

**The Poetry Society of Tennessee**  
**62<sup>nd</sup> Annual Poetry Festival**  
**October 5-6, 2018**

**Southwest Tennessee Community College**  
**Fulton Auditorium, Macon Cove Campus**  
**5983 Macon Cove, Memphis, Tennessee, 38134**

**Workshop Leader — Jerri Hardesty**

Jerri Hardesty is the founder, CEO, and Editor-in-Chief of the nonprofit, New Dawn Unlimited, Inc. (founded 1997), dedicated to poetry publishing, production, performance, promotion, preservation, and education. She and her husband, Kirk, also organize Alabama poetry events (open mics, contests, workshops, youth events, and slams) as well as sponsor and participate in poetry slams at the regional, national, and international level. They have organized and hosted the BamaSlam Montevallo Poetry Slam for almost 20 years. Jerri recently served as President of the Alabama State Poetry Society, and has previously held other positions within that organization. She was also their "Poet of the Year" in 2009. Jerri has almost 400 poems published so far, and has won more than 1300 awards and titles in both written and spoken word/performance poetry. She enjoys different genres, from sonnets to slam, from haiku to epics, from sestinas to free verse. She has published two chapbooks of poetry, and currently has two more chapbooks accepted for future publication. See her website [NewDawnUnlimited.com](http://NewDawnUnlimited.com) for more information!

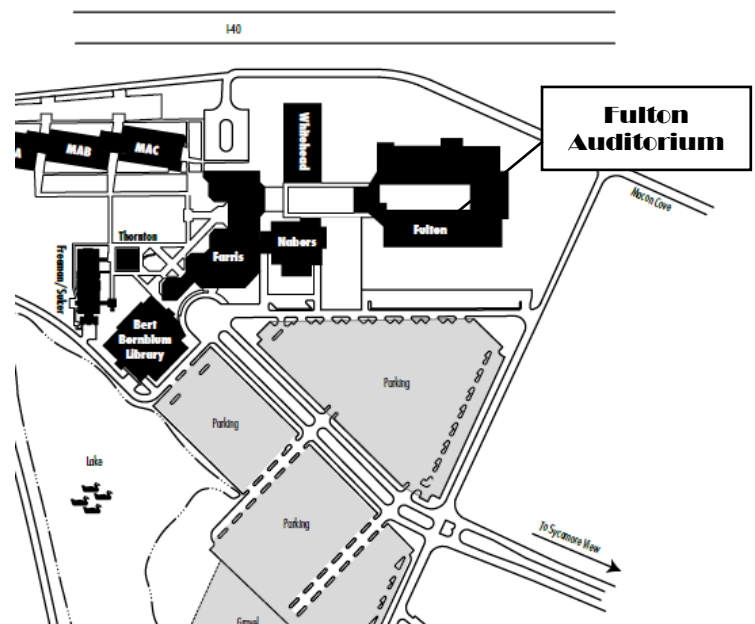
**Schedule of Events**

**Friday Evening, October 5 — Meet-and Greet**

Join us for a meet-and-greet with potluck pork barbeque, 6 pm, at the home of Leslie Blakeburn (1608 Tutwiler, Memphis, TN 38107). Please RSVP to Leslie at 901-833-1793 or [leslieblakeburn@yahoo.com](mailto:leslieblakeburn@yahoo.com) no later than September 28. Bring a side or a dessert!

**Saturday, October 6 — Southwest Community College**

- 9:00 a.m. Registration, meet-and-greet, read around, and continental breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Workshop by Jerri Hardesty
- 12:00 noon Luncheon
- 1:00 p.m. Awards and readings
- 2:00 p.m. Break
- 2:15 p.m. Awards and readings continue
- 4:00 p.m. Final door prizes



## Membership Information

Not a member? Join us! We sponsor monthly contests which are only open to members. Join us, and don't miss out on the fun! Please go to the membership link on our website,

<http://www.tnpoetry.org/membership-information.html>

or for additional membership information, contact us at [info@tnpoetry.org](mailto:info@tnpoetry.org).

### Special Thanks!

- JoAn Howerton, Festival Director.
- Lori Goetz, Contest Coordinator.
- Bill Hill and Janet Qually, Luncheon and Refreshment Coordinators.
- Everyone else who helped make this festival possible, we are grateful!

## Poetry Society of Tennessee Officers

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## Registration and Fees

Please mail to: JoAn Howerton, 2563 Twin Woods Cove Memphis, TN 38134

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending Friday: \_\_\_\_\_ Number Attending Saturday: \_\_\_\_\_

Circle As Appropriate:	student (lunch only = \$7; registration <b>free</b> )	member (registration + lunch = \$15)	non-member (registration + lunch = \$20)
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Total Fees Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration and fees are due no later than September 10, 2018**

**Make all checks payable to Poetry Society of Tennessee**