



POETRY SOCIETY OF INDIANA
2022 44th ANNUAL POETRY CONTEST
RUNS JULY 1 – SEPTEMBER 1, 2022

CONTEST CATEGORIES

1. **PSI LOVE OF POETRY PRIZE**
Subject: Poetry as My Lover
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Prizes: \$100 / \$50 / \$25
Sponsor: Poetry Society of Indiana
2. **GLENNA GLEE: ONE AND ONLY**
Subject: Glee, Joy, Happiness
Form: Any
Line Limit: None
Prize: First Place receives \$100
Sponsor: The Ghost of IFSPC
3. **PAST PRESIDENT AWARD**
Subject: An Ode to Shoes — a Journey Story
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Prizes: \$50 / \$30 / \$20
Sponsor: Deborah Petersen
4. **PREMIER POETS PRIZE**
Subject: Historical Figure or Event
Form: Limerick
Line Limit: Per form
Prizes: \$30 / \$15 / \$10
Sponsor: Present & Past PSI Premier Poets
5. **LIFE WORTH REMEMBERING AWARD**
Subject: Winnowing Memoir
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Prizes: \$45 / \$25 / \$10
Sponsor: Joe Ottinger
6. **PSI MEMORIAL AWARD**
Honoring PSI members who died the previous year.
Subject: Gain through Loss
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Prizes: \$50 / \$35 / \$15
Sponsor: Poetry Society of Indiana
7. **HOOSIER HERITAGE AWARD**
Subject: The People, Places, History, and/or Culture of Indiana
Form: Any
Line Limit: 60
Prizes: \$30 / \$20 / \$10
Sponsor: Chuck Kellum
8. **URN YOUR PRIZE**
Form: Spoon River
Line Limit: None
Subject: Any
Prizes: \$30 / \$20 / \$10
Sponsor: Maik & Kali Strosahl
9. **BARBARA ANN AWARD**
Subject: Jesus never said we had to like anyone
Form: Any
Line Limit: 5 exactly (none blank)
Prizes: \$25 / \$8 / \$7
Sponsor: Michael Erdelen
10. **NORTHEAST INDIANA POETS AWARD**
Subject: Charisma
Form: Any
Line Limit 40
Prizes: \$35 / \$25 / \$15
Sponsor: NI POETS Club
11. **NOBLE POETS AWARD**
Subject: Unanswered Questions
Form: Any
Line Limit: 45
Prizes: \$35 / \$25 / \$15
Sponsor: Noble Poets
12. **OBERLIN PRIZE**
In memory of Prue Oberlin
Subject: Writing, education, mentoring
Form: Sonnet
Line Limit Per form
Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10
Sponsor: Angela Masterson Jones
13. **MILLION AWARD**
Subject: Promise Kept
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10
Sponsor: Marlene Million
14. **THE VIOLA AWARD**
Subject: Plant Life (any, eg: trees, flowers, grass, vegetables, etc)
Form: Rhymed
Line Limit: 40
Prizes: \$40 / \$30 / \$20
Sponsor: Peg Heacox



