

**THE POETRY SOCIETY OF SOUTH CAROLINA**  
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**Dear Friends & Members:**

**PEGASUS** is a revived effort to get Society and other poetical news to PSSC members and friends more often than once a year, as the **YEARBOOK** now does. It should help build the Society's membership. As a publication of and for the whole Society, we want your comments, criticisms and suggestions... news of poets and poetry that you think we may miss and/or that others might like to know... anything you think is news or simply needs to be said. Space limitations make it unlikely that **PEGASUS** will publish poetry. But, as the man said, "Never say Never." If it survives this issue, look for more **PEGASI** during the year.

**THE 6<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL CHARLESTON WRITERS' CONFERENCE** (March 23-26) at the College of Charleston's Lightsey Conference Center will feature (among others) three world class poets: Yusef Komunyakaa, Kelly Cherry and Sidney Lea. It promises to be an exciting and productive program. Non-confererees can hear Komunyakaa's reading (8:00 p.m. 3/23) for \$10. If you haven't received notice of the conference and/or need more information, call 803 953-5822 [FAX: 803 953-1454].

**Be a conference volunteer and save money.** Needed are: Poster-makers, drivers to take writers to and from airport, guides to help conference participants find their way around campus and operators to run a copy machine for the registration desk. Volunteers must be registered for the conference but can do so at half price (\$55). For more info, call conference organizer CoC's Poet-in-Residence Paul Allen [803 953-5664] or Conference Coordinator Judy Sawyer [803 953-5822].

**POETRY SOCIETY OF S.C.'s 3<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL RECEPTION** for South Carolina Academy of Authors, Writers Conference participants and PSSC Members tops off the proceedings. Site: The home of PSSC past-president John H. Bennett, Jr. Time: Noon through 3:00 p.m., Sunday (3/26). John asks PSSC attendees to try to bring a plate of hors d'oeuvres.

**WELL-KNOWN IRISH POET PAUL MULDOON** adds an exclamation point to St. Patrick's Day (3/17) by reading his works 4:00-to-5:30 p.m. at College of Charleston's Lightsey Conference Center. Open to all; free.

**1994 PULITZER PRIZE-WINNING POET YUSEF KOMUNYAKAA** reads at Citadel's Bond Hall Auditorium at 8:00 p.m., 4/12. Open to all; free.

**PICCOLO SPOLETO'S SUNDOWN POETRY SERIES** rises again under the sponsorship of Charleston's Cultural Affairs Dept. and the guidance of Co-Directors Hermine Stanyard and Dr. Alice Cabaniss. Ten poets will give 45-minute (+/-) readings in the Dock Street Theater's courtyard -- one each **weekday** for two weeks (5/29 - 6/9). Open to all; free.

AS PART OF SPOLETO TWO IMPORTANT POETS will read their own work at 3:00 p.m. Tuesday May 30. Sponsored by the Academy of American Poets, they are former Poet Laureate Mark Strand and highly regarded contemporary poet Carolyn Forché. \$10 at the Dock Street Theater.

**POETRY SOCIETY OF S.C. FALL 94-95 PRIZES AWARDED IN FEBRUARY 1995**

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Contest Chairman David Aiken Received over 160 poems for these competitions. Winners, announced at 2/10 meeting, follow:

- KINLOCH RIVERS MEMORIAL:** "Memorizing the Dead" Susan Meyers, Georgetown, SC.  
HM [Honorable Mention]: Constance Pultz, Chas., SC; Nancy Ponder, Mt. Pleasant, SC.
- SOCIETY:** "Homecoming", Marjory Wentworth, Sullivan's Island, SC.  
HM: Louise Weld, Seabrook Isl., SC; Constance Pultz, Charleston, SC.
- DRAMATIC MONOLOGUE:** "Aaron Burr Haunts the Wharf of New York Harbor, March 1813", Jean Brabham McKinny, Anderson, SC.
- HUMOROUS:** "There's a Gnat in My Nose", Lori Lewis, Myrtle Beach, SC.  
HM: Barbara Mayer, Mooresville, NC.
- WILLIAM HENRY KLEMM:** "City Billboards", James Kibler, Whitmire, SC.  
HM: Mary Wideman Carson, Charleston, SC.
- LYRIC:** "Mermaid", Nancy Ponder, Mt. Pleasant, SC.  
HM: Linda Lee Harper, Aiken, SC.
- PEGASUS:** "A Dark Fire", Linda Lee Harper, Aiken SC.  
HM: Susan Meyers, Georgetown, SC.
- ARCHIBALD RUTLEDGE:** "Edisto Fields", Ben Gatrelle, Goose Creek, SC.
- POST-COURIER:** "Two Ghosts and a Whip-poor-will", Dee Hall, Chas., SC.  
HM: James Kibler, Whitmire, SC; Linda Lee Harper, Aiken, SC.
- JOHN EDWARD JOHNSON:** "The Six Saints of Christopher Smart", Constance Pultz, Charleston, SC.  
HM: Ben Gatrelle, Goose Creek, SC; Marjory Wentworth, Sullivan's Island, SC.
- JOHN ANDREW HAMILTON:** "Sonnet 2", Caroline Smith, Mt. Pleasant, SC.
- KINLOCH RIVERS CHAPBOOK:** 1<sup>st</sup>, "Still Life With Moving Figures" by Constance Pultz, Chas., SC;  
2<sup>nd</sup>, Thomas L. Johnson, Columbia, SC; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Michael Colonese, Fayetteville, NC

**THE PALANQUIN POETRY SERIES** of showcase pamphlets accepts submissions (5-7 poems + bio) January thru March. Enclose SASE for ms return. Replies in 60 days; pay is in copies. Subscription: \$10/yr.

**Annual Palanquin Chapbook Contest:** Award: Publication+\$50+50 copies. \$10 entry fee includes 1-yr. sub'n to Palanquin/TDM; checks payable to Palanquin/TDM. MS: 20-25 pp. of poetry + titlepage, contents, & credits. Deadline: 10-15-95. Winner announced late fall; publication spring '96. For more info, contact Prof. Phebe Davidson (803 648-6851), English Dept., USC-Aiken, 171 University Parkway, Aiken, SC 29801.

**PSSC PRESIDENT CAROLE FURTWANGLER** wants to remind everyone of goodies for sale at the regular PSSC monthly meetings, to wit: John Bennett's silhouette notecards "Spring" and "Fall" @ \$5= (8/pkg.); PSSC T-shirts in three sizes @ \$10; "A Mixture of Time" (hardcover book) by Kinloch Rivers @ \$10; "The Biggest Mall in the World", a chapbook by Constance Pultz @ \$4; "Breathing in Foreign Lands", a chapbook by Mary Elizabeth Parker @ \$1; and PSSC YEARBOOKS -- '94 @ \$3= and '93 @ \$2.

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**THE NAME PEGASUS** is not cast in stone. It's in our logo and was handy, so it seemed appropriate. You got a better one? Submit it. Also, send me any suggestions you have for this publication.

*Seabrook Hill*