



Announcing a new poetry collection/manual, *A Gesture of Words - - Poetry Forms and Formulas*, by FSPA member, John Foster and published by CHB Media.

The author explains that the purpose of his book is to suggest to the reader that poetry can be more than just rhyming stanzas and free verse. He provides clear descriptions of the structural requirements for more than thirty forms of poetry, from the Burmese *than bauk* and the Malaysian *pantoum* to the Welch *clogyrnach* and Persian *ghazal*. Using examples from his own work, Foster invites the aspiring poet to take on the challenge of stepping “out of the box” and creating something quite different from ordinary verse.

John Foster’s collection has been endorsed by Peter Meinke, Florida’s Poet Laureate, Joseph Cavanaugh, President of the Florida State Poets Association, Al Rocheleau, poet, teacher, author and Janet Watson, poet, writer and Youth Chair for the FSPA. The book is available at [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

CHB Media will be displaying copies of *A Gesture of Words* at the October convention of the FSPA.