

# Indiana Poet

# Poetry Society of Indiana's Seasonal Newsletter

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## From the PSI Board

Greetings! Back in the day, PSI's *Indiana Poet* newsletter was printed & mailed, losing so much money that we stopped doing it! Then, the <u>PSI</u> website was created for members & the public to learn about PSI events & opportunities and to access forms for <u>Membership</u>, <u>Spring Fling</u> & <u>Fall Rendezvous</u>, and the <u>PSI Annual Poetry</u> Contest.

Communication in the Digital Age is key to success for any organization, especially a small non-profit one like PSI. Check your inbox for emails: from PSI's gmail account & from the Mailchimp account (you may need to check Spam/Junk folders until your email program recognizes Mailchimp).

PSI's goals are to reach PSI poet members, grow Membership, & connect with the public, including other arts-related organizations, so we now use an array of communication tools:

- PSI website
- Public Calendar
- PSI YouTube
- public Facebook page
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Zoom
- Mailchimp (secure bulk emailing)

# **Upcoming PSI Events**

# First Tuesdays Membership Meetings

**Location:** your comfy chair! We Zoom on the First Tuesday of each month, start time 7:30PM. Each meeting includes a little social time, a little PSI business, a short presentation from one of our members on a poetry-related topic, and Round Robin.

Join in the fun! **Paid PSI Members** receive an email with Zoom Meeting info every month.

**2021 Fall Rendezvous** October 29 – 31, in Zoom. Keynote: George Ironstack. More information to come but be prepared for Halloween shenanigans!

#### **Premier Poet's Corner**

The **PSI Members-Only** *Indiana Poet* **Poetry Contest**, hosted by Premier Poet Sarah E. Morin, *is back!* 

Theme: Beverages!

Deadline: Sept 15, 2021

Prizes are 1<sup>st</sup> Prize (\$9), 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize (\$6), 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize (\$3), and 3 Honorable Mentions. Winners published in the next *Indiana Poet*, on the PSI website (<u>Premier Poet page</u>), & PSI's public Facebook page.

## **Ouote of the Season**

Poetry is the loneliest art, but put poets together and we light up. That would be the way to approach poets – let them know that sharing writing makes poetry live and breathe.

~ Jenny Kalahar

Please encourage poet friends to join PSI!

#### **Info about PSI-Affiliated Local Poetry Groups:**

 $\frac{https://www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org/indiana-local-poetry-groups.html}{}$