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HAPPY THANKSGIVING MERRY CHRISTMAS!



Here it is almost time for celebrating Thanksgiving, Christmas and the starting of a New Year! How fast this year has passed. And it has been quite a year. From our Spring meeting and annual contest celebration to our Summer Workshop and our Annual PSO meeting for National Poetry Day last month. And in September PSO held a celebratory dinner commemorating our 90th year Anniversary! (pictures page two and more information page three)

As we plan ahead for the coming year, if you would like to sponsor a contest for 2025 please send and email to Rob Burgess (President/Contest Chair) with the information by January 15th, 2025. That way we can gather all information for the 2025 PSO Directory/Yearbook. There is a form posted online at our PSO website. Checks should go to Karen Kay, PSO Treasurer..

Also, dues for 2025 are due by the end of this year. Again, we ask this so we can

gather all information for the 2025 PSO Directory and Yearbook - we want your info in there! And, If you want to make a donation – this also needs to be sent to Karen Kay (PSO Treasurer) for reasons stated above. (Dues \$20.00)

Don't forget—get your contest poems mailed to Rob by December 15th, 2024 for our Annual PSO Spring Contest in 2025!

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

I came across this quote – so apropos “The future belongs to those who believe in the beauty of their dreams.” Eleanor Roosevelt

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

“Come and Grow at PSO!
Patti Koch, Past PSO President

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Did You Know...

that National Poetry Day was founded in 1994 by the Forward Arts Foundation, a charity that supports poets, advocates the reading and writing of poetry, and encourages the collaboration of poetry with other art forms? **National Poetry Day** this year (2024) was on Thursday, October 3.

The theme was "counting." *continued.....page 4*

PSO'S 90TH ANNIVERSARY !!



90years!



*Photos Courtesy of
Several PSO
Members
and Wait Staff at
Bellini's*



PSO Member News

It is with great sadness and loss we say our Farewells to Mikki Pennington and Marie Owen Johnson (both long-time members of Poetry Society of Oklahoma).

Mikki (Michaelen) was Born in 1952, in South Bend, Indiana. She passed suddenly on September 4th, 2024.

Marie Owen Johnson was born January 26, 1927 and passed away September 18, 2024 at her home in Lexington, Oklahoma .

The 90th Anniversary Celebration of Poetry Society of Oklahoma was held Sunday afternoon the 29th of September at Bellini's Ristorante & Grill in Oklahoma City. A good time was had by all! (see pictures on page two of this newsletter)

Our PSO anthology *Answering the Call* has received some fantastic reviews! And yes, it is still available on [amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com) and it might very well be the final publication of poems by Carl, Mikki, and Kenneth.

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Poetry Readings and Venues

3rd Sunday **Poetry Reading** at the Unitarian Church in Lawton, 816 W. Gore Blvd 6:30 P.M.

Last Sunday Reading **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

Red-Dirt Poetry Open Mic—every Wednesday
7:00 P.M.

Literati Press 3022 Paseo, Oklahoma City, OK 73103

3rd Sunday: **Poetry on Lost Street**, 2:00 pm in Durant OK.
Contact Ron Wallace, 15yankeehawk@gmail.com

1st Sunday: **Oklahoma Poetry House** 1515 N. Lincoln,
2:00 pm. Terri Cummings, tcummings.oph@gmail.com

Paul Austin is sponsoring revival of poetry at the Depot in Norman. These events will be offered four times a year. The next meeting is Friday, December 6 at 7:00 P.M.

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Send member news to: pattikoch0@gmail.com

November's Poetry Form Triversen: <https://poetscollective.org/poetryforms/triversen/>

The triversen is a loose form of sentence-long tercets developed by William Carlos Williams

The triversen rules:

- Each stanza equals one sentence.
- Each sentence/stanza breaks into 3 lines (each line is a separate phrase in the sentence).
- There is a variable foot of 2-4 beats per line.

The **Triversen**, (triple verse sentence), is a sentence broken into three lines

Water Lilies (Triversen)

Water lilies on pond's surface
lie in wait
just as though expecting us.

Posed on pads in proud profusion
as they might for Claude Monet;
only now, awaiting us.

Water lilies seem eternal
you and I
have just begun.

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National Poetry Day is an annual celebration that encourages people to share, experience, and make poetry with friends and family. It's celebrated on the first Thursday of October each year. It is a celebration of the profound art of poetry, an art form that has the power to inspire, console, and captivate. This day honors poets, their craft, and the way poetry enriches our lives.

It is a day dedicated to recognizing and celebrating the beauty and impact of poetry. It's a time to appreciate the written and spoken word, the artistry of poets, and the myriad emotions and stories that poetry conveys. This day encourages everyone, from seasoned poets to novices, to embrace and share their love for poetry.

<https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/national-poetry-day-2024/>

PSO ~ The Year Ahead *** 2024

- November 3rd Daylight Savings Time ends—turn your clocks back
- November 28th **HAPPY THANKSGIVING!**
- December 15th **Deadline** 2024 Annual Spring Poetry Contest for 2025
- December 25th **MERRY CHRISTMAS!**
- December 31st PSO Annual Membership dues payable before the end of the calendar year ~



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