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Spring is just around the corner!



We've often heard that March is in like a lion and out like a lamb. The first day of spring will occur Sunday, March 20, 2022, which is marked by the arrival of the Vernal Equinox. Seems like an idea for some interesting poems!

On the 15th of January the PSO Board members had a meeting via email regarding our annual March meeting and banquet. The general consensus was, "We all hate not seeing our PSO friends in March, but it seems safest, under the circumstances to cancel the meeting again this year." We definitely do not want to risk gathering in person. As I have stated previously, these are not only very challenging times but we have never had to deal with situations like we have today.

March is designated as National Reading Month - a month to motivate Americans of all ages to read every day. Reading is fun and has many benefits, regardless of your age. It's a key component of education and professional development. So, check out the poetry books on page two and read some poetry every day!

In April people all over the world will be celebrating **National Poetry Month**. Each year **PSO** looks forward to the OKC City Council presenting a Proclamation proclaiming April as **National Poetry Month** in Oklahoma City (for the eleventh year in a row!). And, our Oklahoma State Legislators will present a Resolution stating that April is **National Poetry Month** for the State of Oklahoma (again, for the eleventh year in a row!).

Poem in Your Pocket Day takes place every year on a day during National Poetry Month. This year Thursday, April 28th is National Poem In Your Pocket Day.

Please remember to check our **PSO** website...

<http://www.angelfire.com/poetry/ps/> and our **PSO** Facebook page for information.

Until next time ~ Welcome to our new members ~ Keep writing those poems! And...

"Come and Grow at PSO!"

