

Indiana Poet

Poetry Society of Indiana's Seasonal Newsletter

Winter 2022/2023

Greeting PSI Friends!

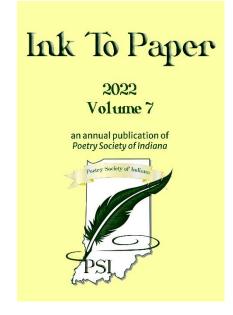
PSI's annual Fall Rendezvous Convention was a big success! Fall Rendezvous (FR) this year was inperson only, the weekend of Friday Oct 07 thru Sunday Oct 09 at Turkey Run State Park Inn.

The winners in the 27 categories of our 2022 PSI Annual Poetry Contest, with over \$1,800 in prize money, were announced.

Everyone enjoyed the presentations by Keynote Speaker Indiana Poet Laureate Matthew Graham and Guest Presenter Sajjad Jawad.

The winners of the inaugural PSI Young Voices Annual Poetry Contest were also announced; the contest received over 80 submissions ~ not bad for the first year!

PSI celebrated outgoing PSI Premier Poet Sarah E. Morin, and announced the newly selected PSI Premier Poet, Jenny Kalahar, who will serve as our PP for three years. Congratulations, Jenny!



Ink To Paper Watch for the 2022 edition of Ink To Paper, PSI's annual poetry anthology ~ coming soon to Amazon! (search for "Ink To Paper" in the "Books" category on Amazon)

PSI Premier Poet's Corner

Jenny Kalahar has just been selected as our Premier Poet, so we want to give her time to consider and plan Premier Poet activities for the coming year(s).

The Indiana Poet PSI Members-Only Poetry Contest in our seasonal newsletters is hosted by the PSI Premier Poet, and may resume in the Spring of 2023. If and when it does resume, winners agree their poems are considered as PUBLISHED because their poems may be in the next *Indiana Poet*, PSI's

annual *Ink to Paper*, on the PSI website's <u>Premier Poet page</u>, & PSI's <u>public Facebook page</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, & <u>Instagram</u>.

Please encourage poet friends to join PSI!

As our President John R. Hinton likes to say, *PSI is YOU. It's what YOU make it!* There are many ways to help behind the scenes: appointed to the Board or with committee work. You can find a list of available positions on our website: https://www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org/officers.html, and/or you can contact John about anything you want to do to help PSI, whether or not it's a listed position, by emailing him at poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com

Open-to-the-public PSI Events & Opportunities:

Words in Motion

11 March 2023

6:30PM start time

Clinton Prairie High School (auditorium), Frankfort, Indiana

<u>Poetry Society of Indiana</u> and <u>Stage 1 Dance Academy</u> present, *Words in Motion*, an exploration of mental health through poetry and performance art.

Several of our PSI poet members submitted poems to be considered for this collaborative event, and Stage 1 Dance Academy selected the poems included the 11 March event, in a fusion of poetry and dance addressing the timely topic of mental health. The selected poets will read their poems and the dance academy will perform interpretive dances to those poems. Join us at the 11 March event ~ tickets will be sold through Stage 1 Dance Academy.

2023 PSI Spring Fling Convention (details coming soon)

2023 PSI Fall Rendezvous Convention (details coming later in 2023)

(If you want to join in our PSI Members-Only events & opportunities, membership information can be found here: https://www.poetrysocietyofindiana.org/psi-membership.html)

PSI MEMBERS-ONLY Events & Opportunities:

PSI Members Critique Group: PSI Members can check the PSI closed group Facebook page for members-only for date/time announcements. **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 hare, or send in a poem in advance of the meeting by emailing it with Subject line Attn: John Hinton, to poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com.

PSI 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 <u>poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com</u> if you wish to present in a particular month on anything poetry-related!



PSI Quick Links and communication tools:

- PSI website
- poetrysocietyofindiana@gmail.com
- Members Only Calendar & Public Calendar
- PSI YouTube
- public Facebook page
- Twitter
- Instagram
- **PSI Zoom meetings:** Login to your own Zoom account and click "Join" then follow the prompts for Meeting ID and Passcode (PSI members have received the Meeting ID and Passcode *via* email).
- Mailchimp (secure bulk emailing)
- private Members Only Facebook group page

Info about PSI-Affiliated Local Poetry Groups:

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

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Quote of the Season



I wonder if the snow loves the trees and fields, that it kisses them so gently? And then it covers them up snug, you know, with a white quilt; and perhaps it says, *Go to sleep, darlings, till the summer comes again*.

Lewis Carroll
Alice's Adventures in Wonderland / Through
the Looking-Glass

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<u>Poetry Society of Indiana</u> (PSI) is the state of Indiana's official poetry organization. PSI is a non-profit organization dedicated to 1) providing poetry education to the public and 2) supporting and encouraging poets in Indiana in a global context. It recognizes the importance of poetry with respect to state cultural heritage and serves to unite Indiana poets with bonds of friendship, support, and understanding.

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