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## President's Message

# The Vote Is In Increase in Annual Dues Passes!

Like most elections in America , where we seem to take such things for granted, this one had a low voter turnout of about 12%. That's a 33 vote response from a 261 regular membership list.

Are you in favor of a dues increase? Yes 32 No 1

Are you in favor of a dues increase of \$5.00? Yes 31 No 2

Are you in favor of an additional dues increase for members who receive Updrafts by regular mail? Yes 28 No 4

If you vote *No* on the above please suggest an appropriate dues increase. One person suggested a \$2.00 increase.

## First Call

The 2010 annual convention will be in Ontario . The Convention Chair is Marge Voigt. Knowing these events require thought and preparation it is not too early to consider appointment of a 2010 Program Chair. If you have an interest in the position of Program Chair for 2010 please contact me. Other appointments are also needed. Please consult your By-Laws booklets for various job descriptions. If interested, please call or e-mail Ed Bearden.

## Reminder

The October meeting of the Executive Board will be electronic. If you have an item or know of an item that should be presented at this time please contact me.

Ed Bearden, President

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Patricia Marsh-Coggin, a member of Poets of the Fig Garden, passed away in May, after a short illness. Pat was a retired teacher who was actively involved in drama throughout her career. We miss her joyous laugh and her ever-present optimism. Safe passage Pat.  
Fran Yordan, FG.

Missing  
(Remembering Patricia Marsh-Coggin)

We are diminished by one:  
Just a month ago, how could  
we know today one of us would  
be gone?

How often we regret  
opportunities missed when there  
was time to share our feelings  
with those now gone.

Life is quick and relentless;  
Timing is everything.  
Regrets can overtake us when  
we meet with sudden, unexplained loss.

But life and time are also  
forgiving; we are given many  
more changes to share with one  
another.

Joy Boyce  
Fig Garden

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Please send news and information items to the editor one month in advance of intended publication date. For questions involving membership, either new or renewal, please contact the treasurer.

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### From the Treasurer:

Dues are due as of August 1, 2008. Most of you have been waiting to hear the result of the vote to raise our membership dues. Please note the President's message on page one and the changes on page three. Dues remain the same for youth right now. Dues for regular members are \$20.00. If a member chooses to receive updrafts by mail an additional \$5.00 is added to dues. Almost every chapter has someone with email. If you wish to have your updrafts go to a friend with email we can do that also. This is the first dues increase we have had in a long time. Meanwhile the cost of everything has gone up. Since I started as treasurer the cost of stamps has risen at least three times. Paper is higher, ink is higher and the cost to have the updrafts copied, stapled and addressed has gone up also. For the good of our organization we appreciate the affirmative vote. I'll look forward to receive your dues soon.

We have been sending out the by-laws booklets for the past two weeks. Please check and see that all of your members have received a by-laws book. Each chapter president should have received enough for their membership. The members-at-large received theirs individually. Let us know if you did not receive enough books for your membership and we can send more.

## 2008 CFCP, Inc. Monthly Contests

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

|           |                                    |
|-----------|------------------------------------|
| 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                         |

### RULES

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

**CALIFORNIA  
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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

**If you receive your Updrafts by regular mail add**

**\$5.00 to your membership.** *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:

|  |                         |
|--|-------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Annual/Renewal           | \$20.00                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Member (2/1 to 4/30)            | \$15.00                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> New Member (5/1-7/31)               | \$10.00                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Spouse (1/2 regular member)         | \$10.00, \$7.50, \$3.75 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Junior (under 21 show proof of age) | \$ 3.00                 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 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.

The New United States Poet Laureate:

When Kay Ryan was a student at the University of California, Los Angeles, the poetry club rejected her application; she was perhaps too much of a loner, she recalls. Now Ms. Ryan is being inducted into one of the most elite poetry clubs around. She has been named the country's poet laureate. Known for her sly, compact poems that revel in wordplay and internal rhymes, Ms. Ryan has won a carriage full of poetry prizes for her funny and philosophical work, including awards from the Guggenheim Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, and in 2004, the Ruth Lilly Poetry Prize, worth \$100,000.

Ms. Ryan has taught the same remedial English course at the College of Marin in Kentfield, Calif., for more than 30 years. When asked if she thought her new position would make it harder to write, she replied, "No, uh-uh. I think it will make it impossible."

She has published six books of poetry and her work regularly appears in The New Yorker, The Atlantic Monthly, and The New York Review of Books. One of her first duties as poet laureate is an appearance at the National Book Festival on Sept. 27 on the National Mall in Washington. More formally she will kick off the Library of Congress's annual literary series on Oct. 16 by reading her own work.



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