

46th Annual



Submissions accepted July 1

September 1, 2024

Submissions must conform to all rules and requirements as stipulated therein.

The Basics – An Overview

DEADLINE: Entries must be submitted **NO EARLIER THAN** July 1, 2024, and **NOT LATER THAN** **September 1, 2024**

ENTRY FEE:

Allows entry in any/all categories.

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

SUBMISSION:

- Two options:
1. Emailing of the files
 2. 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.

Poets 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 before October 31, 2024, nor in any other category of the contest. **AI enhanced poetry not welcome!**

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, November 1-3, 2024, McCormick's Creek State Park, Spencer, Indiana, 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 the 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 fallcontestpsi@gmail.com or by texting or calling 765 623-1564 or 317 361-0771

THE CONTEST BROCHURE OF ALL CONTEST RULES AND INFORMATION

May be viewed/downloaded via the *PSI website at www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org/psi-annual-poetry-contest*

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CONTEST CATEGORIES

1. PSI LOVE OF POETRY PRIZE

Subject: Gobbledygook, a poem of nonsense words
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Prizes: \$110, \$60, \$30

2. GLENNA GLEE: ONE AND ONLY

Subject: Glee, Joy, Happiness, etc.
Form: Any
Line Limit: 100
Prize: First place receives \$100

3. PRESIDENT'S AWARD

Subject: Anything But Ordinary
Form: Free Verse
Line Limit: 40
Prizes: \$100, \$30, \$20

4. PREMIER POETS AWARD

Subject: A Favorite Book
Form: Any, non-rhyming
Line Limit: 64
Prizes: \$60, \$30, \$20

5. LIFE WORTH LIVING

Subject: The Precious Futility of Life
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Prizes: \$40 \$25 \$10

6. PSI MEMORIAL AWARD

Honoring PSI members who have died.

Subject: The Day the Words Failed
Form: Any
Line Limit: 40
Prizes: \$75, \$50, \$25

7. HOOSIER HERITAGE AWARD

Subject: people, places, history, and/or cultures of Indiana.
Form: Any
Line limit: 60
Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10

8. NORTHEAST INDIANA POETS AWARD

Subject: Apples
Form: Any
Line limit: 36
Prizes: \$30 \$20 \$15

9. BABBLING BROOK AWARD

Subject: Supernatural
Form: Any
Line limit: 40
Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10

10. ELEANOR CRANMER & CAROLINE AWARD

Subject: A Type of Tree
Form: Any
Line Limit: 30
Prizes: \$30, \$25, \$15

11. GUT PUNCH

Subject: A Piece that hits the emotions...**HARD!**
Form: Free Verse
Line Limit: 15
Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10

12. **GRACE POTTER HEARKINS AWARD**
 Subject: Nail Polish Poetry: Use one or more of these nail polish colors in a poem: *Hot Looks, Strawberry Sizzle, Satellite*
 Form: Any
 Line limit: 36
 Prizes: \$35, \$25, \$15
13. **LINDA BANNON MEMORIAL**
 Subject: Prayer or Blessing
 Form: Any
 Line limit: 100
 Prizes: \$60, \$30, \$20
14. **DEBRA SUE LYNN AWARD**
 Subject: Loss, Betrayal, Death, Acceptance, Renunciation.
 Form: Villanelle, Butterfly, Cinquain, Trijian Refrain, Sonnet
 Line Limit: 100
 Prizes: \$15, \$10, \$5
15. **EKPHRASTGANZA**
 Subject: A poem inspired by an Art Piece: must include a link or a copy of the piece that *sparked your* creation.
 Form: Any
 Line limit: 80
 Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
16. **FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT AWARD**
 Subject: From where does joy arise?
 Form: Any
 Line limit: 40
 Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
17. **GRANDS**
 Subject: Grandparents or Grandchildren
 Form: Any
 Line limit: 40
 Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10
18. **SPEAK OUT**
 Subject: Protest
 Form: Any
 Line limit: 40
 Prizes: \$50 \$30 \$20
19. **JIMMY CAOLA AWARD**
 Subject: Ocean Happiness
 Form: Poet's choice.
 Limit: 25
 Prizes: \$15, \$10, \$5
20. **DAVID ALLEN AWARD**
 Subject: Journalism
 Form: Free Verse
 Line limit: 40
 Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
21. **CYAN-LEE AWARD**
 Subject: The Dark Side of the Moon
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 40
 Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
22. **PETS**
 Subject: Any animal kept as a Pet
 Form: Any
 Line Limit:40
 Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10
23. **HAIBUN...ANYONE?**
 Subject: Something or Somebody Special in your Life (AI-enhanced poetry not welcome)
 Form: Haibun
 Line Limit: 35 max
 Prizes: \$40, \$30, \$20
24. **ENJOYING NATURE**
 Subject: Walking Outside in Nature
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 64
 Prizes: \$30, \$20, \$10
25. **LET THERE BE LIGHT**
 Subject: When I saw the light
 Form: Any
 Line limit: 100
 Prizes: \$50 \$30 \$20
26. **MILLION AWARD**
 Subject: Funny Nickname
 Form: Any
 Line limit: 40
 Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
27. **THE BRIGHT STAR AWARD**
 Subject: Love or Nature from the positive side
 Form: Shakespearian Sonnet, rhymed
 Line Limit: 14 per form.
 Prizes: \$100, \$50, \$ 25
28. **MAKE IT COME ALIVE**
 Subject: Anthropomorphic - an emotion or concept
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 10-60
 Prizes: \$100, \$50, \$25
29. **NOBLE POETS AWARD**
 Subject: Gazing in a Mirror
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 30
 Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
30. **IN MEMORY OF MY NONNO, ROSARIO DI GIROLAMO (members only)**
 Subject: The Love of a Father
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 40
 Prize: \$100
31. **THE MOMMA BEAR AWARD**
 Subject: The Beauty of a mother/daughter Relationship
 Form: Any
 Line limit 40
 Prizes: \$25, \$15, \$10
32. **NARRATIVE POETRY**
 Subject: Any
 Form: Narrative
 Line Limit: 40
 Prizes: \$50, \$30, \$20
33. **THE PRIME LIFE AWARD**
 Subject: Aging
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 40
 Prizes: \$20, \$10, \$5
34. **THE VIOLA AWARD**
Children love words that rhyme and poems/songs with a beat.
 Subject: A children's poem,
 Form: Rhymed, any regular meter
 Line Limit: 32
 Prizes: \$40, \$30, \$20
35. **INVICTA FREE PSI MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL**
 Subject: Any
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 30
36. **INVICTA FREE PSI MEMBERSHIP OR RENEWAL**
 Subject: Any
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 30
37. **INVICTA FREE PSI MEMBERSHIP NON-MEMBER ONLY**
 Subject: Undefeated
 Form: Free Verse
 Line Limit: 30
38. **WIN PSI MEMBERSHIP**
Non-member Indiana residents only.
 Subject: Any
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 40
 Prize: one-year membership
39. **PSI WILD CARD**
Requires Additional \$2 entry fee
 Subject: Any
 Form: Any
 Line Limit: 40
Prizes: 45%, 25%, 15% of Wild Card fees collected.