

# The Oklahoma Rose

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## PSO Officers 2022 - 2023

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**President.....**

Patti Koch

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**Treasurer.....**

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**Secretary.....**

**Parliamentarian.....**

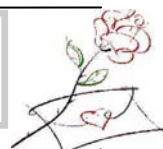
Rob Burgess

**Past Co-Presidents....**

Joan & Eddie

Wilcoxon

## Happy Thanksgiving & Merry Christmas!



Oh my, it is almost time for the Holidays and another year is coming to an end.

brating poetry’s power to bring people together.

It has been quite a year for **PSO**. We celebrated National Poetry Day at our annual business meeting in October. This was also the time that we elected our **PSO** officers for 2024-2025. (Check under “Member News” for our **PSO** incoming officers)

As the out-going President of **PSO**, I want to **THANK** our members for the tremendous support they have given me for the last seven plus years. It is very humbling and I cannot even begin to say how much you all and our **PSO** Board have encouraged me through trying times of turmoil and the challenges of **COVID**.

Parliamentarian, Rob Burgess installed **PSO** Officers for the 2024 –2025 term with puzzle pieces of our Oklahoma Rose Logo. We also recognized our current **PSO** officers, board members and the committee chairs with *Certificates of Appreciation*.

I know I have said this previously, but to those members that continue to support **PSO**, just being a member makes a difference. And, those that sponsor one or more contests year after year and support **PSO** with their donations – my hat is off to you. Yes, it really does make a difference! And, we may be small but oh are we **MIGHTY!**

During lunch break we socialized before continuing our business meeting. We also enjoyed drawing for door prizes! Following the business meeting our Contest Chair presented awards from our National Poetry Day contests. Those poets present read their winning poems.

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

After the awards were presented the members that had written poems about *Refuge* — the theme for National Poetry Day, read their poems; once again cele-

See you down the road ~ Keep writing those poems! And...

**“Come and Grow at PSO!**

-- Patti Koch, *PSO* President

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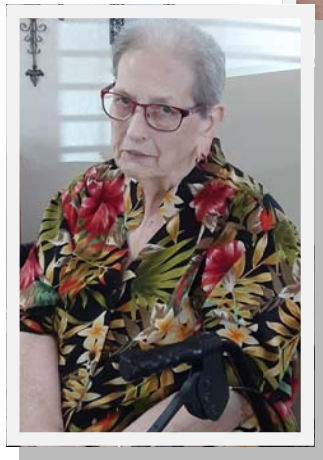


## Did You Know...

that one of the most significant benefits of poetry is its way of providing people with increased cultural awareness whether contemporary or historical? Poetry can be a way to exercise one's empathy and see new perspectives that ultimately make the world a richer place.

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# PSO NATIONAL POETRY DAY 2023



It takes EACH and EVERY piece to succeed



Thank You Judith ,Trina & Patti for photos.

## PSO Member News

PSO's most current member news is: the 2024 - 2025 election of officers for PSO.

### Our Congratulations to:

President.....Rob Burgess

Treasurer.....Karen Kay Bailey

Secretary.....Judith Rycroft

Parliamentarian.....Mikki Pennington

Past President.....Patti Koch

### Board Members

Web-Master.....Billy Pennington

Contest Chair.....Barbara Sheperd

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Featured Poet at FULL CIRCLE in October was PSO's own Trina Lee. "Trina Lee started writing poetry on a crowded train to Chicago..." and is very involved with Poetry.

## Poetry Readings

**The Depot** (in Norman) is starting up poetry again—DEPOT POETRY (before the end of the year)!

Last Sunday Reading (Feature & Open Mic)

**Full Circle Bookstore**, 2:00 P.M.

50 Penn Place, Oklahoma City

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

**Word Pulp** (Queen of Sheba Restaurant) - First & Third Thursday Monthly, 7:30 P.M.

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

Third Thursdays: **Shawnee Poetry Night** 7:00 P.M.

**Red-Dirt Poetry** Open Mic—every other Wednesday 7:30 sign in show 7:30

Ponyboy, 423 NW 23rd St — Oklahoma City, OK

<https://www.google.com/searchPoetry+events+in+OK>

for additional events (Open Mic for poetry)

Send member news to: [pattikoch0@gmail.com](mailto:pattikoch0@gmail.com)

## November's Poetry Form **Dizain** <https://commonsensiblyspeaking.wordpress.com/>

The dizain is of the French form domain. This particular form was a favorite of 15th and 16th century French poets

### Basic rules of the dizain:

One 10-line stanza

10 syllables per line

Employs the following rhyme scheme: *ababbccdc*

### TOO SOON

By Kent Phalen

The fall comes fast as time flies by too soon  
 Oh my, summer it seems you were just here  
 How come the days rush by I ask the moon  
 He shakes his head looks down and sheds a tear  
 The stars shine bright high in the sky so clear  
 Do they not know that life it dreads the snow  
 That eye have dimmed and yes my feet have slowed  
 May fall be kind and sing out loud, sweet song  
 May I be surrounded by ones I know  
 And when Jesus calls I can go along

*Continued from page 1...* Poetry is a form of creative writing that exists in cultures around the world. It is very important to the literary and cultural landscape of humanity for a wide range of reasons.

Poetry can be a powerful teaching tool, helping students improve their literacy. It can also allow writers to express their emotions and allow readers to connect to those emotions. Poetry is also connected to aesthetics, or the exploration of what is beautiful in the world. It is likely that the reason that poetry exists is because creating it is irresistible for humans. On an individual basis, each poem is likely to have its own reason for existing.

Some poets write to recount important historical or mythical events, like the oldest work of literature known to exist, *The Epic of Gilgamesh*, circa 2100. Others write to express individual truths about the world, express philosophical ideas, paint a vivid picture of an event or concept, or entertain audiences using language.

Poetry matters because it is an essential part of human culture. It allows people to express concepts in unique and resonant ways that sometimes survive and continue to inspire readers for thousands of years.

By providing a window into the thoughts of others, poetry has the power to increase empathy and provide a new perspective of the human experience. On the other hand, writing poetry encourages kids to express themselves and channel their imagination through a unique art form.

Poetry exists to tell of significant experience cleverly and creatively, expanding our knowledge of the senses. Modern poetry is significant to everyday life because it dares us to break free from the safe strategies of a discreet mind, enabling us to honor the unknown, both in us and in the world.

<https://study.com/learn/lesson/poetry>

## PSO ~ The Year Ahead \*\*\* 2023

November 5th	Daylight Savings Time ends—turn back your clocks
November 23rd	<b>HAPPY THANKSGIVING</b>
December 15th	<b>Deadline</b> for Annual Spring Contest ( <b>celebrate next March 2024</b> )
December 25th	<b>MERRY CHRISTMAS</b>
December 31st	PSO Annual Membership dues are payable before the end of the calendar year ~



**BLESSINGS FOR THE NEW YEAR!**

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

<https://www.facebook.com/Poetry-Society-of-Oklahoma/psol/>