Connecticut Student Poets
January 28-March 8, 2013

Marilyn Nelson
October 19-November 2, 2012

Marilyn Nelson is an award-winning writer whose poems, Mark Doty notes, “long for heaven and—happily for us—continue a lifelong affair with the occasions of earth.” Among her books are The Homeplace, The Fields of Praise, Carver, Fortune’s Bones, Miss Crandall’s School... (with Elizabeth Alexander), The Freedom Business, Sweethearts of Rhythm, and A Wreath for Emmett Till. Her honors include two NEA creative writing fellowships, the 1990 Connecticut Arts Award, a Fulbright Teaching Fellowship, a fellowship from the J.S. Guggenheim Memorial Foundation, and the Frost Medal—the Poetry Society of America’s most prestigious award—for a “distinguished lifetime achievement in poetry.” Marilyn Nelson is the founder/director of Soul Mountain Retreat and served as Poet Laureate of Connecticut from 2001 to 2006.

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Connecticut Poetry Circuit Selection Committee:
Dick Allen, Randall Horton, Vivian Shipley, Clare Rossini, and Kate Rushin.

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The Connecticut Student Poets are selected by the Circuit Selection Committee. Each college is invited to nominate one student poet. Five pages of poetry by the poet must reach the Circuit Directors by October 19, 2012. The finalists will be announced in December.

Students must be nominated by their college. For more information, please see your campus representative.
In 1964 the New England Poetry Circuit was formed at the request of The Academy of American Poets in order to provide

Dick Allen
A.R. Ammons
Jack B. Bedell
Frank Bidart
Kim Bridford
Kurt Brown
Turner Cassity
Amy Clampitt
Jane Cooper
Alfred Corn
Kate Daniels
Theodore Deppe
Mark Doty
Martin Espada
Irving Feldman
David Ferry
Baldrin Gelvin
George Garrett
Jean Garrigue
Margaret Gibson
Maria Mazzotti Gillan
Benjamin Grossman
Thom Gunn
Rachel Hadas
Michael Harper
Jeffrey Harrison
Anthony Hecht
William Heyen
Daryl Hine
Edward Hirsch
John Hollander
Richard Howard
Barbara Howes
Richard Hugo
David Ignatow
Allan Garry
Vincent Kay
Allison Joseph
Donald Justice
K.J. Kennedy
Richard Kenney
Galway Kinnell
Thomas Kinella
Brad Leithauser
J.D. McClatchy
Sandra McPherson
William Meredith
James Merrill
Robert Mezey
Judith Moffett
Bink Noll
Linda Pastan
John Peck
Robert Pinsky
Katha Pollitt
F.D. Reeve
Adrienne Rich
Clare Rossini
Kate Rushin
Mary Jo Salter
Gjertrud Schwab
Lloyd Schwartz
James Scully
Tim Sires
Charles Simic
Jeffrey Skinner
Tom Sleigh
William Jay Smith
George Starbuck
Kathleen Stone
Mark Strand
Robert Sward
May Swenson
James Tate
Natasha Trethewey
Diane Wakoski
Derek Wakoski
David Walker
Charles Wright

The first group of student poets traveled around the state during the winter of 1970. These writers have been named Connecticut Student Poets: