**Poetry Society of Texas – 50th Annual Summer Conference**

Thursday – Saturday July 11 – 13, 2019 - Theme: “Prompts and Pathways”

**Thursday July 11**

3:00 - 6:00 pm Check in Embassy Suites Hotel, Denton Texas

6:00 Official Welcome

6:15 - 7:30 Reception and Light Buffet, Entertainment Steve Sanders and the Sea Dogs

7:45 - 8:15 Spotlight on the Poet: Catherine Case Lubbe Award, Terry Jude Miller

8:30 - 9:30 Open Microphone with Michael Guinn Master of Ceremonies

**Friday, July 12**

6:00 - 8:00 am **Breakfast (Hotel buffet, included with room reservation)**

7:00 - 7:45 am Early Bird Open Microphone with Christine Irving, Master of Ceremonies

8:00 2nd Welcome

8:10 - 9:30 “Three Perspectives on Prompts and Pathways” presentation, writing and reading workshop with Denton Poets Assembly’s Christine Irving, Beth Honeycutt, and Bob Schinzel

10:00 - 10:45 Nathan Brown, Oklahoma Poet Laureate (2013-2014)

11:00 - 11:45 Loretta Diane Walker, Prompts and Pathways

11:45 - 12:00 Georgina Ngozi, Executive Director, Greater Denton Arts Council

12:15 - 1:00 pm **Lunch**

1:00 - 2:00 Texas Poet Laurates Karla Morton (2010) and Alan Birkelbach (2005)

2:15 - 3:00 Prompts and Improvisation in Poetry and Music, Paul Slavens

3:30 - 4:15 Bruce Bond, Regent Professor, University of North Texas

4:30 - 5:15 Carol Coffee Reposa, 2018 Texas Poet Laureate

5:15 - 5:45 Michael Guinn, Spoken Word

6:30 - 7:15 **Banquet**

7:15 - 8:00 Keynote Address: Diane Glancy, Poetry Society of Texas and Denton Poet’s Assembly

8:15 - 8:30 William D. Barney Memorial Chapbook Winner reading

8:30 - 9:15 Life Member Raffle with Birma Castle Master of Ceremonies

9:30 - 10:30 Open Microphone with Michaud Lamrouex Master of Ceremonies

**Saturday, July 13**

8:00 - 9:00 am PST Monthly Contest

9:15 - 10:00 Panel Discussion: Lynn Lewis, Beth Honeycutt, Betty Roberts. Subject: “Home” as a Prompt

10:00 - 10:30 Winner Announcements: High School / College / 50th Anniversary Contests

10:45 - 11:45 You Be The Judge Readings / Voting

11:45 - 12:00 Close of Conference

12:00 - 1:00 Book Room - Lunch on our own

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