



Big Bend Poet Laureate

Mary Jane Ryals

The Big Bend Poet Laureate Board unanimously re-appointed Mary Jane Ryals to a second term as Poet Laureate. She will serve through 2011.

“Mary Jane Ryals is the perfect Poet Laureate because she represents the learned skill and innate talent of the art and craft of poetry, as well as the social aspect of the title better than anyone I can think of,” said Mike Carducci, President of Big Bend Poets.

In 2008 Kitsune Press published a collection of Ryals’s poetry, *The Moving Waters*. She teaches business communications at Florida State University. Those interested in having Ryals as a speaker can contact her through her website www.maryjaneryals.com.



Poet Laureate of Big Bend, Inc., was established by a joint effort from Anne Holt and Trudy Plotz of the Tallahassee Writers Association and Larry Gross and Mike Carducci of Big Bend Poets to complement the literary arts voice in the community. The Poet Laureate bylaws state that the presidents and vice president of both BBP and TWA will always be on the board to assure control of the title and its impact on our arts community.

***BBP Board member Hal Shows designed the logo.**