



Louisiana Poets

This is a list of poets, current and deceased, who have lived in Louisiana for a substantial amount of time. At the end of this section, there is a list of the Louisiana State Poet Laureates, local poets, ongoing poetry events, special poetry events, and poetry organizations.

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| * Louisiana Writers Directory: http://www2.state.lib.la.us/cftb/ |
| ○ Louisiana Authors Index: http://www.lib.lsu.edu/special/la/ |

- Aaron, Grace Tarleton ○
- Adamo, Ralph *
- Adams, Marilyn F. +
- Adams, T.A.S. ○
- Adcock, Betty Δ
- Aiken, Mrs. T.G. ○
- Aldrich, Thomas Bailey ○
- Aleix, Madame Eulalie ○
- Allain, Madame Helene d'Aquin ○
- Andre, Theresa K. +
- Anson, Henry Frederick ○
- Arceneaux, Thelma Hoffman Tyler □
- Artell, Michael J. *
- Arthur, Ella B. +
- Aswell, James □
- Aubert, Alvin ○
- Augustin, George ○
- Augustin, John Alcee ○
- Austin, Martha Waddill ○
- Bagert, Brod *
- Baldwin, Winnifred Smith *
- Bancroft, Emma Putnam ○
- Barel, Leona Queyrouze ○
- Baylor, Frances Courtenay ○
- Baynard, L. B. ○
- Bedell, Jack Bryant +
- Bentley, Ella D. +
- Bergeron, John Wallace □

- Berjot, Dr. Marie Eugene ○
- Berquin–Duvallon, Pierre–Louis □
- Bigney, Mark Frederick ○
- Blackwell, Muriel F. +
- Blackwell, Muriel Fontenot +
- Boise, Jean ○
- Boise, Louis ○
- Bonner, Thomas Δ
- Bontemps, Arna Wendell Δ
- Boudreau, Amy +
- Bourgeois, Louis E. +
- Bourque, Darrell +
- Bradsher, Earl L. +
- Brasseaux, Carl Anthony □
- Brisbane, Elizabeth H. ○
- Brisbane, Margaret Hunt ○
- Bristow, Gwen □
- Brown, Mary Charline Hayes *
- Bruns, John Dickson ○
- Burk, Alma ○
- Calhoun, Ruth Fenton ○
- Calongne, Adolphe Fauconne de ○
- Campbell, Edna Freeman ○
- Canfield, Gertrude Augusta ○
- Cannon, Steve ○
- Carmer, Carl Lamson □
- Cassin, Maxine Kaplan Δ
- Cavanagh, Nancy ○



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Charity, Nadine Ament *
Chatillon, Auguste de ○
Cherry, Kelly +
Christian, Marcus Bruce □
Christy, George W. ○
Clack, Marie Louise ○
Claiborne, Fernand ○
Clare, John □
Clark, Peter Wellington ○
Codrescu, Andrei Δ
Colon, Carlos Wildo *
Colton, Charles Joseph ○
Converse, Florence ○
Cook, Clement ○
Cooley, Nicole +
Cooley, Peter Δ
Cooper, George William ○
Cooper, Robert M. *
Corrington, John William +
Cotton, Annot ○
Cottonham, Maureen Harper *
Courmont, Felix de ○
Cousin, Francis A. ○
Cousin, Maxime ○
Crawford, Gary W. +
Creswell, Julia Pleasants ○
Cristy, George W. ○
Crow, Kathleen Schavey *
Dalsheimer, Alice (Sylvia Dale) ○
Daniels, Kate Δ
D'Aquila, Ignatius John □
Dauphin, Dessormes ○
Davidson, Norbert R. ○
Davis, Albert Joseph *
Davis, Mollie Evelyn Moore (M. E. M. Davis) □
Davis, Thadious Marie Δ
De Latour, Marilyn M. +
Debouchel, Onezime ○
Desbrosses, Nelson ○
Dessommes, Georges ○
DeVille, Winston *
Didier, Genevieve J. +
Dietz, Ambrose ○



