

Contest brings out the poets, library can inspire you, too

The Georgetown Public Library's Poetry Month contest brought in 22 original submissions of poetry. The subject matter included grief at the loss of a tree to a storm, birdsong, recovery from a life-threatening illness, beloved animal companions, injustice, love, heartbreak and more. Library staff enjoyed them all, and here is the poem selected as the winner:

Dime-Floor

Wealth brings about a Change
But to have none all remains
The same
Economics speak to the wallets
Of the few fortunate
Without currency would a Country have a GDP

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Dana Hendrix

Could mankind profess prosperity
In a time of financial
Crisis how would money properly
Flow
Just ask the bank clerk
At the front door who has
Just found a dime
Lying on the floor
— Dwayne Thomas Jackson

Congratulations to Mr. Jackson! And thank you very much to every one of the writers who submitted poetry and allowed us to read your work. Selecting just one winner was very difficult — they were all very good.

If anyone wonders how to

set about trying to publish your poetry, there are many routes — which is not to say it is easy. You might start by looking at the library's 2019 edition of *Poet's Market*, an annual directory with information about the business of poetry, including publishers and promotion. We also have books about writing poetry and about approaches to reading it, as well.

Yes, people in Georgetown are reading poetry as well as writing it. Anyone who is interested in checking out some poetry can visit the library's second floor nonfiction collection. Most of the poetry is in the 808-811s, though at any given time many of the books are checked out.

If you wonder which

poets' monographs from the library collection have been checked out the most often (surely, that is exactly what you were just wondering), I'll tell you. Books of poetry by Elizabeth Barrett Browning, Richard Wilbur, Billy Collins, Rumi and Mary Oliver (my favorite) have the five highest circulation totals at this writing.

In her lifetime of writing, Mary Oliver won the National Book Award for *New and Selected Poems*, and the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry for her fourth book, *American Primitive*. When Ms. Oliver died four months ago at age 83, it was a blow to her many readers and many took the opportunity to revisit her work. Her 2017 collection *Devotions* surged onto *The New York Times*

Best Seller list quickly after her death. (Our two printed copies of the book have been checked out 11 times since then, and our e-book copy has been checked out eight times.)

Ms. Oliver's poem "The Summer Day" ends with the two often-quoted lines, "Tell me, what is it you plan to do/with your one wild and precious life?" It's an important question. If you are so inclined, perhaps you will read poetry, write poetry — or read about writing poetry. If you have a few minutes, stop by and browse the poetry in our stacks or on the New Books shelves. See you at the library!

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Events at the library

Burton Anes — *Doll Portraits and Lovely Flowers*, first floor Cafe Gallery through June 2
J.U. Salvant — *The World is My Garden*, second floor Bridge and West Hallway galleries through June 14. Artist reception 6-8 p.m. Thursday
Minnie and Ella Jordan — Live Music at the Library, 2 p.m. Sunday

Consult the Library Events Calendar at library.georgetown.org for more information about these and other library programs.

Bookstore to feature children's author

Children's author Cynthia Wylie will speak at Lark and Owl Booksellers this weekend.

The event is at 10 a.m. Saturday, May 18 at the bookstore, 205 West Sixth Street.

The mother of four children, Ms. Wylie struggled to get her kids to eat their vegetables. To help encourage them, she made up little garden characters called "Bloomers" who live in a mythical place called Bloomers Island where they grow and eat their own vegetables. She recently announced she is releasing nine *Bloomers Island* books, each focused on a character and the lessons they learn.

A magical island formed a long time ago where natural things came to life. Plants, trees and flowers learned to move in order to find what they needed — better soil, more water and brighter sunlight. They



learned to talk, laugh and make friends. They also learned how to read and tell stories. These curious creatures became known as Bloomers.

Many magical places are on the island, places like the Enchanted Orchard, Hidden Forest and Secret Underground. The most magical place is where the Bloomers go to school, because that is where all the learning takes place.

When the Bloomers come of age, they attend the Tree House School where they learn how to grow their own food.

League awards aspiring young writers

By BRAD STUTZMAN

A group of older, seasoned writers recognized the efforts of younger beginning authors May 2 when the San Gabriel Writers League awarded prizes in its Tell Me a Story contest for Georgetown middle school students.

Writers League President Janet Kilgore said the group coordinated its contest with Georgetown ISD curriculum directors Jennifer Kearney and Tiffany Pullen.

"We're here to encourage the next generation," Ms. Kilgore said at the start of the awards ceremony in First United Methodist Church's Fellowship Hall.

The \$100 first-place prize went to Tristan Hammit from Forbes Middle School for his zombie-apocalypse thriller "Master of My Destiny."

