

POETRY SOCIETY OF INDIANA
44th Annual Poetry Contest
2022

THE CONTEST BROCHURE WITH
COMPLETE DETAILS OF ALL
CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION
may be viewed/downloaded via the PSI website
at

poetrysocietyofindiana.org/psi-annual-poetry-contest

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requirements as stipulated therein.*

The Basics — An Overview

DEADLINE: Entries must be submitted NO EARLIER
THAN July 1, 2022, and **NOT LATER THAN**
September 1, 2022.

ENTRY FEE: Allows entry in any/all categories

- \$10 for PSI members
- \$15 for non-members

SUBMISSION: Three options

- Emailing of files
- Dropoff of files via Google shared folder
- Postal mailing of printed pages

PUBLICATION RIGHTS: The poets grant *Poetry Society of Indiana* (PSI) exclusive first publishing rights to winning poems, which may be included in PSI's annual anthology, *Ink to Paper*. Publishing rights revert to the poets after the anthology is published.

The poet may enter poems in any/all categories (unless specific eligibility requirements apply), and all poems must be the poet's original work.

Poems must NOT have been previously published in any form — print, online, electronically, or on exhibition.

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.

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 PSI. 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.

Any questions about the contest or access to the complete rules and information on the PSI website should be directed to the contest director via poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com or by calling 765-644-5795.

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Submissions accepted 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
2. **GLENNA GLEE: ONE AND ONLY**
Subject: Glee, Joy, Happiness
Form: Any
Line Limit: None
Prize: First Place receives \$100
3. **PAST PRESIDENT AWARD**
Subject: An Ode to Shoes — a Journey Story
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Prizes: \$50 / \$30 / \$20
4. **PREMIER POETS PRIZE**
Subject: Historical Figure or Event
Form: Limerick
Line Limit: Per form
Prizes: \$30 / \$15 / \$10
5. **LIFE WORTH REMEMBERING AWARD**
Subject: Winnowing Memoir
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Prizes: \$45 / \$25 / \$10

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
7. HOOSIER HERITAGE AWARD
 Subject: The People, Places, History, and/or Culture of Indiana
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 60
 Prizes: \$30 / \$20 / \$10
8. URN YOUR PRIZE
 Form: Spoon River
 Line Limit: None
 Subject: Any
 Prizes: \$30 / \$20 / \$10
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
10. NORTHEAST INDIANA POETS AWARD
 Subject: Charisma
 Form: Any
 Line Limit 40
 Prizes: \$35 / \$25 / \$15
11. NOBLE POETS AWARD
 Subject: Unanswered Questions
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 45
 Prizes: \$35 / \$25 / \$15
12. OBERLIN PRIZE
In memory of Prue Oberlin
 Subject: Writing, education, mentoring
 Form: Sonnet
 Line Limit Per form
 Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10
13. MILLION AWARD
 Subject: Promise Kept
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 40
 Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10
14. THE VIOLA AWARD
 Subject: Plant Life (any, eg: trees, flowers, grass, vegetables, etc)
 Form: Rhymed
 Line Limit: 40
 Prizes: \$40 / \$30 / \$20
15. BABBLING BROOK AWARD
 Subject: Any
 Form: Cinquain
 Line Limit: Per form
 Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10
16. ELEANOR CRANMER & CAROLINE AWARD
 Subject: Journey
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 49
 Prizes: \$35 / \$25 / \$15
17. GUT PUNCH
 Subject: A poem that hits the emotions — *Hard!*
 Form: Free Verse
 Line Limit: 15
 Prizes: \$30 / \$20 / \$10
18. GRACE POTTER HEARKINS AWARD
 Subject: The Pattern
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 40
 Prizes: \$30 / \$25 / \$15
19. LINDA BANNON MEMORIAL
 Subject: Prayer or Blessing
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: None
 Prizes: \$ 35 / \$25 / \$15
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
21. EKPHRASTIGANZA!
 Subject: Any (*Must include a picture of the artwork that inspired the poem.*)
 Form: Ekphrastic
 Line Limit: None
 Prizes: \$40 / \$25 / \$15
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
23. FAMILY AWARD
 Subject: Family
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 40
 Prizes: \$15 / \$10 / \$5
24. TRADITIONAL SONNET (ENGLISH)
 Subject: Life in Crisis
 Form: English Sonnet
 Line Limit: Per form
 Prizes: \$25 / \$15 / \$10
25. SPEAK OUT
 Subject: Protest
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 44
 Prizes: \$50 / \$30 / \$20
26. WIN PSI MEMBERSHIP
Open ONLY to non-member Indiana residents.
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 40
 Subject: Any
 Prize: First Place receives PSI membership for one year.
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 collect