Dinnies, Anna Peyre (Shackelford) ○
Duke, Seymour ○
Doucet, John Philip *
Douglas, Beatrice L. +
Drew, Frances Louise *
Duperron, Jean ○
Eastman, Amelia Litchenstein ○
Emery, Emma Wilson +
Engelhardt, Zelma O. +
Epstein, Arthur William *
Espenan, Gertie M. +
Euba, Femi *
Evans, Clara Fort ○
Favorite, Malaika +
Ferguson, Elizabeth +
Flash, Henry Lynden ○
Fontenot, Ken +
Foraker, Nelda Sue Branch *
Foss, Lorraine E. +
Fox, Skip Willard *
Franklin, Ronald J. +
Free Lance Writers +
Freeman, Carol ○
French, Lucy Virginia ○
Fritchie, Barbara ○
Fuller Coursey, Freda J. *
Gamble, Quo Vadis Gex ○
Gantor, Franz S. ○
Garnett, Peggy W. +
Garrett, Patricia ○
Gehman, Mary □
Gereighty, Andrea Saunders *
Gery, John Roy Octavius Δ
Gibson, Albert +
Gibson, Bess +
Gifford, Linda June *
Gilchrist, Ellen □
Gilmore, Samuel Louis, Jr. ○
Glaser, Elton +
Goldsmith, Adolph O. +
Graham, Edward Jordy ○
Green, S. +
Grima, Edgar ○
Groenevelt, Sara Bartlett ○



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Grue, Ann Lee Meitzen *
Grue, Lee Meitzen +
Gustavson, Cynthia B. *
Gutierrez-Najera, Margarita ○
Halliburton, Lloyd *
Hardnett, Leon +
Harris, Nancy ○
Harvey, Victor H. +
Haymon, Ava Leavell +
Head, Gwen ○
Heflin, Edith Harris ○
Hereford, Elizabeth J. ○
Hewitt, Emma Churchman ○
Hille, E. R. ○
Holcombe, William Henry □
Holditch, W. Kenneth □
Holmes, Linda Jefferson *
Homes, Mary Sophie Shaw Rogers
(Millie Mayfield) ○
Humphries, Jeff □
Ireland, Joe C. +
Irons, Emmanuel J. +
Janvier, Margaret Thompson (Margaret
Vandergrift) ○
Jeansonne, Bonnie +
Jess, Tyehimba +
Jonas, Rosalie ○
Kamenetz, Rodger Lee Δ (Maira Crone
is his wife. She writes short
stories and novels. She is in our
system - one book is in LA .)
Kane, Julie Ellen Δ
Katrovas, Richard Δ
Kaufman, Bob Garnell Δ
Kein, Sybil +
Keith, Delta T. +
Keplinger, Mrs. E.M.(Queen of Hearts) ○
Kirk, Richard Ray □
Komunyakaa, Yusef +
LaBorde, Felix L. □
Lane, Pinkie Rose Gordon +
Lanusse, Armand ○
Laughlin, Clarence John □
Le Blanc, Eugene ○

Le Clerc, Joseph ○
Lea, Fanny Heaslip ○
Leavitt, Mahlon *
Leonard, John Edwards □
LePage, Portia C. +
Liotau, Mirtil Ferdinand ○
Literary Workshop of Baton Rouge +
Living Louisiana Authors ○
Loomis, Charles Chase ○
Louisiana Poetry Society +
Louisiana State Poetry +
Madden, Jerry David *
Maddox, Everette ○
Malone, Walter ○
Maloney, Teresa de Lacy ○
Marcello, Leo Luke *
Markham, M. Roland ○
Mascaro, Nancy M. +
Mathis, Cleopatra +
Maxwell, Patricia □
Mc Neely, Samuel S. +
McConduit, Denise Walter □
McFerren, Martha Dean Δ
McGuire, Jerry L. *
Menken, Adah Isaacs (Indigena) ○
Meyerer, Margaret Renfroe +
Michel, Joyce Ann Hoffpaur *
Middleton, David Edward +
Millican, Arthenia Jackson Bates □
Mills, William □
Montmain, Guillaume A. ○
Moore, Diane Marquart □
Moore, Fannie D. ○
Morphy, Louis Albert ○
Nesanovich, Stella Ann *
Nesom, Anne R. +
Nicholls, Louisa Hannah ○
Nicholson, Eliza Jane Poitevent (Pearl
Rivers) ○
Nix, James Thomas ○
Obradovic, Biljana Dragoslav *
Odom, Mary Hunt McCaleb ○
Ogden, Octavius N. +
Osbey, Brenda Marie +