Addison Coles from Wagner Middle School received the \$75 second-place prize for her story about a Jewish girl and her family be-



San Gabriel Writers League fiction contest winners Emmalynne Arita, Tristan Hammit and Eli Jansen were rewarded for their efforts during a May 2 ceremony.

ing sent to the Auschwitz concentration camp.

"Quite touchingly written," Ms. Kilgore noted.

Emily Morales from Benold Middle School wrote the story "Mr. Linden's Library." She won a third-place prize of \$50.

Ms. Kilgore called Emi-

ly's short story "a fanciful tale with an unusual twist about a young girl who checks out the wrong book from the library, which sends her into a dangerous jungle. Very imaginative."

Eli Jansen from Benold won an honorable mention certificate for his ac-

tion-packed futuristic tale "Infiltration."

Emmalynne Arita from Forbes also took home an honorable mention certificate for her story about a Japanese girl whose life was changed forever when the atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima.

A&M teacher joins garage; Liberty Hill gets sewer lines

May 16, 1919

Harry Robertson, an expert mechanic, recently an instructor at A&M College, is now with the Saxon Garage and will appreciate your patronage.

The deep well that is being planned in the Thrall oil field has been scheduled for Saturday when the drilling will begin and dig over 100 feet. A day and a night shift will continue daily, except Sundays. The Taylor Oil and Gas Company and the Magnolia Premium Company are the joint owners of the venture.

Yesteryears

BARBARA YELVERTON

Criminal Docket: Lena W., murder continued on application of the state on account of material witnesses missed court.

W.H.P., murder. On application of state, special venire of 100 men ordered.

Lilly W., murder. Witness for state, fined for failure to obey process and on application of state, attachment for said witness was ordered

J.H.W., murder, on application of state, special venire of 100 men ordered.

Children Cry for CASTORIA ... The kind you have always bought, and which has been in use for over 30 years, has been the signature of and has been made under Chas. H. Fletcher's supervision since its infancy. Allow no one to deceive you in this.

All Counterfeits, Imitations and "Just-as-good" are but experiments that trifle with and endanger the health of Infants and Children.

May 13 & 16, 1976

Dr. and Mrs. Horace Jacob became U.S. citizens recently. He is assistant biology professor at Southwestern. Their children, Shonali and Shunil, are native-born Americans.

Passing glance by Don Scarbrough — "Georgetown appears to have settled down now that local elections and the recount are safely behind us, although campaigning goes on for eight remaining candidates."

Speakeasy Band members who earned over \$400 on an April 30 benefit dance presented their check to Buster Compton, Georgetown Area Hospital Fund drive chairman. Members

of the band are all high school students — Paul Minshew, Anthony Lincoln, Randy Stump, Keith Tanner and Greg Scott.

Randy Stump and Karen Phillips are this month's Optimists' Young Texan and Texanne. Marty Beaver is the honored guest of the Woman's Club.

Janet Busby and Greg Scott are winners of the Evening Lions scholarships.

May 14 & 18, 2003

Finally Liberty Hill will get sewer lines.

Walmart's Teacher of the Year from GISD is Annie Purl's Jodi Conrad. She was awarded \$500.

Lauren Zenner, GHS senior, tosses a ball with Martha Metoya and Ysenia Garza. Lauren is a member of PALS, Peer Assistance and Leadership Program.

Granger Lakefest celebrates its 25th year:

May 15 & 18, 2011

Gen. Ulysses S. Grant, portrayed by Shelby Little, addressed Union troops at the Berry Springs Park and Preserve before initiating a reenactment of the battle of Appomattox. Students from Tippit MS learned about 19th century problems and customs.

World-class musician, the late Drusilla Huffmaster, left her grand piano to the Georgetown Library. It was given to her by Ima Hogg, famous patron of the arts.

Citizens approved a \$29.5 million bond for upgrades to fire and police stations.

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Food and Wines from Around the World • Catering by Sweet Lemon Inn
Followed by a Short Travel Presentation and Book Signing
Winnie says, "Normal people take the train to Agua Calientes, overnight it, and take the old school bus up to Machu Picchu the next morning." Winnie, along with her son, took the road less traveled making a four-day trek over the Inca Road entering through the "sun gate, once the only entrance." She admits it was the most strenuous thing she's ever done. At altitudes ranging from 10,000 to 13,000 feet above sea level, the journey is one very few Americans ever undertake. With many travel tips up her sleeve, she enjoys sharing her many joys, surprises and travel escapades with all. Don't miss this opportunity to learn more and hear firsthand accounts of Winnie's travels. Seating is limited so call now! The first 10 people to reserve seating will receive a free autographed copy of Winnie's book and discount pricing on the second volume. Call 512-819-1536 to RSVP!
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