Patti Koch, PSO President

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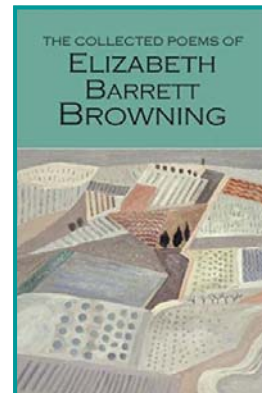
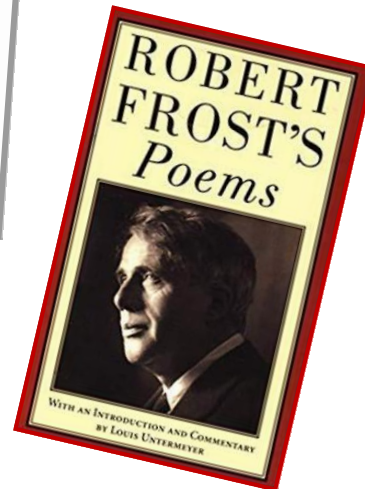
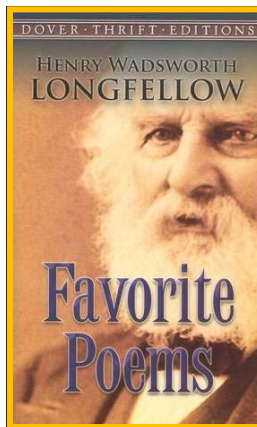
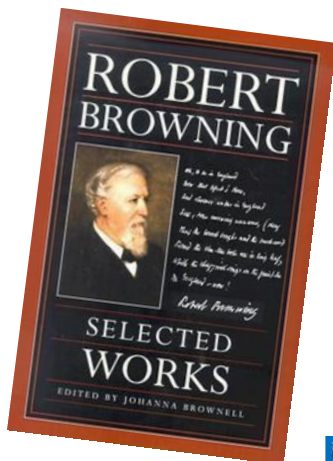
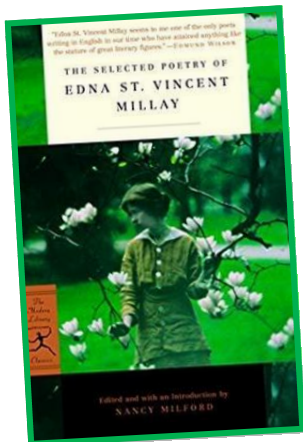
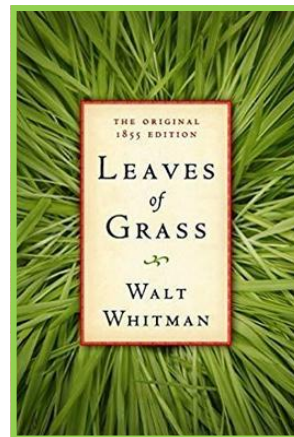
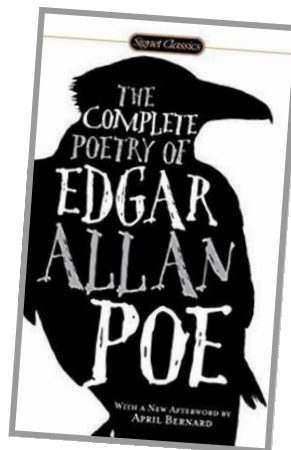
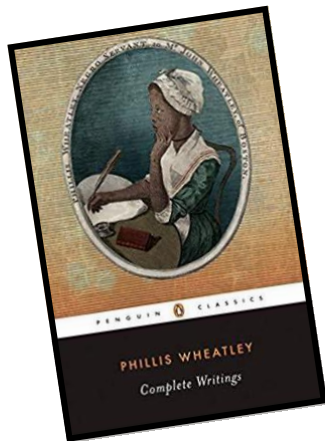
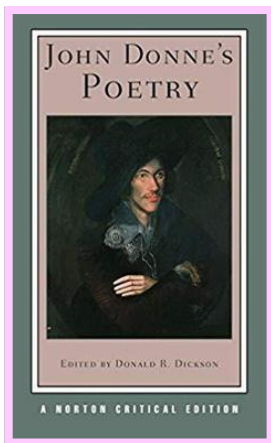
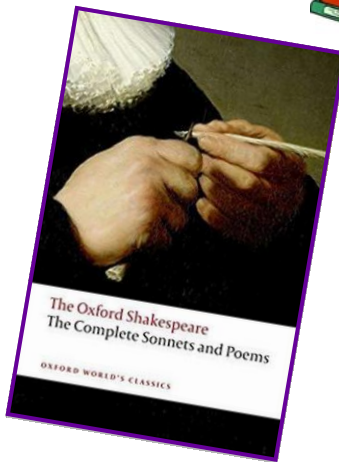
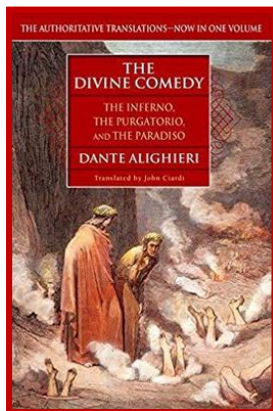
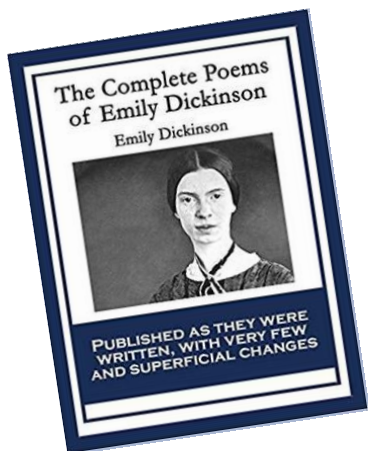
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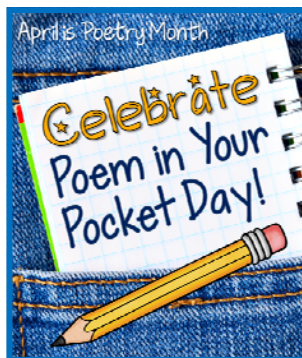
Did You Know...

that some of our own PSO members are quite well known in the Oklahoma Poetry world and others should be? Our fourth PSO member we will read about today is Vinh Do. Mr. Do was a long-time PSO member and a quiet man that passed away December 31, 2021 at the age of 92. He was born in Vietnam and came to Oklahoma in 1991 after being a POW for almost ten years. He was an interpreter for the Asian *continued.....page 4*

BEST POETRY BOOK CLASSICS



APRIL IS NATIONAL POETRY MONTH



PSO Member News

It is with a heavy heart I have to announce the passing of two of PSO long-time Members. Vinh Do passed away December 30th 2021 and Mary Chase passed away on February 9th 2022. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers. Thank You...