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Overall, John Wilford ○
 Owen, Lyla Hay Lagarde
 (Lyla Lagarde) □
 Owen, Sue Ann Matthews Δ
 Paulding, James Kirke ○
 Peace, Mollie L. +
 Perennes, P. ○
 Phelps, Joy Eleanor G. *
 Pilcher, J. Mitchell ○
 Pilsbury, Charles A. ○
 Pipes, James +
 Pleasants, Julia +
 Polk, Elaine D. ○
 Questi, Joanni ○
 Randall, James Ryder ○
 Rau, Frederick Emanuel ○
 Reiley, Mary Trimble ○
 Reinike, Irma Lillian *
 Rice, Stan Δ
 Richardson, Miles *
 Rigsbee, David Δ
 Riquet, Nicol ○
 Robbins, Anthony ○
 Robinson, Ignatia Lou ○
 Ropp, Linda Lou ○
 Rosser, Joy Lynn *
 Rouquette, Adrien Emmanuel (L'Abbe
 Rouquette) ○
 Rouquette, Francois Dominique ○
 Rousseve, Charles Barthelemy ○
 Saloy, Mona Lisa +
 Sharpe, Mike +
 Shepard, Nancy L. Baylis *
 Simpson, Lewis P(earson) +



Smith, Kathleen Twohig *
 Smith, William Jay +
 St. Amant, Alfred D. +
 Stevens, Charles W. +
 Sullivan, Elizabeth H. +
 Swindle, Michael D. *
 Thierry, Camille ○
 Thompson, Basil ○
 Thornton, Don Ray +
 Thurman, Shirley Davis ○
 Townsend, Mary Ashley Van Voorhis ○
 Trobriand, Phillippe Regis Denis de
 Kerederm, comte de ○
 Trust, Estelle Louise ○
 Tucker, Irwin St. John ○
 Tyler, Ephraim David (poet laureate
 1951) ○
 Valcour, B. ○
 Vedrenne, Louis H. Nicholas ○
 Waitz, Julia LeGrand ○
 Walker, Margaret Abigail Δ
 Wall, Mary Berthelot +
 Warren, Robert Penn Δ
 Webb, Bernice Larson *
 Weill, Gus +
 Westmoreland, Henry S. +
 White, Frances L. +
 Wier, Dara +
 Wilkinson, Clara T. +
 Willis, Sarah Elizabeth Watts *
 Wilson, Bruce E. *
 Wonk, Dalt □
 Wood, John A. *
 Worley, Hellen J. +
 Young, Duncan Francis ○
 Zeringue, Dona +



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Louisiana State Poets Laureate

A State Poet Laureate is appointed by the governor and is expected to write poems for official functions.



The following is a list of the Louisiana State Poets Laureate.

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| 1942-1970 | Emma Wilson Emery |
| 1970-1973 | Ethel Green Russell |
| 1973-1976 | Dr. George William Noel Cooper |
| 1976-1980 | Henry Thomas Voltz |
| 1980-1988 | Jean McGivney Boese |
| 1988-1992 | Pinkie Gordon Lane |
| 1992-1996 | Sylvia Davison Lott Buckley |
| 1996-2004 | Jean McGivney Boese |
| 2005- | Brenda Marie Osbey |



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Local Poets and Info.

The following is a small list of some of the poets that can be found in the Baton Rouge and New Orleans areas.

Amy Alexander

Christian Champagne is a New Orleans poet who wrote a book of poems entitled Roach Opera. His website mentions other projects in which he has been involved. It also has a calendar of events of where he will be appearing. Check him out at www.christianchampagne.com

Gina Ferrara is a New Orleans poet who has recently published a book of poems, The Size of Sparrows. If you would like to read more about her, try [www.charityadvantage.com/La PlumeOMGQMH/FeaturedAuthorOct2006.asp](http://www.charityadvantage.com/La_PlumeOMGQMH/FeaturedAuthorOct2006.asp)

Beth Foos studied poetry at the University of Louisiana at Lafayette where she received a degree in English. She now develops arts programming for young people, and teaches poetry and creative writing to adults in the community and to young people as an artist-in-resident at various schools in Louisiana through private contracts and grant programs. She enjoys working with the youth of her community through arts programs, and through the Unitarian Church where she serves as a Youth Director for high school student programming. Beth continues to write and study poetry through Collaboration 672.

Skip Fox is a poet and a Professor of English at ULL.

Becky Larkin is a poet and an instructor of English at LSU.

Laura Muller is a poet and an Assistant Professor of English at LSU.

Ray Sibley

Summer Mauldin Stewart

Mona Webb



Anna West is the WordPlay Project Director and Mentor Writer.

