



February 22, 2024

Dear MPS Members,

Central Branch is looking forward to hosting the MPS 2024 Spring Festival, to be held in Brandon at the Annex Building behind First Methodist Church, one block south of Highway 80/Government Blvd.

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Catherine Pierce, Mississippi's Poet Laureate. She will lead engaging workshops and speak on "The World in Poetry." You may want to order some of her books ahead of time, or you may prefer to purchase them at the time of the meeting.

Room reservations may be made directly with La Quinta Inn, 215 Dande Road, Brandon 39042 (just minutes from our meeting space.) There is a block of rooms reserved in the name of MS Poetry Society, so be sure to mention that when reserving your room, to get the reduced rate. (*This happens to be a concert weekend at the Brandon Amphitheater, so you are encouraged to reserve your rooms as soon as possible*).

To reserve rooms at La Quinta (1-601-591-1045)

Mention MS Poetry Society, reserved under my name - Patsy Twiner.

(Confirmation # 5136B 43378 3695)

Room rate includes breakfast and other amenities.

We will gather on Friday evening at 6 pm for a light meal and some fun activities and sharing of poetry. We also invite you to come earlier on Friday afternoon to take part in a 'Poetry Open Mic with the Mississippi Poetry Society' at the beautiful and inspiring Pacesetter Gallery. We look forward to seeing you there! Do watch your email for more details regarding Spring Fest '24!

Patsy Twiner, Spring Fest '24 Committee Chair

Pete Massey, MPS Central Branch President