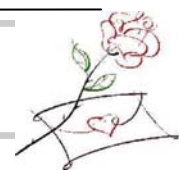


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“PSO Marches into Spring!”

Poetry Society of Oklahoma will hold our Annual Spring Awards Banquet March 9th at Twin Hills Country Club in Oklahoma City. We like to say this is “**THE BANQUET OF THE YEAR!**” and is always quite an event! Winning poems will be read, poets recognized, awards given and a delicious Easter banquet will celebrate this special day. Our theme this year is the observance of the Easter season.

April is National Poetry month and people all over the world will be celebrating. Once again, **PSO** is looking forward to the OKC City Council presenting a Proclamation proclaiming April as National Poetry Month in Oklahoma City (for the eighth year in a row!). Also, our Oklahoma State Legislators will present a Resolution stating April as National Poetry month for the State of Oklahoma (again, for the eighth year in a row!). **PSO** does like to celebrate National Poetry month in Oklahoma!

PSO is looking ahead to an exciting summer. In July, **PSO** will host a work-

shop (again at Twin Hills Country Club in Oklahoma City); this will be an in-house (morning and afternoon) workshop presented by **PSO** members and a keynote speaker. At that time we will also be presenting awards for the July contest winners. As always, our workshop will include a delicious noontime buffet.

Oklahoma and Oklahoma City proper both have many poetry venues. I would encourage you, if possible, to take advantage of these to enjoy, participate and learn (besides meeting other poets).

Also, a reminder that the 15th of March is the deadline for submitting any poems to NFSPS for their annual contest.

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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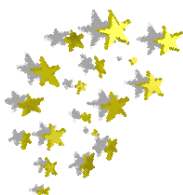
Our March issue is about Lew and Jo Taylor, who served as co-presidents of Poetry Society of Oklahoma in 2001 and 2002. And

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CELEBRATE MARCH!



Let's write a poem today!



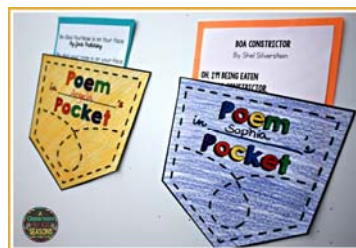
April National Poetry Month 2019



Celebrate April



Happy Easter



PSO Member News

In our November 2018 issue we published the following: *Carol Snow has offered to have people email her when they have a poem or book published or are having an event of some kind--speaking, book signing, etc. Then she would email the group. She also offered to collect information from members and send it out in an email maybe a couple of times a year. This email would list books previously published as well as recent publications, with information about how members can get copies of them. Apparently Carol has not heard from anyone, so... ** Again - Thank You for this, Carol.*

Please keep the following members in your thoughts and prayers ~ Barbara Shepard, Sharon Burris and Sandy Soli who have spent time in the hospital for various reasons and Delores Walker who just lost her sister.

A Big **Thank You** to Mikki and Billy Pennington for their help with the 2019 Yearbook & Directory.

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
FIRST Sunday of the month

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

March's Poetry Form ~ cinquain *from Forward Poetry*

A cinquain poem is a verse of five lines that do not rhyme. The cinquain poem was created by Adelaide Crapsey.

A cinquain consists of 5 unrhymed lines.

Each line has a set number of syllables see below:

Line 1 – 2 syllables
Line 2 – 4 Syllables
Line 3 – 6 Syllables
Line 4 – 8 syllables
Line 5 – 2 Syllables

My mum 2
Is so caring 4
She is always helpful 6
She is so beautiful and kind 8
Love you. 2

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Jo also served with Vivian Stewart as co-president in 2003.

Lewis Butler Taylor Jr., 89 was born on Feb. 4, 1925 and passed away on October 12, 2014. Lew Taylor was first nominated from the floor, and elected, PSO parliamentarian—Dr. Howard Stein officiated. Lew's qualifications included prior outstanding loyalty and leadership, organizing interesting, well attended out of town PSO workshops.

As President he focused on PSO membership growth and encouraged youth by sponsoring youth contests and reducing PSO youth membership dues. Lew was an accomplished poet, much loved member and president writing three small books of poetry. He was a patriotic American working in the Navy Civil Engineering Corp, serving in Vietnam, and tours in Thailand and Cambodia.

Joleta Faye Taylor, 79, passed away on Sunday, July 29, 2018. She was born on November 27, 1938. Jo first served as Lew's co-President. She was a supportive and loyal officer. She voted in favor of offering the PSO POET LAUREATE ANNUAL AWARD which was to be based on achievements of poets. She made the motion that this would be based on FIRST through FOURTH PLACE awards in PSO poetry contests.

Jo was also a hard worker for the PSO YOUTH CONTEST and donated T shirts on which she hand ironed PSO emblems on dozens of shirts for all youth winners.

Some of their poems are featured in CANDLE FLAMES.

(Thank you to Billy Pennington and Vivian Stewart for sharing information on the above)

PSO ~ The Year Ahead *** 2019

March	6th	Ash Wednesday
March	9th	Annual PSO Spring Banquet
March	10th	Daylight Savings Time starts –Spring forward!
March	15th	<u>Deadline</u> for NFSPS Contest
April	21st	Easter
May	15th	<u>Deadline</u> for Contests for July Workshop*
July	13th	July Workshop and Contests (<i>Deadline May 15th</i>)*
August	15th	<u>Deadline</u> 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	<u>Deadline</u> for Annual Spring Contest (celebrate next March 2020)
December	25th	MERRY CHRISTMAS
December	31st	PSO Annual Membership dues are payable before the end of the calendar year ~



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