the Ontario Marriott. We have room 320 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. The meeting starts at 11:00 am. This will be a full meeting due to the numerous items we need to discuss. The agenda is included in this Updrafts. Please bring it to the meeting.

If you are planning on attending the July 19 meeting (any CFCP member is welcome to attend) we need to have that information soon and be informed of your menu selection. The menu is Deli Sub w/potato salad or Chicken Caesar Salad. Dessert is either chocolate cake or carrot cake. The cost is \$19.00 including tax & tip. Coffee, ice tea or hot tea is provided. If you let us know as soon as you read this we would appreciate it. Call or e-mail today, 209-522-9600 or Ed at Choc624@sbcglobal.net or Roberta at bert714@sbcglobal.net. The final menu must be into the hotel by July 14, 2008 but please don't wait that long to respond.

The top agenda item for the July meeting is the appointment of nominating and election committees. It's important we get an early start as several executive board members are retiring and finding willing replacements is important. These appointments are not made by the president but are made by the executive board itself.

We will bring by-law booklets to the July meeting for chapters represented there. If you have someone from your chapter planning to attend be sure we know how many booklets you need. This will save a lot of postage. You can let Roberta know by email bert714@sbcglobal.net or phone 209-522-9600.



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