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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



A very “**HAPPY** and **HEALTHY NEW YEAR** to one and all!” The Poetry Society of Oklahoma is so proud to be celebrating our eighty-eighth year this February! I can’t help but wonder what Zoe Tilghman would think today. That what began with thirty poets meeting together to start PSO is still an organization all these years later!

These last two years have been like nothing PSO (or anyone else for that Matter) has ever experienced, to say the least! The PSO Board is working, to the best of its ability, to get back to normal if at all possible. That is no easy task but hopefully not insurmountable.

This is a time where we all need something to look forward to, whether it is small or big—a good day or a not so good day. Look around and find just anything that makes you smile or feel good and write a poem about it. Even on sad days there is a poem waiting to be written.

Now, please keep in mind, our 2022 PSO Directory/Yearbook will be out in March with contests and meeting times.

Also, it is a directory, with our member information. If you have any changes please contact Karen Kay.

Remember too, if you plan to sponsor one or more contests—send your information to Miki ASAP! (*The deadline for this is January 31st*) We need the information by this time so we can gather everything for the 2022 PSO Directory/Yearbook. There is a form posted online at our PSO website. Checks should go to our PSO Treasurer, Karen Kay.

Our PSO “Did You Know” is continuing to review some of our own PSO members that are quite well known in the Oklahoma Poetry world.

Please remember to check our PSO website...
<http://www.angelfire.com/poetry/ps/> for information and our PSO Facebook page.

Until next time ~ Keep writing those poems! And...

“Come and Grow at PSO!

Patti Koch, PSO President

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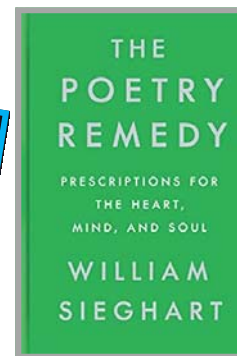
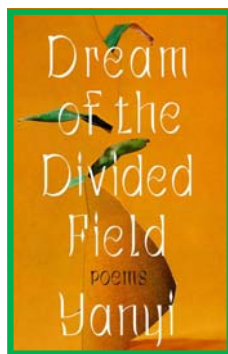
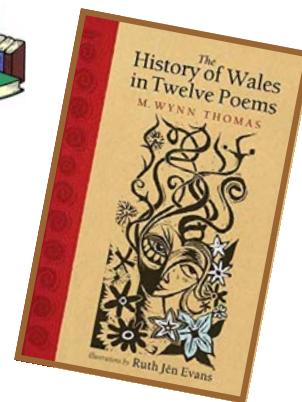
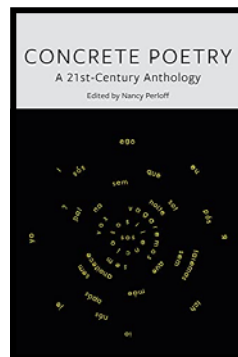
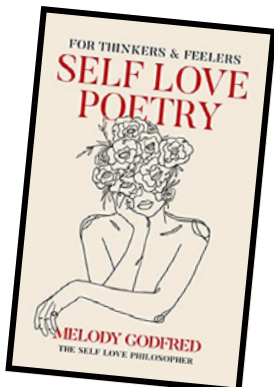
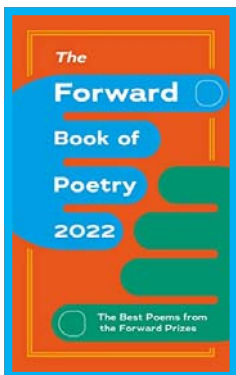
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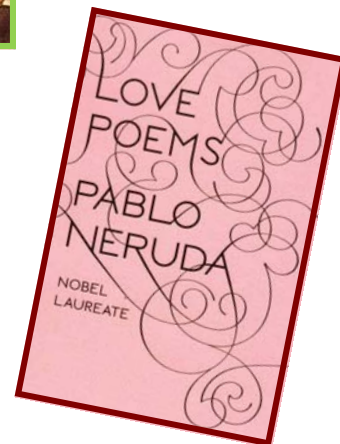
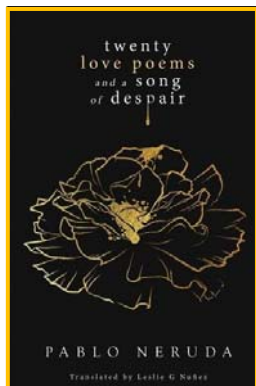
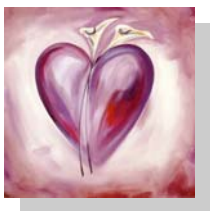
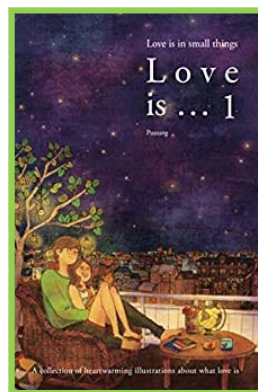
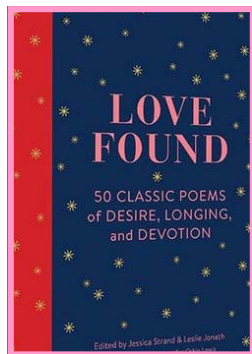
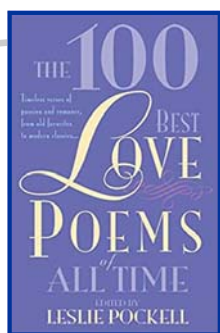
as was stated in our September issue of the Oklahoma Rose, that some of our own PSO members are quite well known in the Oklahoma Poetry world? Well, they are! Our third PSO member we will read about today is Barbara Sheperd. Barbara is an

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POETRY BOOKS FOR THE NEW YEAR!