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15. **BABBLING BROOK AWARD**
Subject: Any
Form: Cinquain
Line Limit: Per form
Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10
Sponsor: Mary Couch
16. **ELEANOR CRANMER & CAROLINE AWARD**
Subject: Journey
Form: Any
Line Limit: 49
Prizes: \$35 / \$25 / \$15
Sponsor: Cranmer & Dewey
17. **GUT PUNCH**
Subject: A poem that hits the emotions —
Hard!
Form: Free Verse
Line Limit: 15
Prizes: \$30 / \$20 / \$10
Sponsor: John Hinton
18. **GRACE POTTER HEARKINS AWARD**
Subject: The Pattern
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Prizes: \$30 / \$25 / \$15
Sponsor: Nancy Simmonds
19. **LINDA BANNON MEMORIAL**
Subject: Prayer or Blessing
Form: Any
Line Limit: None
Prizes: \$ 35 / \$25 / \$15
Sponsor: Susan Smith
20. **DEBRA SUE LYNN AWARD**
Subject: Death & the Hereafter,
Reincarnation, The Sea; or Silence
Form: Villanelle, Trijan Refrain, Kyrielle,
Sonnet, or Iambic Heptameter Sonnet
Line Limit: 40 for Kyrielle; Per form for all
others
Prizes: \$15 / \$10 / \$5
Sponsor: Debra Sue Lynn
21. **EKPHRASTIGANZA!**
Subject: Any (*Must include a picture of the
artwork that inspired the poem.*)
Form: Ekphrastic
Line Limit: None
Prizes: \$40 / \$25 / \$15
Sponsor: Maik and Kali Strosahl
22. **THINKING OUTSIDE THE BOX!**
Subject: About a city or state outside of
Indiana but adjacent to Indiana
Form: Rictameter
Line Limit: Per form
Prizes: \$35 / \$25 / \$15
Sponsor: Dennis White
23. **FAMILY AWARD**
Subject: Family
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Prizes: \$15 / \$10 / \$5
Sponsor: Emory D. Jones
24. **TRADITIONAL SONNET (ENGLISH)**
Subject: Life in Crisis
Form: English Sonnet
Line Limit: Per form
Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10
Sponsor: John W. Crawford
25. **SPEAK OUT**
Subject: Protest
Form: Any
Line Limit: 44
Prizes: \$50 / \$30 / \$20
Sponsor: Rachel Wright
26. **WIN PSI MEMBERSHIP**
Open ONLY to non-member Indiana residents.
Subject: Any
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Prize: First Place receives PSI membership for
one year
Sponsor: Poetry Society of Indiana
27. **WILD CARD AWARD**
*Requires ADDITIONAL \$2 fee. (Makes total
contest entry fee \$12 for PSI members and
\$17 for non-members.)*
Subject: Any
Form: Any
Line Limit: None
Prizes: 45% / 25% / 15% of fees collected
Sponsor: Poetry Society of Indiana



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CONTEST RULES

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

NOTE: THERE ARE SEVERAL SIGNIFICANT CHANGES FROM LAST YEAR'S CONTEST. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

1. **DEADLINE:** Entries must be submitted NO EARLIER THAN July 1 and *NOT LATER THAN* September 1, 2022.
2. **FEES & PAYMENT:** \$10 for PSI members / \$15 for non-members (USD)
 - This entry fee covers all poem entries per poet (*except as noted below*).
 - For PSI member submissions membership dues must be paid-up prior to or with the submission. Please contact PSI if uncertain about membership status. Information about becoming a member, including the membership form, is available at www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org/psi-membership. The completed form and payment of \$18 annual membership dues may be included with the contest submission.
 - There is also a *supplemental* fee of \$2 for poems entered in the *Wild Card Prize* category (#27).
 - Send PayPal payment to @PoetrySocietyIndiana or via www.paypal.com/paypalme/poetrysocietyindiana.
 - *OR:* Make check or money order payable to "Poetry Society of Indiana". If making a printed mail-in submission, include it with the submission. Otherwise, mail (*postmarked within the US or Canada by September 1*) to:
Chuck Kellum
PSI Contest Director
1430 N 200 E
Anderson, IN 46012
 - *DO NOT SEND CASH*
3. **PUBLICATION RIGHTS:** The poet grants Poetry Society of Indiana (PSI) exclusive first publishing rights to winning poems, which may be included in PSI's annual anthology, *Ink to Paper, Volume 7*. Publishing rights revert to the poet after the anthology is published. *Ink to Paper* is printed with black ink on white pages, and any artwork included will be rendered in grayscale.
4. The poet may enter poems in any/all categories (unless specific eligibility requirements apply), and all poems must be the poet's original work.
5. Poems must NOT have been previously published in any form — print, online, electronically, or on exhibition.
6. Only one poem may be entered in each category. Poems may not be entered in any other concurrent contests with deadlines prior to Oct. 31, 2022, nor in any other category of this contest.
7. Only one copy of each poem (and any associated ekphrastic artwork) is to be provided in the submission, and there must be no discernable information on the poem pages or artwork that identifies the poet in any way.
8. The poet's submission of poems must include a cover sheet with the following **REQUIRED** information:
 - Poet/Pen Name: The poet's public moniker for attribution with publication, in the winners list, and on certificates of achievement. *Examples: Mark Twain, e.e. cummings, Robert Frost.*
 - Personal Name: The poet's real-life identification for member status, communication with PSI, and prize money payment. *Examples: Samuel Clemens, Edward Cummings, Robert Frost.*



