



# Indiana Poet

## Poetry Society of Indiana's Seasonal Newsletter

Spring and Summer 2022

*Greetings, PSI friends!*

PSI is thrilled to announce the inaugural **PSI Young Voices Poetry Contest for Grades 3 – 12!** This contest encourages and supports Indiana's younger voices in poetry. Submissions must be received by Sept. 15, 2022.

Guidelines & Submission Form:

<https://www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org/psi-young-voices-annual-poetry-contest.html>

In April, we celebrated National Poetry Month with 164 posts across our website and social media! We published 30 [daily poetry prompts](#) and 11 [Featured PSI Poets blog posts](#) in April, and all 41 posts were shared across our four online platforms (website [blog](#), public [Facebook page](#), [Twitter](#), & [Instagram](#)). Thank you to those who liked and shared the posts, and to those who added daily prompt poems in social media comments.

At our [2022 Spring Fling](#), held in-person only at the Anderson IN Library, 30 April 2022, we voted on 3 Board positions and 2 Constitutional Amendments. **Both Amendments passed.** One makes it easier for PSI members to vote on items requiring membership vote, & the other makes [PSI Membership](#) an open 12-month annual membership period. For people joining from now on, renewals will be due annually by the last day in the month in which they originally joined (ie, if you join in May 2022, your renewal is due by 31 May each year thereafter). For current Members, you can renew by the last day of the month in which you last renewed. Any questions, please contact [poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com](mailto:poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com).

**The three Board positions** voted on were President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President. Thank you to our outgoing President, Deborah J. Petersen, and Congratulations to the

elected officers, **John Hinton** (President), **Marilyn Wolf** (First Vice President), and **Alys Caviness-Gober** (Second Vice President)!



### PSI Board

President, First Vice President,  
and Second Vice President

~ newly elected 30 April 2022 for two year terms ~



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### 2022 [Members Only Spring Fling Poetry Contest](#)

**results:**

**Judge:** PSI Premier Poet, Sarah E. Morin

All poetry submissions were ekphrastic poems in response to Nancy Simmonds' winning image, *D'une Femme au Chapeau*.

Nancy's image and First, Second, and Third place poems will be published in PSI's annual, *Ink to Paper*.  
1st Place – Alys Caviness-Gober (*Fake News*)  
2nd Place – Mary A. Couch (*Collage of Life*)  
3rd Place – Collaborative Poem by JAC, B. Monét & Z. Rose (*Stuck*)  
HM1 – Rachel Wright (*Alice*)  
HM2 – Morgan Galvan (*Hunger for Adventure*)  
HM3 – Joe Ottinger (*A Classic Lady*)  
Many excellent images and poems were submitted, and Sarah E. says it was a joy to review them.

### **CONGRATULATIONS to the winners!**

Read all the winning poems here:

<https://www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org/2022-psi-members-only-annual-spring-fling-poetry-contest.html>

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**Don't forget our upcoming 2022 [PSI Annual Poetry Contest](#)! This year there are **27** wonderful categories!**

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

PSI's Members-Only *Indiana Poet* Poetry Contest in each of our newsletters is hosted by Premier Poet Sarah E. Morin.



**Congrats to Alys Caviness-Gober, winner of our last members-only contest!** The contest theme was:

*Interacting with computer technology - the good, the bad, or the funny.*

Alys is a member of Noble Poets. and here's Alys' winning poem:

#### ***Zoom In, Zoom Out***

I zoom in  
to better see the screen,  
to see faces clearer,  
to better hear words of worth  
and wisdom, or any visionary viewpoints  
that float away in the background noise  
of barking dogs and TVs chattering from other  
rooms  
and (worst of all)  
the meeting's unmuted cross-talk  
*don't people know by now  
that we cannot all talk at once?*

Or, I should say I try to, because  
when I say *I zoom in*,  
that just means I lean forward,  
hoping for better focus as if  
leaning in is like the twisting of a camera's lens,  
un-resting my aching back  
(and punishing bladder)  
from the pillowed back  
of my comfy chair  
*doesn't anyone else's back ache?  
doesn't anyone else need to pee?*

Leaning in doesn't help;  
colleagues' voices still float away  
and boxy faces still slightly blur  
as if my aged eyes are  
an old Hollywood vaseline-covered lens,  
so I lean back with a silent sigh (I'm muted)  
for my back and bladder  
as the cacophony continues.  
*I'm Zoomed out; this meeting  
has lasted way too long.*

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Newsletter contest winning poems may be published in the next *Indiana Poet*, PSI's annual *Ink to Paper*, on the PSI website ([Premier Poet page](#)), & PSI's [public Facebook page](#).

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### **Upcoming PSI Events & Opportunities**

#### **[PSI Young Voices Poetry Contest](#)**

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#### **[2022 Fall Rendezvous](#)**

***Friday October 07 thru Sunday October 09***

Turkey Run State Park Inn

Our annual *Fall Rendezvous* weekend conference includes poetry-related workshops, presentations, the announcement of our [PSI Annual Poetry Contest](#) winners, and a lot of Round Robin poetry sharing. **The conference is open to the public** to register and attend. Registration Form webpage:

<https://www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org/2022-fall-rendezvous.html>

Annual Registration: PSI Members \$20; non-members \$30.

You may pay securely using PayPal:

[www.paypal.com/paypalme/poetrysocietyindiana](http://www.paypal.com/paypalme/poetrysocietyindiana)

Are you a poet? Please consider [joining PSI!](#) Along with [PSI's Members Only Spring Fling Annual Poetry Contest](#), below are some of the fun things PSI Members enjoy:

***PSI Members-Only Critique Group***

Saturday, May 21, at 9:00AM

PSI Members receive Zoom login info.

**Critique Group is friendly!** It's just a chance to see how others "hear" your poetry! There's no obligation to accept changes suggested by others. Have a poem ready to share, or send in a poem in advance of the meeting by emailing it with Subject line Attn: John Hinton, to [poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com](mailto:poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com).

***First Tuesdays Membership Meetings***

**Location:** *your comfy chair!* We gather in Zoom on the First Tuesday of each month, at 7:30PM. Meetings include 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. Contact [poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com](mailto:poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com) if you wish to present in a particular month on anything poetry-related!

**We'd love to see YOU in our Members Only events!**

Please consider [joining PSI](#) and encourage poet friends to [join PSI!](#)

**Communication tools:**

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

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

<https://www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org/indiana-local-poetry-groups.html>

**Summer Season Artwork Highlight**  
(aka, space filler!)



***Weeds***

by Alys Caviness-Gober  
textured acrylic

**Quote of the Season**

*If I feel physically as if the top of my head were taken off, I know that is poetry.*

– Emily Dickinson