Love Poems for Valentine's Day!



PSO Member News

Ron Wallace said he was honored and felt very fortunate to have his poem "All the Gods in Oklahoma" published in the November/December Issue of Oklahoma Today

2021-2022 Oklahoma State Poet Laureate Joe Russell Kreger

Joe Russell Kreger from Tonkawa was appointed to serve as the 2021-2022 Oklahoma State Poet Laureate by Oklahoma J. Kevin Stitt in April 2021. A farmer and rancher by trade, Kreger was introduced to poetry at a young age by his father, yet his venture into creative writing didn't begin until he was 56 years old, when he began using poetry to document and express his life experiences. A self-described "cowboy poet," Kreger has published two books on poetry, "Lookin' at Life" and "Still Lookin.'" His books and albums have set sales records among cowboy poets of his era. Since taking up poetry, Kreger has given over 150 poetry readings and presentations in the region.

Poetry Readings

The **Second Sunday** Poetry Readings Norman (The Depot) **Still Closed at this time** There will be upcoming online poetry readings on-line and are booking Thursdays to live stream

www.facebook.com/normandepot

Last Sunday Reading (Feature & Open Mic)
[Full Circle Bookstore](#), 2 p.m.

50 Penn Place, Oklahoma City

November Guest Speaker—Dr. Roxana L. Cazan

Open at this time

Word Pulp - **First Thursday Monthly**, 7:30 p.m.

Open at this time

Coffy's Café Open Mic - **Every Friday**, 8 p.m.

Open at this time

oklahomapoetryevents@gmail.com

Send member news to: pattikoch0@gmail.com

January's Poetry Form ~ Rondine... <https://www.writersdigest.com/write-better-poetry/> & <https://poetscollective.org/poetryforms>

- 12-line poem
- 2 stanzas
- 7 lines in the first stanza; 5 lines in the second
- 8 or 10 syllables per line, except in the 7th and 12th lines
- 7th and 12th lines are a refrain
- The refrain comes from the opening word or phrase of the poem
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Rhyme pattern looks like this: *abbaabR/abbaR*

Here's my Rondine, my very first.
With practice I'll get better yet.
There is not much I should forget.
The rhymes are decently dispersed.
Find five alike, then dive headfirst.
Now have I, your interest whet?
Here's my Rondine.

Choose words so refrain's not coerced.
It ties the poem don't forget,
from start to end refrain's abet
a singularity well versed.
Here's my Rondine.

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award-winning poet, artist and writer. Her creative and technical work has appeared in books, magazines and newspapers. Her writing in fiction, non-fiction, screenplay, stage play, and poetry, Shepherd is the recipient of over 400 writing awards in local, regional, national, and international contests. She was the American Christian Writers' Writer of the Year (twice) and received a Readers Choice Award from *miller's pond*, the Creme de la Creme from Norman Galaxy of Writers (two years back to back), and a Creme de la Creme from Mid-Oklahoma Writers. She has been a Finalist for OWFI's Creme de la Creme award eleven times.



Rose State Writers Conference presented her with a trophy for the Outstanding Author Award for 2016. She won First Place/ Best of Show at the 2017 Oklahoma State Fair and was named the "Voice of the Fair - Poet" and received the same award and title in 2019. She is also a "Lone Stars Poet" and a "Woody Guthrie Poet" and honored to be a former Nominee for Poet Laureate of the State of Oklahoma. Barbara founded [Art Affair Annual Literary Contests](#), sponsoring its categories for poets and writers for more than a decade.

PSO ~ The Year Ahead *** 2022

January 1st	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
January 31st	Deadline for Directory Information (sponsorships for contests and/or donations)
March 13th	Daylight Savings Time starts – Spring forward!
March TBA	Annual Meeting
May 15th	Deadline for Contests for July Workshop*
July TBA	July Workshop and Contests (<i>Deadline May 15th</i>)*
August 15th	Deadline for Contests for Annual Meeting & National Poetry Day **
October TBA	PSO Annual Meeting & National Poetry Day (<i>Deadline August 15th</i>)**
November 6th	Daylight Savings Time ends—turn back your clocks
November 25th	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
December 15th	Deadline for Annual Spring Contest (celebrate next March 2022)
December 25th	MERRY CHRISTMAS
December 31st	PSO Annual Membership dues are payable before the end of the calendar year ~



Poetry Society of Oklahoma Website: <http://www.angelfire.com/poetry/psol/>

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