

**POETRY SOCIETY OF INDIANA
2021 43rd ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST
RUNS JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2021**

CONTEST CATEGORIES

1. PSI GRAND PRIZE
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Subject: No Regrets
Prizes: \$100 / \$50 / \$25
Sponsor: Poetry Society of Indiana
2. ONE AND ONLY GLENNA GLEE AWARD
Form: Strict Rhyme and Rhythm
Line Limit: None
Subject: Happiness (Glee)
Prize (First Place Only): \$100
Sponsor: The Ghost of IFSPC
3. PRESIDENT'S AWARD
Form: Any
Line Limit: 32
Subject: Any Holiday / Holy Day Ritual
Prizes: \$50 / \$30 / \$20
Sponsor: Deborah Petersen
4. PREMIER POETS PRIZE
Form: Shape/Concrete
Line Limit: 24
Subject: Any
Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10
Sponsor: PSI Premier Poets
5. LIFE WORTH REMEMBERING AWARD
Form: Any
Line Limit: 32
Subject: Will I (or You) Remember
Tomorrow
Prizes: \$45 / \$25 / \$10
Sponsor: Joe Ottinger
6. PSI MEMORIAL AWARD
*Honoring PSI members who died during the
previous year.*
Form: Any
Line Limit: 32
Subject: Keeping Them With Us
Prizes: \$50 / \$35 / \$15
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7. HOOSIER HERITAGE AWARD
Form: Any
Line Limit: 60
Subject: The People. Places, History,
and/or Culture of Indiana
Prizes: \$30 / \$20 / \$10
Sponsor: Chuck Kellum
8. URN YOUR PRIZE
Form: Spoon River
Line Limit: None
Subject: Any
Prizes: \$20 / \$15 / \$10
Sponsor: Maik & Kali Strosahl
9. BARBARA ANN AWARD
Form: Rhymed
Line Limit: 9
Subject: Living Without Sports
Prizes: \$35 / \$10 / \$5
Sponsor: Michael Erdelen
10. NORTHEAST INDIANA POETS AWARD
Form: Any
Line Limit 40
Subject: A Dream
Prizes: \$35 / \$25 / \$15
Sponsor: NI POETS Club
11. NOBLE POETS AWARD
Form: Any
Line Limit: 50
Subject: Color or Colors
Prizes: \$30 / \$20 / \$10
Sponsor: Noble Poets
12. OBERLIN PRIZE
Honoring Prue Oberlin
Form: Sonnet
Line Limit 14
Subject: Education or Lifelong Learning
Prizes: \$35 / \$10 / \$5
Sponsor: Angela Masterson Jones

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13. MILLION AWARD
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Subject: Favorite Quote
Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10
Sponsor: Marlene Million
14. RHYMED VERSE AWARD
Form: Rhymed
Line Limit: 32
Subject: MAGIC
Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10
Sponsor: Peg Heacox
15. BABBLING BROOK AWARD
Form: Haiku or Senryu
Line Limit: 3
Subject: Any
Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10
Sponsor: Mary Couch
16. ELEANOR CRANMER & CAROLINE AWARD
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Subject: Takes All Kinds
Prizes: \$75 / \$45 / \$30
Sponsor: Cranmer & Dewey
17. ALDA JOHNSON MEMORIAL
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Subject: Sisterly Love
Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10
Sponsor: Dena R. Gorrell
18. GRACE POTTER HEARKINS AWARD
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Subject: Knitting
Prizes: \$30 / \$25 / \$15
Sponsor: Nancy Simmonds
19. LINDA BANNON MEMORIAL
Form: Any
Line Limit: None
Subject: Blessing or Prayer
Prizes: \$ 40 / \$20/ \$10
Sponsor: Susan Smith
20. DEBRA SUE LYNN AWARD
Form: Sonnet, Villanelle, or Trijan Refrain
Line Limit: 30
Subject: Death, Silence, or The Sea
Prizes: \$15 / \$10 / \$5
Sponsor: Debra Sue Lynn
21. EKPHRASTIGANZA!
Form: Ekphrastic
Line Limit: None
Subject: Any (Must include a picture of the artwork that inspired the poem.)
Prizes: \$30 / \$20 / \$10
Sponsor: Maik and Kali Strosahl
22. WIN PSI MEMBERSHIP
NOTE: Open only to non-member Indiana residents.
Form: Any
Line Limit: 32
Subject: Any
Prize (First Place Only): Winner receives PSI membership for one year.
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23. WILD CARD AWARD
NOTE: Requires additional \$2 fee (Makes total contest entry fee \$12 for PSI members and \$17 for non-members.)
Form: Any
Line Limit: None
Subject: Any
Prizes: 45% / 25% / 15% of fees collected
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CONTEST RULES

Failure to comply with all stipulations below may result in disqualification and forfeiture of any entry fee paid.

