POETRY SOCIETY OF INDIANA

(PSI) STROPHES FALL 2021

Things are in full swing for planning the weekend-long <u>Poetry Society of Indiana</u>'s annual F<u>all</u> <u>Rendezvous Conference</u>, to be held via Zoom October 29 – 31, 2021. This event will include:

- a Celebration of PSI Authors
- presentation from our Premier Poet Sarah E. Morin
- workshop on select Japanese poetry forms
- a visit from NFSPS Joe Cavanaugh to discuss the <u>BlackBerryPeach Prizes for Poetry: Spoken &</u> <u>Heard</u> competition (<u>http://www.nfsps.com/BBP3Guidelines.html</u>)
- Keynote Presenter <u>George Ironstrack</u> from Miami University in Ohio and Researcher in the Myaamia Language Renewal Project (<u>https://www.miamioh.edu/myaamia-center/about/staff-faculty-affiliates/ironstrack/index.html</u>)
- announce and share the winning poems from the PSI Annual Poetry Contest; our state contest this year had over 20 categories

Other Fall Rendezvous shenanigans will include costumes and dramatic (fireside?) readings to add to the fun of the weekend. Registration information can be found on our <u>Fall Rendezvous page</u> (<u>https://www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org/fall-rendezvous.html</u>) of the <u>PSI website</u> (<u>https://www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org/</u>).

For PSI members, we continue our (at no cost) "First Tuesdays" get-togethers in Zoom. These meetings include a PSI Family Check-In, a short presentation by one of our PSI members on a chosen poetry topic, and a round robin sharing of poems. We update to our <u>PSI website</u> (<u>https://poetrysocietyofindiana.org</u>) frequently with updates, events, opportunities, gatherings, and connections with other wordsmiths across the state staying intentional to keeping connected in these trying times of uncertainty.

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