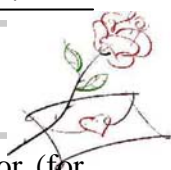


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“HAPPY NEW YEAR!”

“HAPPY NEW YEAR!” 2019 will be our eighty-fifth year in existence. 2018 was a good year for us as once again we had new members join and former members return – always exciting!

Please make a note and mark your calendar - contest sponsorship and dues to Karen Kay (treasurer) and fees for contests to Mikki Pennington (contest chair). **Deadline** for receipt of **contest sponsorship**: January 31, 2019.

Our next **PSO** event is one we all look forward to ~ the Annual Spring Banquet Saturday 9th March 2019. This is known as “**THE BANQUET OF THE YEAR!**” It is the day we all come together for food, fun, fellowship and to celebrate the winners of our **PSO** Annual Contest! What a day! And, our **PSO** Poet Laureate for 2019 will be announced!

Month as did our previous Mayor (for the last seven years)! We have also had the Oklahoma State Representative from my district have a Citation that proclaims April as National Poetry Month for the State of Oklahoma (again, for the last seven years). It is good to have our city and state officials promoting poetry in Oklahoma City and in Oklahoma.

We are looking forward to yet another year of growth as we continue to get the word out about poetry today and the **Poetry Society of Oklahoma**.

Please remember to check our **PSO** website <http://www.angelfire.com/poetry/ps/> for information and our [PSO Facebook page](#).

Note: Be sure and check your **NFSPS** Contest Brochure—there are some changes this year.

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

“Come and Grow at PSO!

-- Patti Koch, PSO President

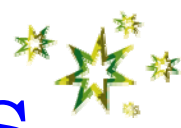
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Previous PSO Presidents

4 We will start our January issue with **Wilbur Mason**, who served as co-president of Poetry Society of Oklahoma with Flo Mason in 2000.

PSO 2019 Officers



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PSO Member News

Audrey Streetman has a new book of Poetry that has been published called **TIME**. A book signing was held the 16th December at The Stillness Center @ Chappel Wood in Edmond!

For the 4th year Ed Roberts has had one of his poems included in the Poetic Prism Global Anthology - **A Realization**.

Rob Burgess has just published "Winds of Change", his poetry chapbook

CONGRATULATIONS to all our member poets on their recently published books of poetry!

THANK YOU to Billy Pennington—Web Master and Mikki Pennington—Contest Chair! We *appreciate* your time and effort!

Poetry Readings

The **Second Sunday** Poetry Readings program provides a monthly venue for selected regional poets to share their work. Former Oklahoma Poet Laureate and Oklahoma Book Award winner Carl Sennhenn hosts. The Depot, 200 S. Jones—Norman

Last Sunday Reading (Feature & Open Mic)
Full Circle Bookstore, 2 p.m.
50 Penn Place, Oklahoma City

Individual Artists of Oklahoma - IAO Gallery
706 W Sheridan Ave, Oklahoma City

Word Pulp
First Thursday Monthly, 7:30 p.m.
Slam and Feature, Psi Certified
Queen of Sheba Restaurant, OKC
2308 N Macarthur Blvd

Coffy's Café Open Mic
Every Friday, 8 p.m.
Spoken Word & Singer/Songwriter
1739 N.W. 16th Street, OKC

Send member news to: pkoch7@cox.net

January's Poetry Form ~ *tanka* from merriam-webster & Poetry Zone

Definition of *tanka* -

an unrhymed Japanese verse form of five lines containing five, seven, five, seven, and seven syllables respectively

How to write a Tanka poem

The Tanka poem is very similar to haiku but Tanka poems have more syllables and it uses simile, metaphor and personification.

There are five lines in a Tanka poem.

Line one - 5 syllables	Beautiful mountains
Line two - 7 syllables	Rivers with cold, cold water.
Line three - 5 syllable	White cold snow on rocks
Line four - 7 syllables	Trees over the place with frost
Line five - 7 syllables	White sparkly snow everywhere.

Tanka poems are written about nature, seasons, love, sadness and other strong emotions. This form of poetry dates back almost 1200 years ago.

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Wilbur W. Mason was born March 1, 1921 near Fort Cobb, Oklahoma to Roy and Vesta Mason and died peacefully in his sleep on Tuesday morning, February 3, 2009. He and Florian (Flo) Walker were married April 12, 1947 in El Reno and would have celebrated their 62nd Wedding Anniversary in 2009. He and his wife lived in Oklahoma City since 1954.

Wilbur volunteered for service in the United States Army after Pearl Harbor. He was assigned to the 36th Texas Division in the front line Siam Radio Signal Corp Unit. He retired from Sears after working as Electronics Supervisor. ***In 1998 and 1999 he served as treasurer for the Poetry Society of Oklahoma. In 2000 he served as co-president (along with his wife Flo) of the Poetry Society of Oklahoma.*** He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, "T-Patchers" 36th Division, and was an associate member of Frontier Republican Women.

He was one the founding members of St. John's United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City, was an active member of the Free Methodist Church, and considered Ridgecrest United Methodist Church his home church. *(A very busy and active gentleman)*

PSO ~ The Year Ahead *** 2019



January	1st	HAPPY NEW YEAR!
January	31st	Deadline for receipt of contest sponsorship
January	31st	Deadline for Directory Information (sponsorships for 2019 contests and/or donations (may not be printed in directory
March	9th	Annual PSO Spring Banquet
March	10th	Daylight Savings Time starts –Spring forward!
May	15th	Deadline for Contests for July Workshop*
July	13th	July Workshop and Contests (<i>Deadline May 15th</i>)*
August	15th	Deadline for Contests for Annual Meeting & National Poetry Day **
October	12th	PSO Annual Meeting & National Poetry Day (<i>Deadline August 15th</i>)**
November	3rd	Daylight Savings Time ends—turn back your clocks
November	21st	HAPPY THANKSGIVING
December	15th	Deadline for Annual Spring Contest (celebrate next March 2019)
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>