1. **DEADLINE:** Entries must be postmarked **NO EARLIER THAN July 1, 2021**, and **NOT LATER THAN September 1, 2021**. No poems will be returned, so poets should retain copies.
2. **FEES:** \$10 for PSI members / \$15 for non-members
 - Entry fee covers one and all entries per person. To be counted as a member, your dues for the 2021-2022 membership year must be paid-up prior to or with your submission.
 - Note: The membership form is available at www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org/psi-membership.html. Or, you may include the \$18 annual membership dues with your contest entry submission.
3. Entries must be the original work of the entrant.
4. Poems must **NOT** have been previously published in any form -- print, online, electronically, or on exhibition.
5. Only **ONE POEM** may be entered in each category. Those poems may not be entered in any other concurrent contests with deadlines prior to Oct. 31, 2021, or in any other category of this contest.
6. **EACH POEM** must be titled unless its standard form normally does not include a title, such as the limerick, haiku and senryu forms.
7. Poems **MUST BE TYPED/PRINTED** on white 8 ½" X 11" paper. Please use dark ink and normal font.
8. **TO SUBMIT:** Mail an original *and a copy* of each poem, a cover sheet, and the entry fee payment.
 - **Originals:** **NO PERSONAL** identification on the original, only the title (if any) and poem, plus **ALL** pages (originals and copies) must have the contest number and **CORRECT** category name in the upper left-hand corner.
 - **The Copies:** Add your name and address in the upper right-hand corner of each copy page.
 - **Cover Sheet:** Include your name, address, email address, phone number, the number of poems submitted, plus the entry fee amount being remitted.
 - **Entry Fee Payment:** Make all payments payable to "Poetry Society of Indiana". Payment may also be made via PayPal online at www.paypal.com/paypalme/poetrysocietyindiana. *Please do not send cash.*
 - Please do not fold the submitted pages.
 - Separate the originals from the copies and arrange them **IN ORDER** by contest number.
 - Send entries and check or money order payment by U.S. Postal Mail ("Snail Mail") to:
Chuck Kellum
PSI Contest Director
1430 N 200 E
Anderson, IN 46012
9. **ELECTRONIC VERSIONS** of all poems must also be **EMAILED** as attachments to: poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com in docx (Word) format. The top three winning poems in each category will be published in "Ink to Paper, Volume 6, A Poetry Society of Indiana Anthology." Selected

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Honorable Mention poems may also be published at the editor's discretion. Subject Line: "PSI Annual Poetry Contest 2021". In the body of the email, include the poet's name and contact information.

- Ekphrastic poems must be accompanied by an image file of the associated artwork picture.
- Image files submitted with/as the electronic versions (*such as for shape/concrete poems and ekphrastic subjects*) must have a minimum resolution of 200 dpi.

10. All entrants will be emailed a copy of the WINNERS LIST. To receive a printed copy, include an SASE with correct first class postage with your submission.

11. By your submission of poetry to this contest, you are acknowledging that you (poet/author) give Poetry Society of Indiana ("PSI") exclusive first printing rights to all 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winning poems entered in the PSI 2021 Annual Poetry Contest, and that most honorable mentions/citations will not be published in the PSI poems anthology, "Ink to Paper, Vol. 6". Printing Rights revert back to poet after the anthology is published.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

You may direct questions about this contest via email to poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com or by calling Chuck Kellum at 765-644-5795.

NOTE: You may research the more unusual FORMS of POETRY on-line, or you may contact the CONTEST DIRECTOR for ANY SPECIFIC QUESTION ON FORM OR OTHER ISSUES.

JOIN US! Anyone may become a member of PSI. Members also automatically become members of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies. Members receive quarterly newsletters from both organizations (state and national). *More information about Poetry Society of Indiana, including membership information and registration form, is available at: www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org.*

Winners are to be announced and celebrated at
PSI Fall Rendezvous
October 29-31, 2021
Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, IN