Paul Thomson has an anthology on Amazon titled **P.S. It's Still Poetry**.

Mikki is home from the hospital. Please continue to keep her and Billy in your thoughts and prayers. Thank you...

ATTENTION: Our own PSO member, Eddie D. Wilcoxon, has a new book, *For Poets Only*, scheduled for release in early summer. The eBook and audio versions will be free for all PSO members. More details in May.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCy2vcUIJfE0w5ySYBKGpTQ>

Poetry Readings

Talked w/Shari Jackson, executive Director of **The Depot** (in Norman). They are working on expanding their poetry programs at the Depot!

www.facebook.com/normandepot

Last Sunday Reading (Feature & Open Mic)

[Full Circle Bookstore](#), 2:00 P.M.

50 Penn Place, Oklahoma City

March Guest Speaker—Not posted at this time

Open at this time

2nd Sunday at Tidewater Winery (Drumright), 2:00 P.M., coordinated by Sharon Martin

Word Pulp - **First Thursday Monthly**, 7:30 P.M.

Open at this time

Coffy's Café Open Mic - **Every Friday**, 8:00 P.M.

Open at this time

oklahomapoetryevents@gmail.com for additional events (Open Mic for poetry)

Send member news to: pattikoch0@gmail.com

March's Poetry Form ~ Casbairdne <https://www.writersdigest.com/write-better-poetry>

Casbairdne Poems

The casbairdne is an Irish quatrain (or 4-line stanza) form that is packed full of poetic intrigue.

Here are the basic guidelines:

- ◆ 4 lines per stanza
- ◆ 7 syllables per line (with a trisyllabic ending--which may mean a word or phrase)
- ◆ lines 2 and 4 end rhyme
- ◆ every couplet within each quatrain features at least 2 internal cross-rhymes
- ◆ all lines share the same end consonant sounds
- ◆ final syllable of line 4 alliterates with stressed syllable preceding it
- ◆ poem (not the stanza) ends with the same syllable (or word) it begins with

Oval Teens, by Robert Lee Brewer

we walked alone in the night
fighting for our simple fate
unwilling to take a seat
or to cower as we wait

xxbxxxxa
axxxxxb
xxxxbxc
xxxxxcb

and we wander through the pain
say we don't know what we mean
and believe love is divine
to shine light on sight unseen

xexxxxd
dxxxxxe
xxexxxf
xfxxxxe

In the first stanza, I alliterated "wait" with "we"; in the second, "-seen" with "sight." Also, "-seen" rhymes with the first syllable of the poem "we." All words share the same ending consonant sounds in stanza 1 ("t") and stanza 2 ("n").

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community, worked for the OKCPD when he first came to Oklahoma and finished his Bachelor Degree at Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Oklahoma.

Mr. Vinh Do was also a painter and poet and wrote under the pen name Truc Lang. He used the English language to write many poetry forms for many newspapers in the United States.

He never returned to Southeast Asia but published dozens of poetry collections here in the United States. Some examples ~ "Poetry and Love" ~ "Ben Nuoc Village" ~ and a "Romantic Poetry, Diem Le" ~ Just to name a few.



Mr. Do painted many pictures of the beautiful scenery of his hometown of Hue. A remarkable man of many talents. He will be missed.

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PSO ~ The Year Ahead *** 2022



- March 13th Daylight Savings Time starts – Spring forward!
- March TBA Annual Meeting 😞 (Not this year)
- May 15th **Deadline** for Contests for July Workshop*
- July TBA July Workshop and Contests (**Deadline May 15th**)*
- August 15th **Deadline** for Contests for Annual Meeting & National Poetry Day **
- October TBA PSO Annual Meeting & National Poetry Day (**Deadline August 15th**)**
- November 6th Daylight Savings Time ends—turn back your clocks
- November 24th **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**
- December 15th **Deadline** for Annual Spring Contest (**celebrate next March 2023**)
- 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/ps/>
<https://www.facebook.com/Poetry-Society-of-Oklahoma/ps/>