Anna is a poet, educator and community arts organizer. She has innovated youth writing programs in diverse community settings for eight years. She served as the Program Director of Young Chicago Authors from 2000-2005 and was the co-founder of YCA's *Say What Magazine* and *Louder Than A Bomb*, the highly acclaimed Chicago Teen Poetry Slam. She holds a B.A. in creative writing and has taught community arts pedagogy at Columbia College Chicago and Chicago Arts Partnerships in Education. In August 2004 she was featured in *UR Magazine* as one of thirty Chicagoans under the age of thirty who has shaped the city's cultural life. Anna recently returned to her hometown of Baton Rouge, Louisiana. anna.write@gmail.com

Martha Yancy is involved with the Arts Council of Baton Rouge. She is a featured poet of *Venus Envy* 2007.

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Ongoing Events:

If you're interested in poetry or would like to participate in a poetry slam, these events occur on a weekly or monthly basis in the Baton Rouge and New Orleans areas.

Freshhhh Heat:

www.bigbuddyprogram.org/htms/freshhhhheat.htm

This event is a poetry slam for youth that is usually held on the first Thursday of the month from 6:30-8:30 pm.

Paula Manship YMCA
Teen Center
8100 YMCA Plaza Dr.
225-388-9737

Eclectic Truth:

Mondays at 7:00 pm.
Chelsea's Café on Perkins Rd.
Eclectic Truth is a poetry slam followed by open mic.



Mama Jam:

www.cacno.org

Mama Jam is a monthly open call to artists of all mediums. It is held at the Contemporary Arts Center (CAC) St. Joseph Street Warehouse in New Orleans. John Grimsley, Artistic Director of Dog and Pony Theatre Company, is the facilitator. Mama Jam is free to everybody and is held from 7:00 to 9:00 pm.



Maple Leaf Bar Poetry Readings

Sundays from 3:00-5:00 pm.

8316 Oak Street, New Orleans

(504) 866-9359

They also publish a book of poems from poets who have read at the Maple Leaf: [Maple Leaf Rag](#), [Maple Leaf Rag II](#), and [Maple Leaf Rag III](#).

17 Poets!

www.17poets.com

Every Thursday starting at 8:00 pm.

Gold Mine Saloon

701 Dauphine St. (Corner of Dauphine and St. Peter)

New Orleans, LA

Each week features an artist who presents their work before the open mic portion begins.

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Special Events

The following is a list of some of the special poetry events that occur every year in the Baton Rouge area.

River of Words Contest

River of Words is a yearly free international poetry and art contest held by River of Words in affiliation with the Library of Congress Center for the Book. It is open for all children from 5-19 years of age. The yearly contest deadline for the U.S. is February 15th. For more information, check out their website at www.riverofwords.org.



WordPlay Teen Poetry Slam Festival

This festival is for the youth of Baton Rouge. To learn more, visit www.wordplaybr.com.

Venus Envy Baton Rouge

This all-women art event features women artists from several artistic venues. The event occurs every year and is intended for adults. For more info, check out their website:

www.venusenvy.org

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Poetry Organizations:



If you are looking for a poetry organization, try these.

Arts Council of Greater Baton Rouge

www.artsbr.org

Check out their calendar to see the art events that are taking place in the Baton Rouge area.

Baton Rouge Gallery

<http://www.batonrougegalleries.org/pages/index.html>

This website posts the events that occur at the Baton Rouge Gallery. They host a variety of arts events, including poetry.



Louisiana Poetry

www.louisianapoetry.com

The website for Louisiana Poets is launched by the National Poetry League. It has some Louisiana poetry links. This site may also post your poetry.

Louisiana State Poetry Society:

There are four poetry chapters in Louisiana. To join contact:

The New Orleans Chapter

Mary Galvin, Pres.

2217 Edenborn Ave., Apt 203

Metairie, LA 70001

The Baton Rouge Founders Chapter

Liz Ferguson, Pres.

12487 Parnell Drive

Baton Rouge, LA 70815

The Monroe Chapter

Carolyn Files, Pres.

POB 212

Oak Ridge, LA 71264

Pelican Poets Chapter

Genevieve DeWitt, Pres.

POB 77721

Baton Rouge, LA 70879



Moonlark

This is an online website where members can post their own poetry on the guestbook.

www.moonlark.org

Word Play Teen Writing Project

Word Play is a teen poetry society which is sponsored by the Big Buddy Program. It builds a literary community among Baton Rouge teens through writing workshops, events, publications and educator resources.

www.wordplaybr.com

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