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- Mailing Address
- Email (only one, please)
- Phone# (only one, please)
- Total submission payment amount, including any supplemental *Wild Card* fee and membership dues, as applicable.
- Payment method (PayPal, Check, or Money Order)
- Total number of poems entered
- A list of all poems. For each poem give the following:
 - Category Number
 - Poem Title, or first line if no formal title
- If the cover sheet spans multiple pages, all must be numbered in the upper right corner and the Poet/Pen Name repeated on each page.

A fill-in-the-blank cover sheet template Word document is available for download at www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org/psi-annual-poetry-contest for convenience and to help ensure compliance with these requirements.

9. Each poem must be titled unless its standard form normally does not include a title, as with the limerick and haiku/senryu forms. Titles must be in mixed case, unless understandably/conceivably done for semantic/contextual effect. *Examples: "How Do I Love Thee?"; "BANG! Went the Door".*
10. All poem pages must include the entry category number and category name in the upper left corner of the page. Additionally, if a poem spans multiple pages, each page must be numbered and include the title and page number placed in the upper right corner.
11. Single-space line spacing required, with blank lines reserved for stanza breaks and specific contextual or visual effects (as in free verse or shape/concrete poems).
12. All poems must be in English and document-formatted for printing on plain white 8.5"x11" paper with black ink in 12pt Times New Roman (or very similar) font for the text. No hand-written poems. An allowable exception would be if differing fonts are used, or all or part of the poem is simply rendered as an image, for significant visual effect (as with some shape/concrete poems).
13. Any ekphrastic inspiration artwork should be of high-resolution quality, *and It is the responsibility of the entrant to ensure public domain status or right-to-use for all artwork in the submission.*
14. LINE LIMIT: A specified line limit *number* includes all lines in the body of the poem, *Including those that are blank*, and no poem entered in the category should exceed this limit regardless of form. However, if the line limit is specified as "Per form", *then the structure and counting of lines is defined by the given form* (as with sonnets, villanelles, haiku, limericks, etc).
15. Category judges cannot discuss judging their categories with entrants to those categories.
16. No submitted materials will be returned, so entrants should retain copies.
17. All submissions must be done in accordance with the requirements stated in the next section.



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SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

All poems entered by the poet must be included in a single submission using only ONE of the following options (A, B, or C).

A. EMAILING OF FILES

- The entire submission must be contained in a single email sent to poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com with subject “[Poet/Pen Name] Submission – PSI Annual Contest”. *Example: Mark Twain Submission – PSI Annual Contest*
- The email must include in the body this *info from the cover sheet*: Poet/Pen Name, Personal Name, total number of poems entered, and total payment amount.
- The cover sheet must be attached as a Word document and named “[Poet/Pen Name]_Cover Sheet”. *Example: Mark Twain_Cover Sheet*
- Poems must be attached as individual files formatted as Word documents and each named as “[Poet/Pen Name]_#[Category#]_[Poem Title (or first line if untitled)]”. *Examples: Mark Twain_#7_How Do I Love Thee; Mark Twain_#22_There once was a cop named Joe*
Note: If a poem’s presentation has a significant visual aspect to it that cannot be rendered effectively as simple line-by-line text, then it should be inserted as an image into the Word document and positioned/resized as necessary within the document.
- All ekphrastic artwork must also be attached as individual image files in either JPG or PNG format with a minimum resolution of 200 dpi (if possible) and named the same as the corresponding poems but with “IMAGE” appended to the end. *Example: Mark Twain_#7_How Do I Love Thee IMAGE*
- If joining PSI with the submission, the completed PSI membership form must also be attached.
- The email must be sent from the same email address provided in the cover sheet.
- Pay the total submission fee (and membership dues, if applicable) per *FEES & PAYMENT* above.

B. DROPOFF OF FILES VIA GOOGLE SHARED FOLDER

- The entire submission must be contained in a single Google shared folder named “PSI 2022 Annual Contest - [Poet/Pen Name] Submission”. *Example: PSI 2022 Annual Contest - Mark Twain Submission*
- The cover sheet must be included in the folder as a Word or Google Docs document and named “[Poet/Pen Name]_Cover Sheet”. *Example: Mark Twain_Cover Sheet*
- Poems must be included in the folder as individual files formatted as Word or Google Docs documents and each named as “[Poet/Pen Name]_#[Category#]_[Poem Title (or first line if untitled)]”. *Examples: Mark Twain_#7_How Do I Love Thee; Mark Twain_#22_There once was a cop named Joe*
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- If joining PSI with the submission, the completed PSI membership form must also be included in the folder.
- After all files for the submission are in the folder, *it must be shared to poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com*, with “Notify people” checked and a message added that includes this *info from the cover sheet*: Poet/Pen Name, Personal Name, email address, total number of poems entered, and total payment amount. *Do not grant access to this folder to any other email addresses.*
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- When the submission has been processed, the contest director will rename the folder with “:)” added to the start of the folder name. After that, no files in the folder may be added, removed, or replaced. *Example: :) PSI 2022 Annual Contest - Mark Twain Submission*
- After publication of *Ink to Paper*, any submission folders still shared with PSI will be deleted by the Contest Director. Please un-share the folder after the contest winners are announced or save separate copies of the submitted files elsewhere. PSI will not be responsible for files lost through this process.

C. POSTAL MAILING OF PRINTED PAGES

- Print all cover sheet, poem pages, and ekphrastic artwork as stipulated above, *and single-sided only*.
- Any ekphrastic inspiration artwork must be printed on white 8.5”x11” paper, with each artwork on a separate sheet.
- On the back of each ekphrastic artwork sheet, hand print in pencil the category number and category name and below that the title of the poem. Do this lightly so the hand-printing does not “show through” the page.
- Place all paper items for the submission in a single, large envelope. Do not fold or crease any pages, and *do not staple* anything.
- Include in the envelope:
 - Cover sheet
 - All poems, arranged IN ORDER by category number
 - Any ekphrastic artwork, each placed immediately behind its associated poem
 - A completed PSI membership form, if joining PSI with the submission.
 - Check or money order for the full amount due, if not paying via PayPal
 - If a printed copy of the winners list is desired in addition to (or in lieu of) the copy that will be emailed to all entrants, include a self-addressed, stamped envelope (business letter size).
- Mail the submission envelope, postmarked within the US or Canada on or before September 1, to:
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

First, Second, and Third Place are awarded in all categories. Up to three honorable mentions may also be awarded in each category at the judge’s discretion.

Winners are announced and celebrated at the PSI Fall Rendezvous, October 7–9, 2022, Turkey Run State Park, Marshall, IN, and will be posted on the PSI website. All entrants providing an email address will be emailed a copy of the official winners list.

JOIN PSI! Anyone may become a member of Poetry Society of Indiana. Members automatically become members of the National Federation of State Poetry Societies (NFSPS). *More information about Poetry Society of Indiana, including the membership form, is available at: www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org.*

Until the close of submissions this document may be viewed/downloaded via the PSI website at www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org/psi-annual-poetry-contest. If you have trouble accessing it there, please contact the contest director as indicated below.

Any questions about the contest should be directed to the contest director via poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com or by calling 765-644-5795.